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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

It was lovely to welcome parents to see our school in action today for the reception 2019 open morning. There were some new faces and parents with children already here. As Mrs Wilkinson and I went round the classes with the children, it confirmed to us what a wonderful school we are and how all the children and staff follow the school vision, creating an ethos of being caring and welcoming. The children were asked what they like most about the school, saying that they felt happy, had lots of friends and enjoyed school. They enjoy learning and playing, but most importantly they said they felt safe. Children are our most honest critics so this is reassuring that they feel this way and great that they wanted to share this with prospective parents.



Welcome

On Monday we welcomed 2 new children Isabella and Sebastian. They and their family have been a wonderful addition to the SSMJ family. Thank you everyone for making them feel welcome.

Parents' Evening

You should by now have received your time for parents' evening. As you can imagine, co-ordinating this for the teachers and families who have siblings, is difficult. Please try to keep the appointment you have made and remember that the meetings are only to last 5 minutes to keep the schedule on going. If you feel that you need longer than this, then a separate meeting may need to be made but this may not be before half term.





Football

Well done to our Year 5/6 football team who played at St Augustine's on Friday. They played fantastically but unfortunately got beaten on penalties in the quarter finals. Thank you to Mr Smith and Mrs Jackson for taking them. It was a pleasure to see them in action.

Good luck to them again tomorrow when they play Ribblesdale.



Staff Carpark

Please can I remind parents that the carpark is for staff & visitor use. There have been a couple of incidents recently of staff cars being damaged as parents are trying to get on and off the car park. There are times when staff & visitors need to leave at 3.00pm with children to go to events and are unable to get off the car park. Staff also need to be able to park to get in to work in the morning. There is also the need for emergency access for vehicles should they need to get on to the carpark. Please use alternative parking when picking up from school to help alleviate the congestion and limit the risk to cars and pedestrians. Please remember not to block the access for residents on Bayleaf Fold. Thank you for your co-operation.

Holiday list

Please find attached to holiday list for 2019/20. This is also on the school website.



Debt awareness

Our year 5 enjoyed a visit from Mr Brian Souter on Monday. He did a workshop on how to manage your money and careful planning. This was a wonderful PHSE and Maths session.

Harvest collection Open morning

Thank you for all the items that have been sent in, please continue to send it non perishable items. They will be taken over to church before half term then to the foodbank.

Cross Country

Well done to Bill and George who have qualified to represent school in the East Lancashire Cross Country Race at Towneley Park on Thursday 20th June 2019. They were top 25 finishers at the cross country event at Wilson's last week.

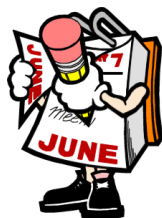


Coffee Morning

The Pupil Chaplains are going to serve refreshments every Friday before assembly. We will serve coffee and tea, and if we are lucky we will serve biscuits. The cost of this will be £1.00 Please use the dining room doors from 8.45am onwards.

PTA

The AGM has been organised for Friday 30th November 2.15pm in school.
The Halloween disco is on Friday 9th November 6-8pm at the social centre. Tickets will be on sale after half term available from the office.



Dates to go in your diary

Friday 12th October - Year 3 Assembly
Friday 12th - Year 5 & 6 football at Ribblesdale School
Friday 12th **LAST ART CLUB**

Tuesday 16th - Nasal flu vaccination
Tuesday 16th - EYFS Parents' Evening
Wednesday 17th - **LAST JUDO BREAKFAST CLUB**
Wednesday 17th - Parents' Evening **NO CROSS COUNTRY**
Thursday 18th - Parents' Evening
Thursday 18th - Year 3 & 4 football match at St Augustine's

Friday 19th - Year 5 trip to Clitheroe Library
Friday 19th - **School Closes for half term 3.30pm**

Wednesday 31st Oct - Closing date for year 6 secondary applications

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Z Mabbott

