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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

It has been another busy week again at school. The children have voted on the new uniform options, details will be sent next week. Reception children enjoyed a trip to the farm and an assembly was presented by Mad Science which the children always thoroughly enjoy. Our year 4 presented a wonderful assembly this morning sharing their descriptive writing.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend

St Joseph's Penny

Thank you for all your contributions to St Joseph's penny. You raised **£211.70**. Well done

SATs

Week beginning 8th May is the National SATs week for Year 6 children. Tests take place on specific days and cannot be moved. Mr Connolly is sending a separate letter to year 6 about this.

Our Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard this year and this is an opportunity for them to show what they can do. If you can, please take some time to discuss assessments with your child, so they do not become apprehensive or worried. We are continually reiterating with them not to be nervous, all that can be asked of them is that they try their best.

Over the coming weeks, Year 2 will be assessed by their teachers and will undertake some 'special Booklets' to provide further evidence for teacher assessments. Please be assured these are carried out sensitively and are part of 'normal school life' to give the children the best opportunity to succeed and do their best





Netball

Well done to our Year 5 & 6 netball team who played at Oakhill on Monday. They always give 100% and are a credit to our school

Uniform

The children have now voted on the new uniform options which brings our consultations to an end. Parents, Governors, Staff and children have all been involved in the discussions and whilst we realise the final decision will not be the choice made by everyone we have made the process as fair as possible to ensure everyone has a voice. I will write out to you in a separate letter on Tuesday confirming the final decision and details.



Reception School trip

Our reception children enjoyed their trip to Thornton Hall Farm on Thursday. Despite the rainy weather they had a wonderful time and were very well behaved receiving praise not only from the school staff but also from the staff at Thornton Hall Farm. Thank you to Mrs Collinge, Mrs Clarkson Mrs Webb, Mrs Sumner and Mrs Venguedasalon for taking them and arranging the trip.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Vouchers for Sainsburys are coming to a close. Please continue to send any in. Thank you

Sports T-Shirts

There are a limited number of sports t-shirts for PE available should you wish to buy one. They are £2 each. There is also a very small amount of the current uniform available for a nominal amount should you need to replace anything before September. Please contact the office more more information.

Wear orange for Anaphylaxis Campaign.

On Friday 19th May we are asking children to join in for National Anaphylaxis Campaign day and wear something orange. This is a non-uniform day. Parents Mr & Mrs Collinson walked the Yorkshire 3 Peaks in 10 hours and 42 minutes and are set to challenge the National 3 Peaks. This is a gruelling challenge walking up Ben Nevis /Scafell and Snowdon on 17th June in under 24 hours. Staff in school receive annual training to administer epi pens and this is an important fundraising event which is close to our hearts because it affects some of our children at SSMJ as well as many people nationally. A £1 donation would be gratefully received for this day.



Milk

For reception, year 1 and year 2, please remember to ensure that you have paid for the term up to July for milk. Some children have been taking milk without it being paid for. If you are in doubt about how much to pay, please contact Genevieve at Milk4 life at genevieve.griffiths@milk4life.com



Donations needed.

If anyone has any old ceramic style plant pots that they don't need, please could you donate them for our nurture/prayer garden. Thank you

Can we also ask if anyone has any bikes or scooters, in good working order that would be suitable for receptions and infant children. We would be very grateful for any donations.



Tempest Photographs

Tempest photographers will be in school on Tuesday, 16th May to take individual and family photographs of the children. They will be available from 8.30am, in the School Hall, should you wish to have photographs taken with younger (not school age) siblings.

Picnic Benches

You may have noticed we now have 3 new picnic benches on the field purchased with the money raised through the joint efforts of the PTA and School Council and your support and generosity with this. We are hoping that the children will be able to use them from next week.

Next week at school

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday

Wednesday 3rd May - Lion learners visiting Year 5 and Year 4 swimming

Friday 5th May - 9.10am Celebration Assembly - Year 3.

Thank you for your continued support