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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. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term. This next term leading up to Christmas is always a busy and exciting one. The children always enjoy this time of the year. We have lots planned and have tried to provide you with as many dates as possible for your calendar. Silly socks day - anti bullying week, silly uniform (reception children only). Our Year 3 & 4 had their class Mass on Tuesday and as always were a credit to school.

### Welcome

We welcomed two new boys to our Year 3 class this week, Connor and Oliver. They have settled in well. Thank you to Miss Smith and the children of Year 3 for making them so welcome.

### PTA News

'Spooky Disco - Friday 27th October. With your help and support we managed to raise a brilliant **£366** on the night. This is a great amount and will be put towards new 'outdoor classroom equipment', as well as enabling school to again subsidise Christmas activities and school trips throughout the year. A huge thank you to everyone who helped - it is because of you that these events are possible - and to everyone who came along to support the event...We hope you all had a spookily good time!

Please continue to support the PTA events throughout the year. It is these that enable School to buy more of the 'nice to haves' but also essential equipment such as furniture and books. Coming up on Fridays 17th and 24th November are the KS1 and KS2 Film Nights (please return your attendance slips by the Wednesdays before, and any more volunteers to help please let Tess Walker know) and on Friday 8th December we have the Christmas Fair (more details to come), all straight after school and in the Assembly Hall.

Thanks again, Caroline Kay & Tess (SSMJ PTA Committee)



## PTA AGM

The AGM is to be held at 2.00pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November before the film. We need as many people to come and support this.



## Reception Silly Clothes day

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, to support the topic 'to infinity and beyond' we are asking the Reception children only to dress up in silly clothes, i.e- jumpers on backwards, and socks on hands. The sillier the better! Please bring a torch with names on if you have one.

## Playtime donations

Please can we have any donations of cars and action figures (inc Barbie) for playtimes. Good quality and in working order please.



## Sports News

Well done to our Year 5/6 girls' football team. They went to play at Blackburn Rovers on Wednesday. They won 4 games, lost 2 and drew 1. Thank you to Mr Connolly and Mrs Clarkson for taking them. They really enjoyed the experience.



## Remembrance Assembly

Friday is the Year 2 & 4 Remembrance Assembly at 9.05am. This will be instead of the usual Celebration Assembly. All are welcome.

## Dinner Money

Please ensure your child's dinner money account is in credit. Texts will be sent to those who are in debit.



**Anti- bullying week**

Next week is anti-bullying week. On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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. We will be putting a picture in the paper and entering in to a competition via Twitter to hopefully win for Andy and the odd socks band (apparently a big thing with kids!) to come to school and perform for the children.

Attached to this newsletter is a top anti- bullying tips for parents letter.

**Children must still wear full uniform. It's just the socks that can be different.**



**Shoe box Appeal**

Thank you for your kind donations to the shoe box appeal. Please can we ask for hats, cap, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, wind up torch, jewellery set and sweets (best before date at least March 2018)

This is the last week for donations. Thank you very much for the donations received so far.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> during Golden time, the children are to bring in a suggested donation of a £1 to participate in all of the activities listed below. This is to raise money to pay for the postage of the boxes.

Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3	Activity 4	Activity 5
Basketball	Apple bobbing	Welly throwing	Penalty shoot out	Throw wet sponges at Mrs Jackson
3 balls	1 go	3 wellies	3 balls	3 sponges
Yard	Yard	Field	Yard	Top of the field

### Dates for this half term

10.11.17	Year 2 & 4 Remembrance Assembly
13.11.17	Anti-Bullying Week- Silly socks day
14.11.17	Multi skills- Oakhill
16.11.17	Reception class silly clothes & bring a torch day
17.11.17	Year 6 Celebration Assembly
17.11.17	PTA AGM meeting 2.00pm Infant film night- 3.30-5.45pm
20.11.17- 23.11.17	Year 6 Bikeability
24.11.17	Year 5 Celebration Assembly
24.11.17	Junior film night 3.30pm -5.45pm
29.11.17	Full Governors meeting
1.12.17	Year 3 Celebration Assembly
8.12.17	Year 1 Celebration Assembly
8.12.17	School Christmas Fair
11.12.17	<b>Last week of sports clubs</b>
12.12.17	Santa Dash - Wilsons Playing fields ( TBC)
12.12.17	Junior Carol Service 6.30pm in church
13.12.17	EYFS- Bikes & Scooters
13.12.17	Infant Nativity 2.15pm
14.12.17	Infant nativity 9.30am
15.12.17	EYFS coffee morning
15.12.17	Whole school Panto at the Grand 1.00pm
17.12.17	Children's Carol service in Church 3.00pm
18.12.17	KS1 Christmas party ( TBC)
19.12.17	KS2 Christmas Party ( TBC)
20.12.17	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day
21.12.17	SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2.15PM
8.1.18	SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8.55AM

Please be aware that some of these dates may be subject to change. We will notify you of the events weekly as well.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Z Mabbott