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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

As we enter our final week in school this term it is lovely to look back on the many wonderful things that have happened in school this year. Since welcoming 26 children in back in September we have had 13 new children join our school. Next year we look forward to welcoming 5 more new children to different year groups across school along with the reception children.

The year 6 have excelled themselves this year. They have been a real credit to themselves, their school community and their families. We will miss each and every one of them and thank them for the way they have touched our lives as part of the family at SSMJ. I hope, as parents you read your child's report with pride as all the children have shown how to be the best that they can be throughout the year.

#### TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC



#### Teddy Bears Picnic

Thank you to all the parents and teddy bears who came along on Tuesday to the reception picnic. They all had a wonderful time. Thank you to Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Makepeace for organising this event.

#### Parent Governor Election

Thank you to parents who voted in the election. We were really pleased to have a number of parents interested in the position of parent governor. I can confirm that Mr Stell and Mr Whalley were elected.



## Timings of the school Day

We have made some adjustments to our school day from September but these do not affect the start and finish times for school. Break time will be at 10:20-10:35 and will be for all children. The infants will have an afternoon break at 2.15pm - 2.30pm. Lunchtime will be 12:00 - 1.15pm for infants and 12:15 - 1:15 for juniors.

## Art Exhibition

Thank you to Mrs Thornton for all her hardwork organising and leading on the art project and exhibition. Well done to the children who produced some amazing pieces of artwork as showcased at the gallery on Friday. Thank you to all our parents and relatives who supported this event and purchased their child's wonderful art work.

## Car parking

Can we please remind parents that the car park is for staff and visitors, If as a parent it is used as pick up and drop off, please be courteous of other drivers.

## Dinners - September 2018

As our Year 2 children move to Key Stage 2, school meals become chargeable. We will assume no meal pattern change for your child and charge accordingly. However, should you wish for your child to change from school meals to packed lunches from September, please contact the school office so we can update our system. The school meal charge from September will be £2.20 per day.

Please can I remind parents that dinner money must be paid and not left to go in to a debt. Anyone with children in year 6, must ensure that money is paid before they leave school. Any unpaid dinners will be passed on to the debt collection team at LCC. As previously mentioned, any dinners owing over £30 will be stopped until it has been cleared. You will receive a text asking you to settle your account today. Please do not send in any cash or cheques after Wednesday.



## Girls football

Blackburn Rovers Community Trust currently run Girls Development Centres which will continue to run each week throughout the summer. The sessions will be for girls of all abilities who want to learn football in a fun, friendly and safe environment.

The Player Development Centres will run every week at the BRIC, Ewood Park, BB2 4JF. The following sessions will be run every week:

Friday 5-6pm - Girls only Player Development Centre for ages 6-9

Saturday 10-11am - Girls only Player Development Centre for ages 9-11

Saturday 11am-12pm - High School Girls Development Centre

All sessions will be delivered by fully qualified FA coaches and BRFC members of staff and will cost £3 per child each week. The Development Centres will also be linked to the Blackburn Rovers Girls academy, and will be attended by player recruitment staff on a regular basis.

If you would like to sign your child up to the Development Centre then please email [andrew.aspinall@brfctrust.co.uk](mailto:andrew.aspinall@brfctrust.co.uk) or call the office on 01254 508256.

## **Year 6 with Year 5 Leavers' Play**

There was not a dry eye in the house on Thursday at the Year 5 /6 play. There were tears of laughter, sadness and pride. The theme of the play reflected what a 'special place' SSMJ and every single one of the children showed us how talented they are. The 'swish' was very memorable and enjoyable!

Thank you to Mrs Jackson and Mr Chambers for putting together such a wonderful performance.

Also thank you to Mr Moon, Mrs Wilkinson and Charlie, Miss Britnell and Mr Golding for helping on the night. I would also like to thank Miss Whittaker for taking the time to come back to wish the year 6 well after her time spent teaching year 6.

## **Class Structure**

Today, the children will have spent some time with their new teachers. The structure from September will be as follows:

Reception Class - Mrs Clarkson

Year 1 - Miss Britnell

Year 2 - Mrs Thornton and Mrs Craddock

Year 3 - School is currently recruiting a teacher to cover Mrs Wade's maternity leave

Year 4 - Mr Connolly

Year 5 - Mrs Jackson

Year 6 - Miss Smith

We thank Mr Chambers who has been covering year 6 and Mr Goulding who has been covering teachers' Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA).

## **Play leaders**

Last week 19 new Playleaders from year 4 were trained by Anna from the School Sports Partnership. Anna was full of praise for the children who showed excellent leadership and organisational skills. We look forward to seeing them develop in their roles in September.

## **Sports clubs**

All clubs apart from drama, tennis, judo, French Club, and art club are now available on parent pay to pay.

You only need to pay for the clubs that you want your child to do. Ignore the request if you do not want the club. Please ensure these are all paid by September to secure your place.

Your original form will be given back to your child for confirmation that they have a place. Please keep hold of these for reference.

## **PTA Raffle**

Congratulations to the winners of the PTA raffle. Four out of the 5 prizes were won by pupils in school. Many thanks for all your contributions.

### New Pupil Chaplaincy Team

Our new Pupil Chaplaincy Team have been appointed and at the Feast Day Mass of St Peter and St Paul, Father welcomed them. They are Sophie, Isaac, Keifer, Isabel C, Isabel D, Harvey, Meghan, Imogen, Maya, Lyndon, Jasmine and Monika. They will continue to develop the faith life of the school supported by Mrs Clarkson, Mrs Webb and Miss Britnell.

Last Friday, the Pupil Chaplains organised their very first even a 'fun fair. There was face painting, penalty shootout and cake sale. They managed to raise £63 which they will use to buy themselves some new Chaplaincy Team T-shirts. This is an amazing effort and all the organising was solely down to the pupils.

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School reopens for 7 week term
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception children start school
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Breakfast & Afterschool clubs start
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Swimming starts - year 5
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	We are reading bookfest- Bowley Scout camp
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Whole school mass 9.15am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Coffee morning
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Open morning
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	school Closes 3.30pm - half term

May I take this opportunity to thank all staff, parents, governors and our wonderful children for their support this year. I wish all year 6 health & happiness in their new schools and hope to see them in the future to see how they are getting on. We also wish Mrs Makepeace every success and thank her for everything she has done for the children at SSMJ over the years.

I hope you all have a lovely peaceful and restful holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Mrs Z Mabbott  
Headteacher