



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

Dear Parents/Carers

Farewell

Next week we say farewell to Mrs Monaghan who has worked at SSMJ for many years. Mrs Monaghan is leaving us to embark on new experiences. On behalf of the Governors, staff, children and all connected to the school we would like to thank Mrs Monaghan and wish her all the best.

On Wednesday at 3pm there will be a special assembly for Mrs Monaghan.

Welcome Mrs Craddock

On Wednesday the governors appointed Mrs Craddock who will join our teaching team in September. Mrs Craddock is an experienced teacher and has taught for many years across different infant classes in a Catholic school.

SENCO and Inclusion

In addition, I am pleased to inform you that school has secured the services of Claire Ashton (SENCO, SEN Consultant and Specialist Assessor and teacher) who will be working at SSMJ to lead on SEN and Inclusion from September.

Teaching Classes and Staffing Structure for 2016/17

Today the children spent some time as part of transition with their class teachers for next year.

The staffing structure from September 2016 will be as follows:-

| Class | Teacher | Teaching Assistant(s) |
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| Reception | Mrs Clarkson & Mrs Collinge | Miss Haswell -Shaw |
| Year 1 | Miss Britnell | Mrs Venguedasalon /Mrs Brown |
| Year 2 | Mrs Thornton & Mrs Craddock | Mrs Webb |
| Year 3 | Miss Smith | Mrs Lambert |



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| Year 4 | Miss Acklam | Mrs Pennock |
| Year 5 | Mrs Jackson | Mrs Sumner, Mrs Layzell, Mrs Venguedasalon, Mrs Pennock |
| Year 6 | Mr Connolly | Mrs Cook, Mrs Makepeace |

Some Teaching Assistants will be working with different classes at different times to best meet the children's needs.

Friends Family Fun Event

This will take place on Friday (tomorrow). Thank you to all of our families who have sent items in for the fair, and/or have volunteered to help with setting up or during the evening. We thank the 'friends' for all the voluntary hard work they have put in to organising and arranging the fair. Please support this event if you can. It is an important fundraiser for us and we hope to raise enough money to purchase the I pads before our Year 6 children leave.

Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits

What can I say.....amazing, sensational, outstanding! The production on Wednesday night was truly remarkable. We are incredibly proud of every single one of our year 6 and 5 boys and girls who took part. Their individual talents and personalities shone, showing them as the stars they are. As I am sure you will appreciate this is a team effort and I would like to thank all the staff, volunteers and parents involved in the preparations and on the night including Mrs Thornton, Miss Britnell, Mrs Collinge, Mrs Jackson, Mr Moon, Mrs Wilkinson, Miss Jackson, Mrs Golding and all the parent/relatives who provided costumes and supported the children. A special thank you to Mr Connolly and Mrs Cook without whom this would not have been possible. Finally, to our truly outstanding boys and girls.

Crossroads Mass

On Sunday the Crossroads Mass will take place at 9.30am where the children are symbolically handed over to St Augustine's and other high schools. We invite all of our year 6 children, parent, friends, relatives to come along and support our children at this special Mass.

Leavers' Mass

On Thursday Y6 will lead our final whole school Mass as we bid farewell to our wonderful boys and girls. Our Year 6 Pupil Chaplains will, for one final time at SSMJ, perform one of their infamous 'stick dances' with a post communion reflection of 'Were you there?' Our Pupil Chaplains have had an outstanding impact upon the faith life of our school and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and well done.

Intergen Dance

Well done to all the Year 6 children, parents, grandparents and volunteers who took part in the Intergen session over the past few weeks culminating in the finale at the Grand on Monday. This was a wonderful opportunity and we thank the Grand for inviting us. All involved had a wonderful time!

Year 3 Visit to Wild Boar Park

Year 3 had a wonderful time on Wednesday and their behaviour, as always, was impeccable.

Y6 Leavers' Party

Thank you to the parents, friends and Mr Connolly involved in arranging and supporting the leavers' party on Friday. Due to a previously arranged commitment, sadly I was unable to attend, but I have been informed by the children that a great time was had by all.

Farmers & Seeds Celebration

Tomorrow our year 4 children and our reception children will celebrate their roles as gardeners and seeds. Thank you to Mrs Collinge and Miss Acklam for organising this special event.

Next Week

Wednesday - 9.15 - Music concert Mr Lee & Mr Hacking (All welcome)

Thursday - 9.15am - Leavers' Mass - Whole School (All welcome)

Thursday - Special Lunch (**We would like to encourage all of year 6 to choose a school dinner on this day if they don't usually have one**).

There will be no toast on Thursday.

Friday - Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 1pm (All Welcome)

Please can you ensure all outstanding dinner money is sent in to the office before Wednesday for banking.

School closes next Friday at 2pm for the summer break and re-opens on Monday 5th September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards.

Mrs Z Mabbott
Headteacher