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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

*During Advent we have been talking to the children in school about Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. I would, therefore, like to wish you all a Peaceful and Joyful Christmas filled with love and hope for the New Year ahead.*

Once again this week we have been overwhelmed by our wonderful children and all of their achievements.

### **Farewell & Good Luck**

Miss Haswell-Shaw has been employed at SSMJ on a one year Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship and was due to finish in January. However, she has secured a post as a Teaching Assistant and so will be leaving us at the end of term to begin her new job in January. On behalf of the staff, children and governors we would like to thank Miss Haswell-Shaw for everything she has brought to SSMJ and wish her every success in her new job as a fully qualified teaching assistant. Well done Miss Haswell-Shaw.



### **Winning House Team**

Congratulations to Whalley, the winning house for this term. A treat will be arranged for this 'house' when we return to school in the New Year.



### Christmas Dinner Day

A huge thank you to Mrs Coar and her team for preparing and serving 160 Christmas dinners plus adults. We had a wonderful time and the food was delicious as always.



### Christmas Masses

On Christmas Eve, Reconciliation 11am-12 noon.

Children's Christmas Mass at 4pm, carols at church at 5.30pm followed by Christmas Night Mass at 6.00pm. Christmas Day Mass is at 10.00 am. On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> St Stephen's Day Mass will be at 12 noon.

### Christmas Eve Mass

The children on the Sacramental program have been given a separate letter about their involvement in the Children's Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve at 4pm. This special Mass involves the children in Year 3 on the Sacramental program. Please support this special Mass by attending with your child.



### Music Concert

Today we were treated to a wonderful music concert with some of our children playing their musical instruments which included the piano, keyboard, guitar and trombone. Thank you to Mr Hacking, Mr Bird and Mr Lee for teaching the children and to Mr Lee for being our compare for the performance. Once again it was an honour to see our talented children perform.



### Colouring competition

Bradley and Jack in year 6 organised a colouring competition for Children in need. They managed to raise £14.60 for this good cause. Well done boys.



### School Choir

I would like to thank and congratulate our school Choir for their efforts over the past few weeks singing at local supermarkets and in Clitheroe. The Choir have supported our fundraising efforts for our chosen charity-Manchester Children's hospital and have entertained the community, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback. Between the nativity, junior plays, & the choir in total you helped raise a staggering **£1561.00**. Thank you to all staff who have prepared the children and the staff and parents who attended and sang with them and to Mrs Lambert and Miss Acklam for co-ordinating/leading this.



### Parties

On Monday the Infants thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas party and were visited by a very "special guest" who brought them all a gift. Thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule at this time of year to put smile on the faces of our boys and girls. Also, we thank the parent helpers and 'Friends of SSMJ' for their support with this.

Yesterday our juniors enjoyed their party day with lots of fun and games had by all. They also received a gift from Santa for all their efforts this year.

### Sports clubs

Sports will commence Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. Please ensure money owed is paid before the clubs start.

### End of Term

Children break up for the Christmas Holidays today, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2.30pm. All children will need to be collected by an adult at this earlier finish time. School re-opens for pupils on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Thank you

May I take this opportunity to thank all of our families and community for your continued support. Thank you for your kind messages and for all the cards and gifts received by the staff.

*On behalf of the Governors, Staff and I may we wish you a Peaceful and Happy Christmas and look forward to continuing to work with you all in 2017.*

**Mrs Z Mabbott**

