



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 24th June 2016

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

Dear Parents/Carers

First Holy Communion

On Sunday, our Year 3 children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. This was a significant and important event in their spiritual life and their journey of faith. Thank you to all those involved including our Parish Catechists who have worked hard, on a voluntary basis, to help pass on their faith to the children. Thank you to members of the choir from school and the Parish and to the instrumentalists for their preparations and for supporting the service with their wonderful music and singing.

I would also like to thank all of the school staff, Parish Priests and all who have been involved either in the preparations or during the service. We also thank the many Prayer Friends and Sponsors who continue to support and pray for our children.

Finally, we thank you as parents and families for supporting your child on this journey of faith and congratulate our boys and girls who were so reverent during the service and who looked so wonderful for this special occasion.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Acklam and her partner Phil, on their engagement, this week.

Crazy Hair Day

Last Monday we had some "wonderful" hairstyles for our crazy hair day. A total of £62.35 was raised to help support the School Council and the Friends of SSMJ with their fundraising to purchase I pads.

Year 6 Induction Days

On Tuesday the majority of our Year 6 pupils attended the induction day at St Augustine's which, this year, was organised by the RE and History departments. The children had a wonderful day and had the chance to meet several members of staff and, some of the children from other schools, who will be starting in September. They also saw a few friendly faces (ex SSMJ pupils). Thank you to St Augustine's staff.



Also, on Tuesday, a couple of children attended Ribblesdale High's induction day. Today, Clitheroe Royal Grammar's took place and on Monday, 4th and Tuesday, 5th July two induction days will be held for the children who are going to Bowland High.

Facebook

Today, your child should have brought home an important letter about Facebook. Please contact school if you have not received this or have any questions. This letter can also be viewed on the school website: www.ssmj.lancs.sch.uk

Well Done Reece

On Wednesday evening Reece, in Year 6, took part in the "Race for Life" raising money for Cancer Research in memory of his Uncle.

Colouring Competitions

The winners of the 2 colouring competitions, run by some of our Year 5 pupils, are: Sam (Yr 1), Reece (Yr 6), Jasmine (Yr 3), Monika (Yr 3), Alyssa (Yr 2) and Finlay (Yr 2) for the Euro themed competition, with the proceeds of £29.18 going to Homeless Soldiers and Molly (Yr 6), Joe (Yr 6) Isabella D (Yr 2), Katelyn (Yr 4) and Sophie (Reception) for the Animal Rescue competition which raised £35.50.

Choir

Last Friday, our school Choir attended a singing event at Stonyhurst College. They had a brilliant day enjoying a tour, a lovely lunch, taking part in the concert and entering the Choir competition. Our boys and girls were wonderful and were awarded first place in the competition. It was noted how upbeat they were and how beautiful they sang together.

Thank you Miss Acklam for preparing them and to Mrs Layzell, Mrs Venguedasalon and Mrs Pickup for attending. Also, to the parents and relatives who came to watch the concert. It was a privilege to see them perform - well done Choir!

Tidying the Garden

Thank you to all the children and staff who have been in the garden, over the last few weeks, weeding, weaving the willow arbour and tidying up in preparation for Weld Mass on Sunday, 3rd July.

Summer Fair

The Summer Fair will be held in the school hall on Friday, 15th July from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm. The Friends of SSMJ are appealing for toys, in good condition, for the toy tombola and filled jars of sweets. Any donations would be gratefully received, in school, next week.

Sports Day

Following feedback from the children Junior sports day, this year, will have some house team events for all children and also some competitive races for the children who wish to take part.

Year 6 Trip to Physics Fair, Stonyhurst College

Yesterday, our Year 6 children had a great trip to Stonyhurst College for the Physics Fair. They were extremely well behaved and had lots of fun! Well done children and thank you to Mr Connolly for accompanying them.

Cheerleading

For one week only, next Thursday, 30th June, there will be no after school Cheerleading club.

Road Safety

Thank you to Mrs Cook, Mrs Makepeace, Mrs Webb, Mrs Pennock and Mrs Venguedasalon for supporting our Year 2 children on completion of their Stage 3 Road Safety programme this week well done children.

School Foodbank Competition

A network community Foodbank collection is coming to Tesco, Clitheroe from Thursday, 30th June to Saturday, 2nd July.

All schools, within the community, are being asked to donate some food to help support people who are in need.

In return all the donated food will be weighed and the school who donates the most food, to the Foodbank, within Tesco, between the above dates, will win a £20 gift voucher and the Tesco Foodbank 2016 Spring/Summer trophy - let's see if SSMJ can win this! Donations will not be accepted after Saturday, 2nd July and the winning school will be notified week commencing: 4th July.

Most needed items are: Long life cartons of fruit juice, tinned sponge puddings, wrapped biscuits, chocolate, UHT milk, instant coffee, sugar, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, dried rice or pasta, tinned macaroni or spaghetti, tinned meat pies or ham, tinned custard, jam, marmalade, household cleaners, toilet rolls, washing powder, washing up liquid.

Next week at school

Monday, 27 th June	Ribblesdale High - Storyteller - Year 6
Tuesday, 28 th June	Blackpool Pleasure Beach trip - Year 6
Wednesday, 29 th June	Swimming - Year 4
Wednesday, 29 th June	Reception Induction new starter Parents & Children visit (9.15 am)
Wednesday, 29 th June	Prayer Friends Afternoon Tea - Year 3

Wednesday, 29th June

St Augustine's Intake Evening - for Year 6 pupils
starting in September

Thursday, 30th June

Butterfly House trip - Year 2

Thursday, 30th June

NO Cheerleading Club

Friday, 1st July

Sports Day - Juniors (9.45 am)

Sports Day - Infants (2.00 pm)

Friday, 1st July

Mad Science

Sunday, 3rd July

Weld Day Joint Mass (10.30 am)

Celebration Assembly

Friday, 1st July

NO Celebration Assembly

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards.

Mrs Z Mabbott

Headteacher