



# St Michael's RC Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



Loving

Valuing

Respecting

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents,

In our Remembrance Reflection we pray for peace in our world, in our homes and in our school community.

### Sacramental Programme: Presentation Celebration Mass

This Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, at **9.30am Mass**, our Year 3 children will be formally welcomed as they start their sacramental programme journey this academic year. We look forward to seeing you all there with your Baptismal Candle. Last Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, the catechists shared the story of Jesus' Baptism and reflected on the signs and symbols used in this sacrament.

### Parish News

**CRAFTY CHRISTINGLE: Sunday, 16th December 2018, 4-6pm at St Bernadette's Parish Centre and church.** Children and adults are invited to come along to have fun working together on a number of creative arts and crafts activities with an Advent focus (including making your own Christingle). Our Crafty Christingle craft-making activities will start in St Bernadette's Parish Centre at 4pm, followed by a service in church, where children will be able to bring along their Christingles and have their cribs blessed. We will round off our special celebration with refreshments in the Parish Centre. Please note that children need to be accompanied and supervised by an adult. If you and your family would like to participate in this very special celebration, please sign up on the booking sheets which will be displayed in both church porches from 4<sup>th</sup> November. *Alternatively, parents may wish to complete the letter that will be sent out on Monday, marked for the attention of Mrs McKenna.* Those of you who attended this event in previous years will remember that it is hugely enjoyable.

## NEWS

### Diary dates

**After-school : 29/10-21/12**

**Tu** Y5/6 Football

**Th** Y3/4 Multi skills

**Su 11/11** Celebration Mass

**Fr 23/11** PGL payment due

**Mo 26/11** Y6 Class assembly

**Mo 26/11** Y3 Road Safety

**Fr 30/11** Y1&2 Mass

**Wed 5/12** Panto

**Tu 06/12** EYFS Performance AM

**Thu 13/12** KS1 Performance PM

**Mon 17/12** KS2 Christmas story  
2:15pm

**Tue 18/12** Christmas meal

**Thu 20/12** Party afternoon

### Pupil of the week

R: Sophie M for enthusiastic learning

Y1: Lola Y for working hard and doing her best

Y2: Kyran D for trying his best all week

Y3: Gabriella V for great enthusiasm in reading

Y4: Mark T for making a great gladiator

Y5: Liam S for excellent work

Y6: Niamh W for excellent descriptive writing

*Well done everyone. Keep up the*

The Parish Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November. We have been asked to support the parish in donating items towards the Tombola and Hamper Raffles. Any unwanted gifts or food/drink donations will be collected by the school office. We thank you in advance for your support.

### Mini Vinnies

The Mini-Vinnies led our school worship last Monday and they reminded us all about their next project, collecting tins to add to the Food Box in school. We have 49 already! Thank you to all those who have contributed and kindly added to the collection. This is wonderful! Any more donations would be gratefully received.

From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November the Mini-Vinnies will also be selling Pudsey Bear Badges for 50p. They will be on the school playground in the morning and at 3.15pm. Thank you!

### Maths and Spelling Workshops for Parents

KS1/2 Maths Workshops (30mins) - 9.00 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November

2.45pm Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November

KS2 Spelling Workshops (30mins) – 9.00am Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

2.45pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### Parking

Please be extremely considerate to the families and neighbours who live by our school. A number of neighbours are very concerned at the inconsiderate and sometimes dangerous parking displayed by some of our parents. If you park on Ogden Close please do not block drives or block other parked cars that belong to the residence. Alternatively, park in the parish centre car park and walk round to the entrance of school, it will only take a couple of extra minutes. We want to ensure the community who live close by have a good image of the school. The school's staff car park should not be used by parents picking up or dropping off. We take deliveries at all times of the day. Please support the school in this matter.

Thank you.

### Year 6 WW2 Topic

Year Six are now in the second week of their new topic. The children would like to collect more artefacts to help them gain a deeper understanding of life during this time, if you have anything that could help, please bring it into the school office, for the attention of Year 6.

If any family members or friends could support with this topic, sharing memories of this important time in history, please could you contact Miss Grundy via the school office.

Thank you.

### Sports News

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November there will be the first Netball friendly against Butterstile Primary School at 3.45pm. Miss McLaughlin will be sending out a letter next week to confirm the arrangements.

### End of November Book Fair

An Usbourne Book Fair will take place for the whole school on the week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to sharing some super new books and allowing the children a chance to see what is on offer during the last week of November.

### Health and Safety reminder

For the safety of all our children a reminder that we do not allow dogs to enter the school playground at the start or at the end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Healthy Packed Lunches

Please can we encourage all of our children on packed lunches to have a healthy range of food. It is really important to ensure we look after the health and well-being of all our children in school.

### PE/Games Kits

A reminder that all PE Kits should be in school for PE and Games sessions. As the cold weather approaches a reminder that if sports is outside plain black/navy jogging bottoms (no logos) can be worn.

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week

This year the focus is 'RESPECT'. In school we want to raise the awareness of choosing *how* to be respectful towards others. This will be a focus for Monday's assembly and PSHCE sessions next week.

### PTA

The PTA will be hosting a Christmas Disco on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018. More details will be shared early next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bowes