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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

Our Year 2 and Year 6 had their class Mass on Tuesday. We received some wonderful compliments from parishioners about how well behaved the children were and what a beautiful service it was. Well done to all the children for representing SSMJ in this way.

We thank Mr Brown who came to give an assembly on Monday about how the knitted squares made by some of our children are being used in poorer areas of Turkey and helping the refugees. Today was outdoor classroom day. The children enjoyed Outdoor Day, where children took their learning outside. Children enjoyed carrying out a variety of activities, including making plans of the school grounds, designing a maths trail for November's maths week, creating natural art and getting muddy!

Thank you to Mrs Collinge for arranging this. Pictures will be on our facebook page.



Cross Country

Mud Mud Mud..... and more mud was the theme for the year 5/6 Cross country event at Wilson's playing fields on Thursday. We took a girls & boys team to compete in the Ribble Valley & Hyndburn School Cross country event. This is a 1500m run with over 100 participants in each race. The girls set off first and worked together as a group. First in for SSMJ was Maya who was able to push through and navigate through the mud. Eve managed to lose a shoe within the first 5 min and showing true sportsmanship and determination, ran the rest of the race with only one shoe and still managed to finish with a smile! The boys were up next and George was determined to win the race and led it into the woods. Unfortunately the other boys had the edge but George came in a very respectable 6th place. Overall the girls were 12th and the boys 8th. The conditions were awful and the race is a very fast one, so I commend every one of the runners for running and representing the school. We are all very proud of you, so well done: Maya, Eve, Evie, Jasmin, Isobel, Zach, Harvey A, George, Noah, Bill & Ben.

Thank you to Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Layzell & Mrs Clarkson for volunteering to help support and to George's Dad for helping with transport.





Clitheroe Park Run

There is a new Park Run being held at Clitheroe Castle starting 22nd October. This will be a weekly timed 2km run round the Castle Gardens on a Sunday morning open to children of all abilities aged 4-14. The events are very popular wherever they are staged and prove to be a fantastic way of encouraging even inactive children to get interested in running as a sport which greatly benefits their physical and mental health. The parkrun is free to take part in and run entirely by volunteers (typically parents and keen runners). Please search Clitheroe Park run for more information. Let's try and get as many SSMJ children there. Parents can run along and support too!



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. 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 Bayley Fold. Thank you for your co-operation.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

An assembly was held on Thursday 5th Oct, by the ambassadors to tell the children about their roles in school. They did a fantastic job. Well done.



Forest School Volunteers needed

Mrs Collinge is starting Forest Schools again on a Friday afternoon after half term 1.30-3.30pm. We are seeking parents/relatives who would like to volunteer to help during these sessions. Please contact Mrs Collinge or Mrs Wilkinson for more information.

Medical Appointments

Please can I ask parents to try where possible to make medical appointments for their children outside of school hours. I appreciate emergency/long standing hospital appointments may have to be in school time. There have been a number of children either arriving late or being taken out of school early. This is disruptive to the class and the children as lessons are interrupted whilst the child is leaving. Thank you for your support in this.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening appointment times will be sent out next Monday 16th October. Please ensure you have returned your requests back to the class teacher.



Toys/pre-loved items wanted

Early years are looking for items for their outdoor area. Do you have any toys which you no longer need? They are looking for items such as outdoor toys (not bikes or scooters), construction toys/trucks diggers/cars etc



Reception Coffee morning

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and relatives who attended the reception class coffee morning on Tuesday. It was lovely to see the children and how well they have settled in, showing the adults what to do!

PTA

The AGM is being held on Friday 17th November at 2.00-3.00pm.

This will then be followed by KS 1 film night. KS2 film night will be on the 24th November. More details to follow. More events are planned and we will keep you informed of these.

Please try and help support this as much as you can. All proceeds go towards the school and benefit your children. Without this wonderful group of volunteers we would not have the picnic benches, lap tops, reduced rate for school trips and many more wonderful things. Tickets for the spooky disco being held on Friday 27th October are on sale from the office. £5 per family.



Christmas box appeal

Week 2 (w/b 16/10/17) -

School Supplies. E.g. pens, colouring pencils, sharpeners, rubbers, crayons, felt pens, stamp + ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks + paper, colouring and picture books, solar calculators etc
Please send them in with your child, who will put it into their class box.

Flu Vaccination for Years reception - Year 4

The flu vaccination will be given to the children who parents have given permission for. This is on Monday 23rd October. If you haven't sent your form back in, please do so. Unfortunately we do not have spare copies.

Class Assembly

Friday 13th will be year 3 class assembly. 9.05am start.

Next Week

Thursday 19th Oct- Year 5/6 football team to St Augustine's for the Kid's Cup competition 4.00pm

Friday 20th October- year 3/4 football team to St Augustine's for the Kid's Cup competition 4.00pm

Friday 20th Oct - EYFS farmers & Seeds

Year 1 Class Assembly

Thank you for your continued support