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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

Welcome back after what we hope has been a restful half-term break!

As parents are aware, in school we focus a lot on online safety. We have recently been made aware of a link which we hope you will find useful to share with your children to continually enforce online safety.

National Online Safety has teamed up with MusicAlternative to launch a Fortnite online safety song for us to share with its whole school community!

Our song encourages parents and carers to "stay switched on" to online dangers when their children are playing Fortnite. Please support us in keeping your children safe by ensuring they only have access to age appropriate sites.

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1052469311388958720>

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j150BqInjnY>

Download link: <https://we.tl/t-wa4OjQ2jPu>



Welcome

Grace in reception welcomed a new brother Jackson during the half term. Congratulations to the family and welcome to SSMJ.

All Saints Mass

The whole school attended mass on Thursday for Holy Day. As always the children were reverent in their behaviour and were a credit to us. Thank you to all the parents and Grandparents who also attended.





Harvest donations

Thank you to everyone who donated to the food bank. This has been very successful this year and will be much appreciated.



Poppies

Poppies will be on sale in school next week for a suggested donation of 50p.

Parents' evening

Please find attached the questionnaire feedback. Thank you for all who filled this in and for attending the evenings. Thank you to year 6 helpers who attended these evenings.

Assembly tea & Coffee

From Friday 9th November, the student council will be serving tea and coffee from the dining room at 8.45am so that parents can take a drink and wait in the warmth for assembly. There will be a charge of £1 and all proceeds will go to school council funds.

We have been donated the cups from the **PAPER CUP COMPANY** in Clitheroe and we are extremely grateful for this. We thank them for their kind generosity.

Maths calculation policy

Please see the website for our updated maths calculation policies. A few parents were asking about this at parents' evening.

Facebook and Twitter,

Don't forget to keep an eye on our twitter and facebook feeds. Facebook cannot accept friend requests so please just like and share the information.

Our school name on twitter is @SSMJClitheroe



Anti- bullying week

On Monday 12th November we are asking all the children to wear silly socks to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying and support the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This can be the wackiest combination or colour of socks. **Children must still wear full uniform. It's just the socks that can be different.**

Wanted



Please can you send in old unused Christmas cards for our pupil chaplains to use in the community.

50/50 club

Congratulations to last half terms winner who took home £35.00. The new grid is now in the office for the next draw to be made before Christmas, £1 per number. The money raised will be shared between the winner and the Friends of SSMJ.



Firework Safety

Please see the below link for firework safety

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety/>

Special Bonfire dinner

On Monday there will be a special lunch menu of chicken burger or Cheese and tomato pizza roll with ginger sponge and custard or sparkling chocolate coated apple lollies. If your child does **NOT** normally have a school dinner on Monday and would like this, please send £2.20 in or pay on parent pay and let Mrs Wilkinson know. Dinner cannot be given to those who have not ordered and paid.



Y3/4 Football

On Thursday 25th October a team of 9 children went to St Augustine's to take part in a Year 3 & 4 Football competition. This was the first chance for a number of the squad to represent SSMJ. We played 3 matches in the group stages winning 2 and losing 1! We progressed to the next round where we unfortunately lost to a wonderfully taken free kick by the other team. Well done to the 5 Year 3 and 4 Year 4 who took part.

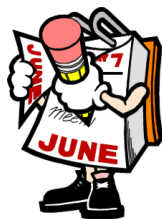


PTA Halloween Disco

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the disco on Friday 9th at the Parish Centre 6-8pm. You are able to pay on the door. £5 per family. The tickets can also be purchased from the school office.

Library Visit

Year 2 & 4 visited the library on Thursday where they learnt about WW1 and the 100 years anniversary. They looked at local soldiers who died or survived from Clitheroe. Thank you to Mrs Lambert for organising this.



Dates to go in your diary

Friday 9th November

Year 2 & 4 Remembrance Assembly this replaces Celebration Assembly
PTA Halloween Disco - Parish centre 6-8pm

Monday 12th November

Odd socks anti bullying day
Netball match at Oakhill 4.00pm

Tuesday 13th November

Reception bike balanceability

Wednesday 14th November

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Thursday 15th November

Safeguarding training

Friday 16th November

Year 1 Assembly

Future dates:

Friday 7th December - School Christmas Fair 3.30pm -5.30pm

Tuesday 11th December- Junior Nativity in Church -Time TBC

Wednesday 12th - KS1 nativity 2.15pm in school

Thursday 13th - KS1 nativity - 9.15am in school

Sunday 16th - Children's Carol Service in Church time TBC

Monday 17th - KS1 Christmas Party

Tuesday 18th - Artyfacts production of Oliver Twist in school

Wednesday 19th - Christmas dinner and jumper day.

Thursday - SCHOOL CLOSES 2.15PM

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Z Mabbott
Headteacher