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Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another to be the best we can be.

Dear parents/carers

Another half term has flown by. Well done to all the children who have come back with so much enthusiasm and energy. They have earned a well-deserved break. A lot has been packed in to this short term and as usual all the staff worked hard to nurture and teach your children. At St Michael's and St John's we come together as one family and value the input from parents and carers. Please remember that my door is always open should you wish to discuss anything about your child and their progress. You will also have the opportunity to discuss this with the teacher at parents evening. Please ensure you send the slips back in when you receive them after half term to ensure you have an appointment.



Father Waring

It is with much sadness, that we announce the passing of Father Waring, aged 86. He was a much loved and respected Parish Priest at St Michael & St John's for 25 years. Even during his retirement at Stonyhurst, he regularly participated in events in our parish.

His requiem mass takes place in our Church on Wednesday 22nd February at 12.30pm.

He will be sadly missed. May he rest in peace.

Gymnastics Success

A huge well done to George, Isabel C, Keifer, Maya and Sophie in securing 2nd place out of 26 schools in the gymnastics competition held on Monday at St Augustine's High School. Thank you to Catherine Crew for training them and to Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Cook for taking them.

Dinner Money

Please ensure that if you pay via parent pay you have settled any overdue dinner money. A text will be sent out to those who have a debit. The system acts as a credit one so you can pay for as much as you want and each meal is deducted.





What we have been doing this week

Reception- There have been some wonderful dinosaur creations been sent in. There are some very talented children & parents out there.

Year 1- They have been writing information about fire safety and making leaflets on the computer. Counting in multiples of 5 & 10.

Year 2- They have typed up their information booklets about explorers on the computer during their ICT lesson. They have shared their space stories with year 5.

Year 3- They have been making volcanoes and had the excitement of 'exploding' them. They enjoyed Rock & Roll day, on Thursday making guitars, and performing rock & roll songs. The children all looked fabulous in their outfits.

Year 4- They have been writing newspaper reports and learning about area in maths. They have visited Church.

Year 5 - Have been doing Space Haiku's. These are Japanese poems, that are 3 lines long and a specific number of syllables. Ask your child about this. They have shared their space books with year 2.

Year 6 - They visited the Grand to watch Generation Hope. This is a film about Mary's Meals and how they make a difference to the starving children worldwide.



Rainbows

We are pleased to be able to offer our fourth cycle of the programme 'Rainbows'. Beginning on Tuesday 21st February we will be providing a support group for our children who have experienced a painful loss.

This support group is specifically for those children who are grieving the tragic loss of a family member, through death. Mrs Clarkson is fully trained and will deliver the sessions which will focus sensitively on grieving, change and adaptation.

The support group will meet every week on a Tuesday from 3.00- 4.00pm. If you think your child would benefit from being involved in Rainbows and they haven't received a letter, please contact school.

Choir Event at Stonyhurst

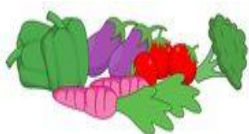
Well done to all the children from the choir who took part in the singing event and competition at Stonyhurst on Monday. The children had a wonderful day. Thank you to Miss Acklam and Mrs Pennock for taking them.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February was Safer internet Day and this week the children have had assemblies led by Mrs Jackson & Mrs Mabbott looking at the importance of staying safe on line. The children have also been learning about E safety in class at an age appropriate level. More information is available to <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017>

Parent Assessment Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Assessment Information Session on Wednesday evening. We hope you found this useful and that parents of children in year 2 and 6 feel informed and re-assured about the National tests.



Unavailable Vegetables

Strange but true! Due to a shortage from Spain, there will be no cucumbers, celery or peppers available for the children at lunch. These are very popular with the children so they may comment that they haven't had any. This is a notice from Lancashire County Council who supply the kitchen with food.

PJ Day

Thank you for supporting the school Council PJ day. Everyone entered in to the spirit of the day, especially Mr Connolly! We raised £74.00. The School Council are currently working very closely with the PTA and hope to raise enough money, by Easter if possible for a bike/scooter stand and some picnic benches for the fields.

PTA Valentine's Disco

Please support the event tonight if you can. Thank you to all the PTA/Friends volunteers for planning this event.

PTA minutes from meeting held in 3rd February 2017 school

Matters arising:

Student council ideas
Fundraising purchases
Film nights
PTFA contributions
Accounts

The school council joined our meeting to share their fundraising ideas which include:
Pyjama day in return for 50p and sweets/chocolate that can be used towards the Valentines disco.

The children would like to raise a sum of money that could be spent on 3/4 picnic benches for the school field that will give them the opportunity to eat outside weather permitting. The benches the children have in mind would be made from recycled plastic - being durable.

A bicycle and scooter stand is also something that the children think would be put to good use and wish to raise funds towards.

The cleft palate foundation is a charity that we hope parents will be able to support/make their own donations towards.

The PTFA would like to hold two film evenings late February or early March. One being for the infants and one for the juniors following the success of last years. Dates TBC.

For the red nose day campaign, the school council are looking at selling red noses in school to raise money for the charity.

An Easter hat or spring vegetable animal competition followed by a parade is to take place when the children come back to school after the Easter break giving them time to create their wonderful pieces over the holidays. Dates TBC.

We are also looking to confirm a date for the bags to school campaign.

A crazy hair day is to take place during the summer term with half the money raised going to a chosen charity and half towards the PTFA fundraising.

Sports week to take place during the summer term as well as a parent's summer ball. Dates TBC.

The PTFA discussed and confirmed with Mrs Mabbott that they would contribute towards:

The pantomime and school trips

Parties at Christmas

First Holy Communion cake

New reading books

Kay has confirmed that PTFA funds are at a total of £715.

Dates for Next Half Term

School reopens Monday 20th February 8.55am * **please be aware of building work** *

Thursday 23rd Feb- Year 4 to Taylor Wimpy for book reading

Friday 24th - KS1 film night

Wednesday 1st March - Ash Wednesday Whole school Mass

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

Friday 3rd March - Parent assessment working group

Year 6 celebration assembly

KS2 Film night

Monday 6th March - SARCHS- primary maths quiz 7.00pm

Wednesday 8th March - Mass for Vocations- Pupil Chaplains

Thursday 9th March - YR 6 Tag Rugby

Friday 10th March - Reception Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 15th March - Year 4 trip to Blackpool Zoo

9.15am Lent Mass Years 2 & 6

Reconciliation - 6.30pm in Church

Thursday 16th March - Lent Mass Years 1 & 5

Friday 17th March - Lent Mass Rec/Year 3 & 4

Year 5 celebration assembly

Monday 20th March - Parents' evening

Thursday 23rd March - EYFS -coffee morning

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Friday 24th March - Mary Coar leaving assembly 2.15pm - NO celebration Assembly.

School closes at 3.30pm and reopens Monday 10th April 8.55am.

Have a lovely half term and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Zoe Mabbott

Headteacher