



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 16th September 2016

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

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 6 Residential Trip

Our Year 6 returned today from a fantastic residential week at Winmarleigh. They were very brave and took part in a range of exciting activities including Archery, High wires, Canoeing, Fencing and Quad Biking with evening activities including Splash, Robot Wars and Sports Night. They had a wonderful time and the sun shone throughout the week.

I would like to thank all of the staff involved - Mr Connolly, Mrs Wilkinson, Miss Britnell, Mrs Collinge, Mrs Venguedasalon, Mrs Webb and also Mr Wilkinson who volunteered their time to ensure the trip could go ahead for the benefit of our children.

Swimming

Swimming began on Wednesday for year 5 and will continue until further notice. Mrs Jackson has sent a separate letter about this.

Clubs

A range of before and after school clubs have started this week and the uptake has been wonderful. Thank you to Mrs Cook for organising so many varied and exciting clubs.

"Meet the Teacher" Sessions

Last week we held our "Meet the Teacher" sessions which I hope those parents, who were able to attend, found useful. Class information is updated regularly on our website www.ssmj.lancs.sch.uk. If you would like any further information, please catch the teachers after school on the playground and they will be happy to provide you with this.

Open Morning

Our "Open Morning" for prospective parents of children due to start school in September 2017 will be held on Tuesday, 4th October commencing at 9.15am until 10.30am.

If you know anyone wishing their child to start at SSMJ, next September, please advise them of our "Open Morning" and the need to apply on line by 15th January 2017.



Sad News

Sister Eileen Pollard, who many of you will know, has passed away aged 83 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

PTA Events

Our PTA have organised two events for this half term. Firstly the very popular chocolate bingo which will take place on Friday 30th September after school in the Parish Hall. (More details to follow.) We are holding a non uniform day on Wednesday 27th (next week) and ask that the children bring in chocolate bars/boxes as a donation for this event in exchange for coming to school in their own clothes.

On Friday 28th October, the PTA have also arranged a 'Spooky Disco' at the Parish Hall. (More information to follow.)

These events are not only enjoyable social events but also raise much needed money for resources which will benefit the children. Members of the PTA organise events in a purely voluntary capacity and appreciate any help so if you are able to help in any way, please let us know.

Home School Agreement

Our home school agreement is very important as it clearly sets out how we will work together as a pupils, parents and staff to ensure the very best for every child. We have a few children /families who have not yet signed up to the agreement; if this is the case, please can you do this and return it to school as soon as possible. Copies are available from the school office or the school website.

We are always very interested in your feedback but politely request that if you do have any issues or concerns, please talk to the school rather than using social media.

Diary Dates up to the end of the Autumn half term

Tuesday, 20 th September	Year 6 parents' meeting for pupils applying for a place at St Augustine's in Sept 2017. SSMJ school hall - 7.00pm
Wednesday, 21 st September	Non uniform Day (chocolate donations)
Wednesday, 21 st September	Swimming - Year 5
Wednesday, 21 st September	Year 3 parents meeting regarding Sacramental program. SSMJ school hall - 6.30pm
Thursday, 22 nd September	3 School's Parish Mass - 10am (SSMJ, Thorneyholme & St Mary's Sabden)
Friday 23 rd September	Y5 visit to Clitheroe Library
Wednesday, 28 th September	Swimming - Year 5
Friday 30 th September	PTA Chocolate Bingo
Tuesday, 4 th October	Open Morning for prospective Reception 2017 parents - 9.15am
Wednesday, 5 th October	Swimming - Year 5
Thursday, 6 th October	St Augustine's Intake Evening - at SARCHS, 6.30pm

Tuesday, 11 th October	Reception class Coffee Morning
Wednesday, 12 th October	Swimming - Year 5
w/c 17 th October	Science week - Changes
Wednesday, 19 th October	Reception class Bikes & Scooters
Wednesday, 19 th October	Swimming - Year 5
Tuesday, 25 th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday, 26 th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday, 26 th October	Swimming - Year 5
Friday 28 th October	PTA Spooky Disco (Parish Centre)
Friday, 28 th October	School closes for half term
Monday, 31 st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Monday, 7 th November	School re-opens to pupils

Celebration Assemblies

Friday, 23 rd September	Celebration Assembly - Year 6
Friday, 30 th September	Celebration Assembly - Year 5
Friday, 7 th October	Celebration Assembly - Year 4
Friday, 14 th October	Celebration Assembly - Year 3
Friday, 21 st October	Celebration Assembly - Year 2
Friday, 28 th October	Celebration Assembly - Year 1

We have also set many dates for the year including Advent and Lent Class Masses, Christmas Nativities and Plays, Easter events, Sports Days and Parents' Evenings. These will all soon appear on the school website and include:

11.11.16	REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY 2.50pm
14.11.16	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK- POWER OF GOOD
21.11.16	FARMER/SEEDS PAIRED READING (for info only)
23.11.16	EYFS BIKES/SCOOTERS
25.11.16	END OF YEAR OF MERCY
27.11.16	PARISH FAYRE
30.11.16	ADVENT CLASS MASS YR 6& YR2
1.12.16	ADVENT CLASS MASS Y1 & Y5
2.12.16	ADVENT CLASS MASS Y3 & Y4-RECEPTION
12.12.16	LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
13.12.16	INFANT CHRISTMAS PLAY – 2.30PM
14.12.16	JUNIOR PLAY –6.30PM
14.12.16	INFANT NATIVITY 9.20AM
15.12.16	PANTO AT THE GRAND-Whole school afternoon
15.12.16	EYFS COFFEE MORNING
19.12.16	NO FUNDA /CLUBS THIS WEEK
19.12.16	KS1 CHRISTMAS PARTIES

20.12.16	KS2 CHRISTMAS PARTIES
21.12.16	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR PUPILS
9.1.17	SCHOOL OPENS TO PUPILS
31.1.17	EYFS COFFEE MORNING
1.2.17	EYFS BIKES & SCOOTERS
2.2.17	YOUNG VOICES
7.2.17	SAFER INTERNET DAY
10.2.17	SCHOOL CLOSES ½ TERM
12.2.17	NETT BOXES COMP
2.3.17	WORLD BOOK DAY
6.3.17	SARCHS PRIM/SCIENCE/MATHS QUIZ – 7PM
15.3.17	RECONCILIATION - 6.30PM
15.3.17	LENT CLASS MASS YR2 & YR6
16.3.17	LENT CLASS MASS Y1 & YR5
17.3.17	LENT CLASS MASS Y3, YR 4 & RECEPTION
21.3.17	PARENT'S EVENING
23.3.17	EYFS COFFEE MORNING PARENT'S EVENING
24.3.17	SCHOOL CLOSES
10.4.17	HOLY WEEK
10.4.17	KS1 DRESS REHEARSAL (SCHOOL) Easter Eggsravanza
11.4.17	KS1 EASTER PLAY 9.15AM (PARENTS)
12.4.17	EYFS BIKES/SCOOTERS
13.4.17	KS2 EASTER ASSEMBLY 2.30PM (PARENTS)
13.4.17	SCHOOL CLOSES
18.4.17	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
1.5.17	BANK HOLIDAY
8.5.17	KS2 SATS
15.5.17	ALL AROUND THE WORLD WEEK –(TBC)
16.5.17	EYFS COFFEE MORNING
18.5.17	6PM NEW RECEPTION INTAKE EVENING
22.5.17- 24.5.17	BIKEABILITY Y6- ALL WEEK
24.5.17	EYFS BIKES/SCOOTERS
26.5.17	SPORTS DAY – KS2 AM KS1 PM
26.5.17	SCHOOL CLOSES
5.6.17	SCHOOL REOPENS
5.6.17	ENVIRONMENT DAY
9.6.17	RESERVE SPORTS DAY
11.6.17	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION- Y3
12.6.17	Y1 PHONICS SCREENING WEEK
15.6.17	EYFS BIKES/SCOOTERS
27.6.17	SARCHS INTAKE EVENING – 6PM
4.7.17	SARCHS INTAKE MASS – 6PM
5.7.17	SWIMMING GALA
12.7.17	Y6 PLAY FOR PARENTS 6PM
19.7.17	MUSIC CONCERT 9.15AM
20.7.17	LEAVERS MASS 9.15AM
21.7.17	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR PUPILS

Thank you for your continued support.
Kind regards.

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Headteacher