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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another
to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

On Tuesday, three of our governors Mr Evans, Mr Downes and Mrs Greenwood visited our school. Mr Downes accompanied by Mrs Mabbott, toured the school to see reading in action in classes. Following this the governors met to talk about how we are prioritising the teaching of reading. The governors were very positive about the children's behaviour and their attitudes towards learning. Thank you to the staff and children and to the governors who give their time support our school in a voluntary capacity.

Dojo

Please can I remind parents that dojo is used as a tool to show parents what their child has been doing throughout the day/week. If you have any concerns regarding any issues in class/work or children going to medical appointments, please direct these to the office where they will be dealt with appropriately. Dojo is not the correct tool for this type of contact and teachers need to focus on teaching so might not see the message straight away. To protect staff work life balance they will not respond during evenings or weekends.

Charity

Well done to Erin in Year 1 who along with her cousins including (Phoebe in reception) walked 5K round Heston Park and raised over £500 for the adult Cystic Fibrosis unit at Wythenshaw hospital in memory of their Uncle who sadly passed away in March. We are all very proud of you both.

Thank you for your contributions towards Children In Need. We raised £70.



Nativities

Tickets will be on sale soon for the Reception Nativity on Friday 13th December.10.00-10.30am £1 entry including refreshments.

Infant (inc) reception - Prickly Hay Wednesday 11th at 9.30am and Thursday 12th at 2.30pm

Tickets £1.00

Junior nativity- Tuesday 10th December 6.30pm in church



Weather

The weather has certainly turned colder so please ensure that children bring their coats in every day and have suitable kit if they do sports clubs afterschool as many of these are outside. We still have a number of items in lost property with no names. School cannot help locate lost items if they are not labelled.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

It's (almost) that time of year again so the Friends of SSMJ are organising a Hamper full of goodies to help you prepare. We are asking each family to promise one small item of festive cheer to be put together into a hamper. There will a signup sheet in the on the front door and in the office to help us get a varied selection. Tickets will be sent home with your child.

This year we have arranged for a Body Shop stall at the Christmas fair. There will be plenty of products available to try and buy on the day, or they can be order to be collected from school in time for Christmas. For those who can't make it here is a link to the catalogue, with paper catalogues and order forms in the office. All orders must be in before the fair.

https://issuu.com/tbsah/docs/tbsah_winter_2019_catalogue?fbclid=IwAROnGdmOnlEUryODGLnTuHvXqS9DrbZnhj8fOlCmZM9Q_Y8QnEXFA1pdqLq

Year 6 residential

Although the full amount does not need to be paid until February, school has to make another interim payment and so we ask that contributions are being made regularly so that we can settle the invoice well in advance. We do not want to be chasing up the full amount in February possibly jeopardising the trip.

This is on Parent pay or deposits can be made to the office by Cheque to LCC or cash.

PTA

Please find attached reports from the AGM. As always we are extremely grateful for all that the PTA do but they do need more help. If you can spare any time either to come to the meetings or help organise events, it would be much appreciated.



Mad Science

Please apply online for Mad Science by Monday 24th November if you wish for your child to join the club in January. Flyers have been given to your child. This afterschool club will run for 8 weeks from 14th January to 10th March (NO CLASS 18th Feb) £62 per child £56 for additional siblings.

Please note this is for **Yr 1,2,3,4,5,6 only**

Clubs

All clubs except **running** and **French** finish next week. The last running session will be Friday 6th December.



Football

Well done to Eleanor, Isabella H, Harvey, Jack E, Harry Y, Sam and Jack C who played in a football tournament at Roefield on Wednesday. They won 2 lost 2 but had a great time. Thank you to Mr Smith for taking them and braving the cold!!



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 25 th Nov	Last week of clubs except running Enterprise Week
Monday 25 th November	Streethope assembly
Wednesday 27 th Nov	Year 1 meet the teacher 3.00pm
Friday 29 th Nov	Non Uniform - Secret Santa PTA School Christmas Fair 3.30pm in school
Monday 2 nd Dec	Christmas jumpers brought in to school
Thursday 5 th Dec	EYFS coffee morning
Thursday 5 th Dec	Choir singing at Sainsburys 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday 6 th Dec	Whole school Advent Mass 9.15am Last running club
Monday 9 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Swop day Yr 6 Height & Weight
Tuesday 10 th Dec	Junior Nativity 6.30pm in Church

Wednesday 11 th Dec	Infant Nativity 9.30am in school Whole school visit to The Grand for the Panto
Thursday 12 th Dec	Infant nativity 2.15pm Choir singing at Booths 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday 13 th Dec	EYFS nativity 10am. No celebration assembly
Monday 16 th Dec	Infant Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 th Dec	Junior Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Christmas dinner and jumper day
Friday 20 th Dec	Early closure at 2.15pm

Important Future dates

Reconciliation for year 3 on the Sacramental Programme - Tuesday 10th March 2020
6.30pm.

First Holy Communion Saturday 20th June 11.00am

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Z Mabbott