



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 9th 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

Welcome Back

Welcome back, once again. Our children have settled back so well after the holidays and our new reception children have quickly become part of our family at SSMJ. This wonderful first week back at school has reminded us what a special community we are and how blessed we are to have such wonderful, polite and hard-working children in school.

Welcome to the SSMJ Family

Congratulations to the Stewart family on the birth of Euan a new baby brother for Isla
We also welcome Freddie a new baby brother for Luis in Year 5.
Congratulations and we welcome them both to the SSMJ family.

Further Good News for SSMJ

At the end of the summer term, SSMJ achieved the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award. Thank you to Mrs Cook and Mr Connolly for their hard work in preparing for this. We have also been awarded a bronze award for 'Learning Outside the Classroom'. Thank you to Mrs Collinge for her preparation for this award.

Well Done Will

Congratulations to Will who has been very busy over the summer winning a regional tennis tournament in Hull. Will has also taken part in many competitions both in singles and in doubles including the Lancashire Championships and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and playing extremely well at this very high level. We are really proud of you Will!

Open Morning

We will be holding an "Open Morning" for prospective parents of children due to start school in September 2017. This is on Tuesday, 4th October at 9.15am - 10.30am.

If you are unable to attend, we are more than happy to arrange another time for you to visit. Please telephone the school office.



Applications to Reception Class 2017

The online admissions have now opened. Should you wish to apply for a place for reception class 2017 please log on to www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2017.

Admissions for Secondary School - September 2017

Do you have a child due to start Secondary school in September 2017? If so, you can now apply for a place by logging on to www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2016.

On Tuesday 20th September at 7pm in the school hall, Mr Wright, Headteacher at St Augustine's will be holding our annual parents' meeting for parents of pupils in the current Year 6 class who wish to apply for a place at St Augustine's and/or find out more about the school.

Sacramental Program Meeting

A meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 21st September in the school hall, led by Father John, for all parents of children in Year3 wishing to join or find out more about the Sacramental program this year. A separate letter with further information has been sent out to Year 3 parents.

Residential

Next week our Year 6 will go on the residential to PGL Winmarleigh where a fun filled week awaits them. Separate information has been sent out to Year 6 parents about this.

PE Kits

Physical Education is a National Curriculum requirement and children need to have the appropriate kit in school so they can take part safely. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit, in school, every day as sometimes they might need it on days other than those timetabled for PE.

Sports Clubs

The extra-curricular Sports Club activities start next week. You should have received a confirmation letter stating whether your child/ren have secured a place in the requested Club/s.

Please ensure that appropriate sports attire is worn for their activity especially Cross Country (as they may get muddy!!!)

Dinner Money

It is a real help if dinner money is paid at the start of every week (£2.20 day/£11 per week) or, at the beginning of the term, if you pay half termly either at the office or electronically. Cheques should be made payable to LCC.

From the start of this term up to the October half term (Friday, 28th October) the amounts are as follows:-

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| • 5 days per week | = | £88.00 |
| • 3 days per week | = | £52.80 |
| • 2 days per week | = | £35.20 |
| • 1 day per week | = | £17.60 |

If you have any queries about electronic payments please speak to the office.

Sunflowers

Sunflowers is our "before" and "after" school Club. If you may require childcare pre or post school please do not hesitate to contact Alison Gudgeon on:-

- 01254-823423 (home)
- 07960-532965 (mobile)

Milk

Any parents wishing their child to have milk this term need to sign up and pay via the Milk4Life's website: www.milk4life.com. The discount code for our school is M4L-22LA.

If your child is under 5 please could you **ring** Genevieve Griffiths at Milk4Life on: 01443-742112 rather than using the above website.

We are aware that some parents have already paid to the end of term and should this be the case, you **do not** need to take action.

Toast

At morning break, on a Thursday, Mrs Coar serves toast/crumpets to our pupils. Toast is 20p per slice and a crumpet 30p. Don't forget to send your child with a little cash so they may sample these delights!!

Communication

We have had a few technical difficulties with our parent texting/email system. From now you will receive communication from 'Teachers 2 Parents'.

Next Week at School

w/c 12th September - Sports Clubs commence
Thursday, 15th September - Toast at morning break

Celebration Assemblies

Friday, 16th September - No celebration Assembly (Year 6 return from Residential)
Friday, 23rd September - Year 6
Friday, 30th September - Year 5
Friday, 7th October - Year 4
Friday 14th October - Year 3
Friday 21st October - Year 2
Friday 28th October - Year 1

Advance Dates for your Diary

Thursday 22nd September - Parish Mass for the 3 schools - SSM, St Mary's Sabden and Thorneyholme at SSMJ. All welcome.

Tuesday 20th September at 7pm - St Augustine's Year 6 Parents' Meeting - SSMJ School Hall

Wednesday 21st September at 6.30pm - Y3 Parents Meeting for Sacramental Program - SSMJ School Hall

Tuesday 4th October - Open morning for prospective reception class parents. 9.15am - 10.30am

Tuesday 11th October - EYFS Coffee Morning

Week beginning 17th October - Science Week

Wednesday 19th October - EYFS Bikes and Scooters

Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th October - Parents' Evenings.

Friday 28th October - School Closes for half term.

A full list of dates for the year will be sent home shortly and will also be available on the school website soon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards.

Mrs Z Mabbott
Headteacher