

St Michael's Parent Newsletter. Number 24, 31st March 2017

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Dear parents

As you know, I am **retiring** from my post of head teacher at the end of this term. As part of the retirement celebration, there is a **mass** next Friday evening, 7th April, at 7.00 pm. Parents / pupils past and present are welcome to join me. Please note – there will be no early morning mass next Friday because of the evening mass.

Speaking with Father Chris this morning, he was saying how pleased he is with the response from parents and children to the **early mass** and to the **exposition** drop-ins on Wednesday. It is likely we will continue these visits next Lent and to extend them to advent later this year.

Another great response to our **Caritas** appeal last week. Our rainbow theme last Friday raised another £150. Thanks once again to those parents who made a contribution on behalf of their child. I will let you know the total of the pyjama day and the grand total next week.

A brilliant response for the **Easter egg** donations!! The eggs filled a work surface in the staffroom and we filled 2 large boxes and a black bin bag. We might even have too many! If we do, then we will do a free raffle for the children in school or send any surplus to Caritas.

As you know, **Parents evening** is on Thursday 6th April. You will have received details of how to book online – please ensure you login and select a time.

Thanks to all parents and grandparents who came to see the foundation stage concert - '**There's a Sunflower in my Supper**'. The children loved performing for you and I think we all agreed that they did so well.

Miss Bishop is currently off school following a leg operation. She is hoping to be back in school after Easter.

Miss Davidson will be returning from maternity leave next week; she will be in 2 days (Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th) and will return full time on Monday 10th April.

Our **netball team** played against Higher Lane on Tuesday this week, recording a fine 12 – 1 victory. Well done girls!

On Thursday evening this week, the boys played **football** against Mersey Drive School. We again enjoyed a big win, 12 – 0. Well done to all the boys.

Parish item: Next **Table Top Sale** is Sunday 2nd April St Michael's, Ribble Drive, Whitefield M45 8NJ. A lot of tables for this are already booked. Please note from 2nd April the opening times will change to 9.45 - 12.45.

Item from Evelyn Glarvey, project co-ordinator: "**The Quays Duck Race 14.04.17**; Local charity MedEquip4Kids has organised their annual Quays Duck Race this Eastertime to raise money to improve the health of children and babies in the UK by providing equipment not available from limited NHS resources; **Why not come down with your family and cheer on the winning duck?** The Quays Duck Race takes place on Friday 14th April (Good Friday) at the Helly Hansen Water Sports Centre, Salford Quays (M50 3SQ) at 12:30pm-4pm. More details are available on the charity website. Hundreds of bright yellow ducks will take to the water for an afternoon of light-hearted competition. The day will be bursting with fun activities, stalls and refreshments. Many thanks for your support. Evelyn".

Yours sincerely,

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