



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 16th October 2015

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (John Ch10 vs10)

Dear Parents/Carers

Travelling Book Company

Thank you to Miss Acklam for organising for the Travelling Book Company to come into school last week. Many thanks to all of our families who purchased books and helped to raise funds for school.

Summer Reading Challenge - Clitheroe Library

Congratulations to all of the children who took part and received their certificates for the summer reading challenge. Alison from Clitheroe library came in to present them on Monday. It was wonderful to see so many of our children had successfully taken part in this challenge over the holidays.

Rosary

Our Pupil Chaplains have been wonderful, leading the Rosary ever morning with Miss Britnell. Thank you to all the children and parents who have experienced this special time with us.

Don't forget on Monday, in the Hall, at 8.45am we invite you in for the final time this year to pray the Rosary, as we take part in the 'One Million People Pray The Rosary'.

100% Attendance

Well done to the 81 children who achieved 100% attendance last term. Once again, thank you to Leaping Lizards for providing free passes as a prize. One child also won a family ticket to see Bugsy Malone at St Augustine's ... the name was drawn out last week in assembly.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to our parents and families who attended parents' evenings this week and for your comments and feedback with the questionnaires which we will now follow up. I will write to you soon with some feedback. The crèche was well attended too. Thank you to the teachers and staff for their continued hard work.



Charity Fundraising

Sophie in Year 3 is having her hair cut over half term and will be donating it, raising money for and awareness of the Little Princess Trust. The sponsor form is in the school office until Tuesday, 20th October.

Trini, Daisy, Katie and Ellen in Year 6 have arranged a Halloween themed colouring competition to raise money for Dementia and Owen in Year 2 has also arranged a colouring competition to raise money for Zayn's Gift (helping families of babies who are born sleeping). Thank you for supporting them by allowing your child to take part.

Extra-Curricular Activities - Sports Clubs

Please note that this week was the final week of Sports Club activities for this half term. Clubs will re-commence week commencing Monday, 9th November (no Clubs the first week after half term) with the final week being week commencing Monday, 30th November.

Football (Wednesday night) and Netball (Monday night) Clubs have finished completely due to the night's drawing in.

Playleaders

Congratulations to 20 children from Year 5 who were trained on Thursday to be playleaders. Gareth from the Sports Partnership along with Mrs Cook and Mrs Makepeace trained our children who will now assist younger children "play games" i.e. hot potato, etc. at lunchtime.

Out of school Visits

A few classes have recently attended visits and trips and, once again, I have received many comments about their amazing conduct and behaviour whilst they are 'out and about' representing our school community. Well done children and, as a parent, you should be very proud!

Parish Autumn Fair

This Sunday, 18th October the Parish Autumn Fair will take place at the Social Centre, commencing at 10.30 am with a variety of stalls and games including cakes, jewellery, toys, greeting cards, sweets, plants & flowers. Orders will also be taken for Christmas wreaths, etc. Refreshments will be served including bacon or sausage sandwiches.

All proceeds for the resurfacing of the road between Church and school.

Mrs Jackson

Mrs Jackson, our Year 5 teacher is having a routine medical procedure on Monday and will be back with us after half term. Our prayers are with Mrs Jackson and may we wish her a speedy recovery.

Fish Week

This week Reception class attended a visit to Wellgate Fisheries as part of National fish week. They had a wonderful time learning about and looking at the different fish. Our wonderful cook Mrs Coar also embraced this theme by cooking a fish themed special lunch on Friday including fish biscuits and the children had a "whale" of a time!! Thank you.

School Admissions

If you have a child due to start Primary or Secondary school in September 2016 then you need to apply online at: www.lancashire.gov.uk

The closing date for Primary school applicants is Friday, 15th January 2016 and for Secondary school **Saturday, 31st October 2015** (within the **half term** holiday)

Next Week at School

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| Tuesday, 20th October | - | School closes for half term |
| Saturday, 31st October | - | Closing date for Secondary school admissions |
| Monday, 2nd November | - | School re-opens to pupils |

As school closes for children on Tuesday, this will be the final letter of this half term. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to thank our whole school team for their continued efforts.

Kind regards

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Mrs Z Mabbott
Headteacher