



# St Michael's RC Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents,

### Sacramental Programme

The **first Parents meeting** for the children on the sacramental programme will take place this Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm in St Bernadette's School Hall. This meeting is for Parents only.

### St Michael's Feast Day and the School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

Today we celebrated Mass at 9.30am together with the Parish to mark St Michael's Feast Day. Thank you to Father Steven, Theo and all our children who were excellent ambassadors during the special service.

Once again thank you for the many donations of cakes that came in this week. Thank you also to our Mini Vinnies and some of our Year 6 children who helped to co-ordinate refreshments, all in aid of MacMillan.

Throughout the day all the children have been involved in a range of activities to mark the school's 50 years. Our memories of today will be kept secure in a Time Capsule! Thank you everyone for making today a wonderful experience and thank you to all those who contributed by sharing photographs of years gone by. Pictures of today will be available to view on our school website.

### Reading at St Michael's

As a school we are working to develop a love of reading for pleasure. We encourage all children to read every night to support their reading skills and help them progress in all areas of the curriculum.

To reward reading daily we are introducing certificates for those who read every night (including once between Friday evening and Sunday evening).

**If your child reads every night for a half term they will receive a Bronze Certificate.**

**If your child reads every night for a full term they will receive a Silver Certificate.**

**If they read every night for the year they receive a Gold Certificate.**

We are aware that the school year has already started, therefore this reward system will commence on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

If you have any questions feel free to ask the class teacher or Miss Grundy as English Lead.

We are holding two **KS1 Reading meetings** on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**, the first is at 9.00am and the second at 2.45pm. We would like to see as many parents and carers as possible to find out how you can support your child and the strategies applied in school.

## NEWS

### Diary dates

**After-school : 11/09-18/10**

**Tu** Y5/6 Football

**Th** Y3/4 Multi skills

**Su 30/09** Y3 parents

Sacramental Programme  
meeting 12.30pm

**We 3/10** Y1 & 2 parents Reading  
meeting 9.00am or 2.45pm

**Th 4/10** Rec-Y6 Flu Vaccination  
National Poetry Day

**Th 12/10** Sibling & Individual  
photos

**We 17/10** Parents Evening

### PE KITS

**If not already done, please  
ensure your child's PE kit is in  
school on Monday.**

White t-shirt

Black Short

Black pumps

tracksuit & trainers for outdoor

### **Lunchtime Superstars!**

N: Logan L

R: Warren W

Y1: Zara O

Y2: Scarlett H

Y3: Kyla Y

Y4: Henry D

Y5: Adam L

### **National Poetry Day**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October is National Poetry Day. This year the theme is 'Change'. We will be celebrating in school by reading lots of different poems by a range of poets. This year we are running a poetry competition, the children are being asked to write a poem based on the theme of change. This could be linked to seasons, life cycles or any other changes they have experienced.

All entries will be collated and made into a poetry book to be kept in the school library.

### **Times tables Rock stars**

There are so many children accessing this online resource to practise and improve their times tables. Keep up the good work everyone, keep building upon your Rock star status! There are lots of certificates ready to be shared during one of our whole school assemblies next week.

### **Safeguarding**

We are always ensuring that the children in school are kept very safe and so ask that, in line with our safeguarding procedures, parents do not come into the school in the morning or at the end of the school day unless an appointment has been made with a member of staff. This applies in particular to the doors from the infant playground. Staff at the door or on the playground will gladly pass on any messages to other teachers.

### **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.

### **Encompass Information – launching in Bury from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018**

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that is a Police Initiative and is supported by Bury Safeguarding Board. The project, Operation Encompass, has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school but which might have an impact on a child attending school the following day. This information will be shared on school days during the school term. When incidents occur on a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday, the police will contact the relevant school the following Monday. A nominated member of school staff, known as a Key Adult, will be trained to liaise with the police. At St. Michael's RC Primary School our Key Adult is Mrs S. Bowes. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to support children and their families. Information will be shared where it is identified that a child or young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident. We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe that Operation Encompass is going to be beneficial and supportive for all concerned children and families. Full information about Encompass can be found on the St. Michael's RC Primary School website or you can contact our Key Adult at school Mrs Bowes.

This is the last paper copy of the Newsletter as we go 'paperless' from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Please download the ParentHub app and search for our school @StMichaelsRC to receive regular school updates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Bowes