

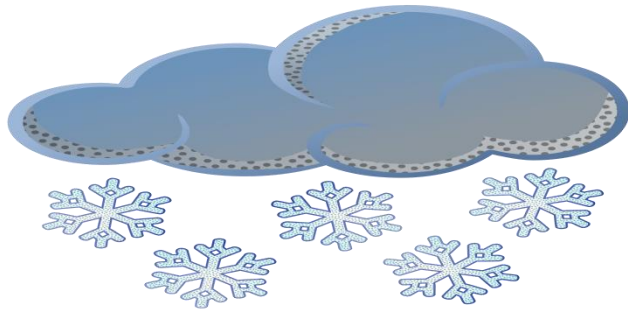


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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another
to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers



Well the Beast from the East certainly lived up to its name this week. Unfortunately we had to close on Thursday along with many other schools. This isn't a decision, we as a school, take lightly and we had to wait until we had confirmation of how many staff could get into school before we made the decision. Schools are usually closed due to staff being unable to get in to work. We are very lucky that we have dedicated staff who, by hook or by crook, try to make sure they can get in to work to be able to teach the children. However, due to the adverse weather on Wednesday the decision to close was taken for health and safety reasons. A particular thank you to Mr Moon who has worked tirelessly to keep the grounds as safe and clear as possible.

Hopefully we have seen the last of this weather. We will text parents as early as we can to inform you as to whether the school is open or not. Information will also go out on the Lancashire school closures website. Please wait until you have had confirmation from school first before looking at social media for updates. If you do not hear to the contrary, school will be open.

All breakfast and afterschool clubs will still continue. Alternative arrangements will be made if the activity is usually held outside. This is to ensure that parents' can rely on the afterschool service they booked on to.

Please ensure your children have suitable clothing for this weather. Spare socks are always recommended. Where possible they will play outside, but as you can appreciate, wet and cold feet are not conducive to happy learning so it may be that they are kept inside if the playground is deemed unfit or unsafe.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.





Congratulations

Harvey in year 5 welcomed a baby brother Theo on Valentine's Day. Congratulations to the whole family and welcome to the family of SSMJ.

Class Mass

Year 2 & Year 6 held their class Mass on Tuesday. Thank you to all involved and parents/grandparents who attended.

Netball

Well done to Eve, Evie, Tilda, Abi, Elise and Olive who played Netball at Oakhill on Monday. Unfortunately they didn't win this match but it was an exciting game and they gave 100% as always.



World book day

This will now be held On Thursday 8th March. The PTA book sale will also be on this day and the books will be on display throughout the day for the children to purchase. More details will follow next week with regards to this.

There is a sponsored readathon where each child tries to read as much as possible from Thursday 1st March to Thursday 8th March. There will be prizes for individuals and the class which reads the most. The proceeds will go towards new books for school. Details have been sent via your child.

Parents' Evening

Please make sure you send your reply slip in by Monday so that the teachers can allocate your appointment times. Please be aware that whilst we will do our very best to accommodate your requests, parents' evenings occur at the end of a full working day and some staff have over 30 sets of parents to see please try to be as flexible as possible. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Parish Centre News

In aid of Refugee day on Friday 20th April there will be a hot supper and singer, Neve Dickinson performing at the Old School Room next to the Parish Centre. Tickets are £10 and available via Tom Clay on 07962136749

Well Done

Congratulations to Alison and Sunflowers breakfast and afterschool club who, after a recent Ofsted inspection, received a Good judgment. This is fantastic news so well done.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th March - Year 5 trip to Eureka

Reconciliation in Church - 6.30pm

Maths & Science quiz at St Augustine's 7 -8.30pm

Wednesday 7th - Deanery Mass at St Joseph's Blackburn - 7.00pm

Thursday 8th - Tag rugby event

Friday 9th -Year 1 celebration assembly (please note this has changed and reception will be on an alternative day).

Monday 12th - CAFOD assembly

Monday 12th March- Catalyst Tower Challenge with Yr 6

Class Mass Yr 1 & 5

Friday 16th - Year 4 celebration assembly

Monday 19th March -British Values Week

Catalyst Final at The Grand

Tuesday 20th - Viking visit to year 6

Reception, 3 & 4 Class Mass

Wednesday 21st - EYFS coffee morning

Parents' Evening Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st -

Friday 23rd- Year 3 Celebration Assembly

Purple Epilepsy Day - More info to follow

Monday 26th March - Holy Week

Tuesday 27th - Year 3 & 4 trip to Blackpool Zoo

Wednesday 28th - EYFS bikes and scooters

Thursday 29th - Whole School Mass 9.15am - All welcome

School closes at 3.30pm

School reopens Monday 16th April

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Z Mabbott