

Newsletter – 02/10/2018

‘Inspired by St. Gilbert, as God’s family, we are growing strong in love and faith, becoming the best we can be.’

Year 5 trip to Quarry Bank Mill, Styal	Wednesday 3 rd October
Book Fair	Wednesday 3 rd and Thursday 4 th October
Year 5 Class Mass	Tuesday 9 th October – 9:30am
Walk to School Day	Wednesday 10 th October
Year 2 trip to Staircase House	Thursday 11 th October
Assessment week	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th October
School photographs (individual)	Monday 15 th October
(if you have more than one child, they will be taken as a group unless you inform the office you want them taking individually)	
PTFA Meeting	Monday 15 th 3.30pm
Harvest Mass	Wednesday 17 th October – 2pm
School closes for half term	Friday 19 th October – 3:15pm
Teacher Training Day (School closed)	Monday 29 th October
School re-opens for Autumn 2	Tuesday 30 th October – 9.00am
Nasal vaccinations (Year 1)	Tuesday 30 th October
All Saints Day (Holy day of obligation)	Thursday 1 st November
London visit (Year 6)	Thursday 1 st November
New Intake Mass at Holy Cross	Sunday 4 th November – 10.30am Mass
Year 4 Class Mass	Tuesday 6 th November – 9.30am
Governor training	Wednesday 7 th November – 5.30pm
Parents Evening	Thursday 8 th November
Remembrance Assembly	Friday 9 th November – 2.30pm

School Trips

As part of our extended curriculum, school trips are often arranged to enhance what is taught in school. In order for school to offer such trips we have to ask for a voluntary contribution from parents. If we have insufficient voluntary contributions, then unfortunately, we have to cancel planned trips. Please could you ensure that, if your child’s class has a planned trip, you pay for the trip on Parentpay as soon as possible? If payment is an issue for any reason, please always feel free to come into school and let us know and we will always see if we can help in any way. Thank you.

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

Last night we held our first Parent, Teachers and Friends Association meeting.

Many thanks to those parents who attended. We are pleased to announce that we now have a PTFA that we are registering with the Charities Commission. The committee of the PTFA are: Chair - Tara Higgins, Vice Chair - Alicia O Dowd, Treasurer - Jamie Bradborn Secretary - Donna Kiernan. The PTFA has two main functions - its main purpose is to raise funds so that items can be provided for all of our children in addition to those paid for by the school budget. Its second purpose is to provide an organisation that provides social opportunities for all within the St Gilbert's community. With this in mind, the PTFA have organised their next meeting for Monday 15th October at 3.30pm. The first event that they will be organising is a disco on Friday 16th November, but there were lots of great ideas for further events too. Please try to attend the meeting if you can remembering that as a parent or carer of a child at St Gilbert's, you are automatically a member. Thank you for your support in this.

The Great St Gilbert's Bake Off

On Friday, as part of the MacMillan Coffee Afternoon, and to raise money for the charity, we had our own Great St Gilbert's Bake Off. It was truly amazing, and a real credit to the skills and talents of our many pupils and their parents/carers, to see both the number of entries that we had in and the quality of the baking. This ensured that the coffee afternoon was a great success, and, as a result, we raised £436.68 for the charity. Thank you so much for your support and generosity, whether you were a baker or just a customer on the day! We really do feel that everyone who entered the competition was a winner, but our judges had to choose 3 winners. Therefore the winner of the 'Cupcake' category was Isla and Freya Year3, the winner of the 'Cake' category was Katie, Riley and Millie (Year 4, Year2 and Reception) and the winner of the 'Biscuit' category was Charles in Reception. Thank you so much for your amazing support yet again!

Harvest Mass

As is highlighted on our events calendar, Harvest Mass will take place on Wednesday 17th October. We are hoping to make a donation to one of our local foodbanks and so would be very grateful to receive any donations of tins, dried foods etc. Items can be sent into school from tomorrow and up to the Mass day. Thank you so much.

School photographs

A reminder that the school photographer will be visiting school on Monday 15th October. Thank you.

Parent's Evening

A reminder that Parent's evening will take place on Thursday 8th November. Further details will be sent shortly. Thank you.

School Meals

FREE SCHOOL MEALS If you feel that you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact Salford Council on 0161 793 2500.

Mission Competition

Many thanks to all of those children and families who entered our Mission Statement competition and wrote a song, prayer or created a piece of artwork that illustrated the statement. We will announce our winners at Assembly on Friday. Many thanks for your continued support.