

St Michael's R.C. Primary School

Parent Newsletter **Number 7, 19th October 2012**

Dear parents

Thank you for your support of our second **Caritas** fundraising event. The chocolate raffle went down a treat! We had a great response to last week's event with £220 raised for the jeans day. This is higher than we usually raise in a single event of this kind so thank you for that. A big well done also to Lucy, Laura, Viktoria, Molly, Abigail and Alicia in Y5 who made cakes and sold them at break-time, raising a fantastic £43 for our charity. Well done girls!

On the first Friday (Nov 2nd) back after the break we are holding a **bring and buy** sale, our third fundraiser. The holiday is a good opportunity to have a clear-out and put aside items for our sale!

Thanks you for your support at our **parents evening** on Tuesday. As always, there was an excellent turn-out from you all.

The Wednesday **football match** was cancelled because our opponents, Park View, were being inspected. Our girls took part in the Whitefield and Prestwich **netball rally**, held at St Michael's school on Wednesday: they won their group with 3 wins but were defeated by Our Lady of Grace in the final. Well done to the girls on an excellent performance.

A **safeguarding** matter: At the end of the school day staff bring the children to the exit and parents collect their child. Sometimes a member of staff does not know the adult collecting the child. If you know that a 'different' adult will be picking up (relative or friend) and it is unlikely that the teacher will know this adult, please have a quick word with the teacher in the morning to say who is collecting.

Thanks to all of you who sent in the responses opposing the **removal of free school transport** for children who live over three miles from their Catholic High School. I know this has a very minimal effect in our parish but it is good to see your support for those from other parishes who may have difficulty in paying these fees.

Packed lunch children: If you would like your child to have a **Christmas meal**, please sign the reply slip below and return to school on Monday 29th October. The order has to go in so please don't be late.

Internet

As part of the school's ICT programme we offer pupils supervised access to the Internet. This will enable pupils to explore information in libraries, museums, art galleries and other areas of information with which to enhance their learning.

Whilst our aim for Internet use is to further educational goals and objectives, pupils may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to pupils from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages.

Our aim is to provide a safe access to the Internet and to achieve this we will only allow pupils access to computers and the Internet under adult supervision and guidance. The rules governing access to the Internet will be explained to pupils, as appropriate.

Just to remind you, school closes for the **half-term break** today. We re-open on Monday 29th October.

Yours sincerely

N. Duffin

I would like my child to have a Christmas lunch and I enclose £1.90

Name of child _____ Class _____

Signed _____