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Dear Parents/Carers

Well Done Jack

Congratulations to Jack, Mrs Acres and Jack's aunties who took part in a sponsored swim on Sunday 25th September as part of the 'Move a Mile for muscles' for Muscular Dystrophy in memory of his granddad Trevor who passed away in December 2015. Jack swam 64 lengths (1 mile) without a break! He is an inspiration, just like his granddad Trevor and helped to raise £1126 so far. Well done Jack we are very proud of you.

Welcome

We welcome Mrs Heron to SSMJ. Mrs Heron will be working in Year 4 for a few weeks alongside Miss Acklam and Mrs Pennock.

We also welcome Emma and Zara (students) who will be working with us in Y2 and reception.

We also have many volunteers who continue to come in to school to work in different classes and we thank them too for the support they provide for our children.

Gardening Club - Can You help?

Mrs Collinge currently runs a gardening club on a Thursday lunchtime and would appreciate an extra pair of hands. If you could help either at the club or by doing some general tidying in our garden, please contact the school to let us know.

100% Attendance



Today we celebrate 100% attendance in school with every child in every class being in school. Well done children.

Open Morning

Thank you to all families who attended our open morning on Tuesday to see our school in action.



Infant Library

Our infant library has undergone a transformation over the summer holidays and in recent weeks. Thank you to Mr Moon and the staff who have helped to provide this wonderful space for the children to listen to stories and enjoy books.



Admission to Reception Class September 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.

Admission to Secondary School

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.

Friends- chocolate Bingo

Thank you to the 'friends' for organising another wonderful, annual chocolate bingo event. The event raised £246.21 for much needed resources for the school.

Friends- Can you help?

As you know our PTA/Friends of SSMJ are all volunteers and work hard to organise and deliver events for the children whilst raising funds for the school. Our current Chair/Voice Chair/Secretary and Treasurer are looking to hand over the roles to other willing parent helpers/Friends. We will arrange a meeting to begin this process but in the meantime if you would be interested in taking on one of the roles, please can you let Mrs Wilkinson or Mrs Mabbott know. Thank you.



Harvest

Thank you for all the food items you have sent in for Harvest. These will be displayed on the altar at church over the weekend. On Monday a visitor from the foodbank will be coming to assembly to thank the children. The food will then be delivered to the Clitheroe Foodbank to be distributed to those who need it. Thank you to the pupil chaplains for the raffle ticket rewards. A KS2 and KS1 winner will be drawn out on Monday.



October is the Month of the Rosary

During week beginning Monday, 10th October our Pupil Chaplains with Miss Britnell will be leading sessions to pray the rosary. We will also be taking part in 'One million children praying the rosary' which is promoted by Aid to the Church in Need

Sessions start 10th October in Y1 at 8.45am

Parents' Evening

Your child should have brought home their letter about Parents' Evening. Please return the slip to school so an appointment can be made for you. As you will appreciate this takes some co-ordination and teachers will try their very best to arrange times as near to those requested as possible.



Sporting Success

Well done to our fantastic runners, Ellie, Florence, Emily, Martha, Jack A, Jack S, William, Daniel and Mackenzie for competing yesterday in the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley cross country event. Out of 22 schools the girls came 7th and the boys 8th giving us an overall position of 7th. The course was a tough 1.24 miles and the children battled against trips, sore feet and marshals pointing them the wrong way! Needless to say, their behaviour was impeccable and were a credit to SSMJ and their parents. Thank you to Mrs Cook and Mrs Wilkinson for transporting them and to Mr & Mrs Wilkinson for cheering them on and supporting them.

Next week

Reception coffee morning Tuesday 9.15am
Year 6 visit to The Grand
Year 3&4 football at St Augustines

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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Headteacher