



St Michael's RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



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Friday 16th November 2018

Dear Parents,

Sacramental Programme: Presentation Celebration Mass

Thank you to all the children and families from Year 3 who joined the parish Mass at St Michaels on Sunday, 11th November. Fr Steven formally welcomed them on behalf of the parish and school community as they start their sacramental programme journey this academic year. The next meeting is on Sunday 25th November.

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 4th November. ***Alternatively, parents may wish to complete the letter that will be sent out, marked for the attention of Mrs McKenna.*** Those of you who attended this event in previous years will remember that it is hugely enjoyable.

The Parish Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday 25th 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.

NEWS

Diary dates

After-school Sport

3/9 - 21/12:

Tu Y5/6 Football

Th Y3/4 Multi skills

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

We 12/12 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

Advent Exposition in Church

5th, 12th & 19th December 3.15pm

Pupil of the week – Well done!

N: Jean-Louis O for Beautiful singing

R: Georgia H for amazing progress with her phonics & reading

Y1: Alfie H for being so quick at solving a maths problem

Y2: Tyler Myers for being a great friend and helping others with their work

Y3: Anthony H for always being ready to learn & showing excellent behaviour at all times

Y4: Henry D for teaching others how to enter data into a spreadsheet

Y5: Max M for great contributions to all of our power of reading sessions

Mini Vinnies

The Mini-Vinnies are very grateful for all the tins collected so far, we have **77!** Thank you to all those who have contributed and kindly added to the collection. This is wonderful! Any more donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you to all those who have purchased the fabulous Pudsey Bear Badges this week! Well done to those who helped create them.

Mad Science – Energize it Assembly!

This morning the children enjoyed exploring the world of energy, engaging in real-life facts and hands on experiments delivered live in the school hall by a *real* Scientist!

Maths and Spelling Workshops for Parents

KS1/2 Maths Workshops (30mins) - 9.00 Monday 19th November
2.45pm Monday 19th November

On Monday 19th November we welcome any parents/carers who are interested in finding out the approaches and strategies we use to teach place value and secure number facts. We will focus on questioning that help the children become more fluent with number, to reason and problem solve more confidently and accurately. Please come along to find out more and to see how you can help support your child.

KS2 Spelling Workshops (30mins) – 9.00am Thursday 6th December
2.45pm Thursday 6th December

EYFS and KS1 Baptism Celebration

Well done to all our EYFS and KS1 children who joined in with the beautiful Baptism celebration. We would like to thank Fr Steven, Baby Joe and his Mum for supporting the children in learning about this important sacrament.

Own Clothes Day

On Friday 30th November the whole school will be having an Own Clothes Day. We are asking that the children bring in a £1. The proceeds will go towards the PTA who are organising events for school, which in turn support the raising of funds for the benefit of all our children.

Volunteer Readers

To support and promote reading in school we would welcome any family members or parishioners who would like to volunteer as a reader with our children. Please can you contact the school office to let us know your interest and availability. Thank you.

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 residents. 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.

Sports News

On Monday 19th November there will be the first Netball friendly against Butterstile Primary School at 3.45pm. We wish them lots of luck for their first match.

End of November Book Fair

An Usbourne Book Fair will take place for the whole school on the week commencing Monday 26th 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.

We wish you and your families a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bowes