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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

We have nearly come to the end of our first full week back in school. The children have settled well in to their classes and it was lovely to see parents at the 'meet the teacher' meetings. If you couldn't attend this and have any concerns you wish to raise, please let the teacher know. The information will be provided on the class pages of the website.

We are holding our first Sacramental meeting for parents and we look forward to working with our families as the children undertake their journey of deepening their faith through the Sacramental program. Thank you to Father, the staff involved and Mrs Lambert and the Catechists. If you were unable to attend, please let Mrs Wilkinson know and she will pass any information on.

3 Peaks Walk Saturday 14th September

A group of 4 of Mum's (Caroline (Rosie & Heidi's Mum), Vic (Isabella & Felix's Mum), Mary (Genevieve & Benjamin's Mum) and Vina (Isabelle's Mum) are walking the 'Three Peaks of Yorkshire' on Saturday. (in the words of their Whatsapp Group title...oh man what are we doing?!), and by doing so they are very kindly raising money for the PTA, which will therefore be spent on your children in school. If you can help by sponsoring them, both they and school would be very grateful- and thank you very much in anticipation.' Go onto the Just Giving Website & search Caroline Carr.

Please help to support this cause as every penny towards school is very much appreciated. We wish them luck and hope that the weather is kind!

Correction to dates

Please note that Parents' Evenings are Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October. School is closed Friday 18th October for inset prior to half term.

St Augustine's Intake Evening at SSMJ

Mr Wright (HT), Mrs Juriansz (DHT) and Mrs Bleazard (AHT) will be delivering the information evening about SARCHS here at SSMJ at 7pm on Tuesday 17th September. It is an important meeting for parents of children in Year 6 who need to apply for secondary school by 31st October.



Policies

The new behaviour policy and our updated accessibility policy and plan are on the website for parents to view. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

Facebook & Twitter

Please remember to look at our facebook page. We cannot accept friend request so you can only 'like' the comments and pictures. If you do NOT wish for your child to appear on facebook, or twitter please inform the office. Search SSMJHeadteacher

School Website

Please use the school website to check what your child's class will be learning about and how you can help at home. It is also useful for checking the calendar for important dates. The address is www.ssmj.lancs.sch.uk the calendar is being updated at present but information for the school year will be on here as well as the newsletter.

Plea for Toys for Lunchtime

Please send in any unused but in good condition small cars, outdoor games skittles etc for lunchtimes

Flu vaccination forms

Your child will be bringing home a form on Friday for the flu vaccination. It is important that this is returned and completed by Friday 20th September. If you do not return the form, your child will NOT be immunised. This is for all classes. We do not have copies so please ensure your child brings this home.

Train station visit

Last year, our year 5 (now Yr 6) worked with a local artist on designing a piece of art work for the train station. This is now in situ on the first platform at Clitheroe train station and is well worth a look. Due to the class being on the school trip, they were unable to attend the unveiling on Tuesday so Mrs Wilkinson took Sophie and Alejandro to represent school. We are very proud of the art work and hope that the children get to see this.



Reading Week

Next week is reading week in school. On Friday 13th we will celebrate Roald Dahl day (please note we are not dressing up) then next week children will be taking part in a range of activities to promote the love of reading and for them to enjoy both reading and being read to.

On Monday a number of classes will be visiting Clitheroe Library. Mrs Wade is organising a 'reading competition' - more details to follow.

On Tuesday 17th September, we are welcoming to school E.R. Reilly, who is a professional author. Eamonn will be leading an assembly on the day. His website is www.er-reilly.co.uk. If you would like to buy some of his books, he will be leaving them in school up until the beginning of October. If 30 or more books are sold, then the school will receive some free books!

These will be on sale from the dining room on Tuesday afterschool until 4.00pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Reading to classes - if you can spare 15 minutes anytime next week and you would like to read to one of our classes, please contact school via the office to let us know when you would be available and which class(es) you would be happy to read to. We would then ask you to come along at an agreed time and read to the children from one of your favourite children's books.

Volunteer training for parents /Grandparents as readers

There will be a free session held in school on Thursday 19th Sept 9.30-12.3pm for anyone interested in volunteering in schools to help read with the children. Please contact the office if you wish to sign up.

Starlight clothing collection

Please send in your clothing bags for the collection on Monday 16th September. Please note that clothes cannot be accepted after this date.

Town Parade

Hundreds of people are expected to descend into Clitheroe this weekend and take a step back in time to celebrate the town's history and culture. A street parade through the town centre to commemorate 1919's peace processions, with music, banners and actors bringing the past alive, will kick-start a fun-packed day. The procession will start from Clitheroe Parish Church on Church Brow at 10-15 am on Saturday, September 14th. Mrs Booth, Mrs Webb and some of our children and parents will be taking part in the parade. Thank you to Mrs Booth for organising this. This follows a visit to school on Monday by Mrs Thompson who worked with Y5 and Y2. Mrs Thompson was extremely complimentary about our children's behaviour and the wonderful ethos in school. Thank you.

Clitheroe Library

The library has some great events this half term for children and their families!

Firstly, we're into the last month of SCART Club, our summer reading activity. Some of your pupils may have completed, or be on their way to finishing; others may still like to sign up! There's still time to get everything done before the deadline on Saturday 28th September. If you have an

opportunity for a member of library staff to pop into assembly in the next couple of weeks to spur on those taking part, that would be fantastic.

On Saturday 5th October it will be our annual Fun Palace! The library will be playing host to all sorts of unusual and exciting activities run by individuals and groups from the local community. This year we'll be doing a Lego challenge and remaking the library in Minecraft, along with poetry, sports, a hedgehog trail, a photo scavenger hunt, and various arts and crafts - including the chance to draw on the library walls (sort of)!

Last but by no means least, we're thrilled to be welcoming Gav Cross and his Traditional Tales with a Twist on Wednesday 23rd October, as part of the Big Imaginations Children's Theatre Festival. He'll be telling silly stories and folktales from around the world in his giant inflatable story cave, with sound and projection. There'll be three performances: 10.15am (ages 4+), 11.30am (ages 7+) and 2pm (ages 7+), and tickets will be available soon. More details at spotonlancashire.co.uk

Music lessons

If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument, please ask at the office. We currently have piano and guitar teachers who come in to teach some of our children.



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 16 th Sept	Whole School Reading Week - some classes visiting the Library
Tuesday 17 th September	St Augustine's Intake Evening at SSMJ at 7pm
Thursday 19 th Sept	Volunteer reading course 9.30-12.30am -contact the office for details Bowland High school Open evening 6.00- 8.30pm
Wednesday 25 th Sept	Bowland open day 9.15-1.20pm -tours must be pre booked
Thursday 26 th Sept	Ribblesdale open evening 4.30pm -7.00pm
Tuesday 1 st Oct	Year 6 PGL Meeting for parents. 5.00pm
Wednesday 2 nd Oct	Year 6 assembly 3.00pm
Thursday 3 rd Oct	St Augustine's open Evening 6.30pm
Wednesday 9 th Oct	EYFS Coffee morning
Thursday 10 th Oct	Reception 2020 Intake open morning
Tuesday 15 th Oct	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16 th Oct	Parents' Evening
Thursday 17 th Oct	School Closes for Half term 3.30pm
Friday 18 th Oct	INSET DAY -school closed to children

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Z Mabbott
Headteacher