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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 for the Summer term. I hope you all had a lovely and restful holiday. It is a busy term again with SATS, school trips and preparing for moving on to high school and the next class. We also begin our induction program for our new reception children who will start school in September. Staff, as always are working very hard to prepare the children for these. Your support as parents and carers is valued and supporting your child at home during these transitions is important.

During Lent we have supported one another in prayer and by 'following the example of Jesus' to raise money for others who are less fortunate than ourselves. During Holy week the children have been learning about and reflecting upon the events of Holy Week and how God showed his love for us all in a very extraordinary and special way as we prepare for the great feast of Easter.

Welcome

This week we welcomed Alice who joined us in reception. We are pleased to welcome her to our SSMJ family.

Sad news

We keep Mr Connolly and his family in our prayers and thoughts as his Mother passed away during the holidays. May she rest in peace.

KS1 Easter 'Eggstravaganza'

This will be on Wednesday 19th April at 9.10am. All parents welcome

Thankyou

Thank you to Beth and Rebecca from Clitheroe Grammar who have been helping in the infants this week on work experience.





Sporting achievements

Congratulations to Will in year 6. Will is currently ranked number 1 in Lancashire at U12 boys' in Tennis and has just played in the North of England Champs and Hull Easter Open this week doing very well reaching the semi-finals.

On Friday, March 31st, Will received a sporting excellence award from Olympian John Schofield at an event at the council chamber, Ribble Valley Borough Council. Will was able to try on John Schofield's Rio silver medal and was the only primary school pupil there.

Junior Easter Read Around

This morning our junior children and Pupil Chaplains shared with us the very important events of Holy Week from the points of view of different people such as Jesus' Disciples, Mary and Pontius Pilate through readings and singing. Our Pupil Chaplains performed a choreographed Prayer leading the reflection 'Were You There'. We are very proud of all of the children and thank all of the staff who have worked so hard with them to prepare for this. Thank you to all the parents, relatives and visitors who were able to attend.



Sports Clubs

Sports clubs start next week with the exception of Gymnastics which starts week commencing 24th April.

Please can I remind all Cross country runners to ensure that they have suitable running shoes (fashion pumps are not suitable) and warm waterproof kit if the weather is poor.

Please ensure that the money has been paid prior to the club starting or the place will have to be given to those on the reserve list.

Celebration assembly NEW TIME

As mentioned previously in the letter, assembly will now be held on a Friday morning at 9.10am. Please pass this on to Grandparents and other family members who may wish to come to assembly.

Holy Week SSMJ Church Services

Maundy Thursday- 8.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - 9.00am Stations of the Cross. 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - 8.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - 9.30am Mass & Renewal of Baptismal Promises



PTA Egg competition

The PTA have organised for an egg decoration contest. Please send in a hardboiled egg, decorated in any theme you wish, with a £1 entry fee. These will be displayed on Tuesday 18th in the hall at 3.15pm for parents to view. There is one prize for KS1 and KS2 entry.

The picnic benches have been ordered and should be in place soon ready for the warm weather. Thank you for your help in raising the money to purchase these.



School Dinners

Reminder again that children **MUST NOT** change their dinner patterns on a daily basis unless parents have contacted the school office. It may be that your child is having a school dinner instead of the packed lunch you have sent in and therefore you will be charged.

Dinner costs up to half term

5 days- £70.40

4 days- £61.60

3 days- (Mon/Wed/Fri) £ 39.60

2 days - £30.80

1 day - £13.20

Purple day for Epilepsy

Thank you to all who made and donated cakes for the cake sale to raise money for Epilepsy Action. You helped to raise £300. Well done.

Please can we ask you to collect any cake boxes you sent in. If they are not collected by next week, we will dispose of them.



St Joseph's Penny

Please send in your collection boxes on Tuesday so we can collate the total.



Stations of the Cross

Thank you to Miss Britnell for leading the Stations of the cross and to all who attended.

Next Week

Sports Clubs start

Tuesday 18th April- Decorated Easter Eggs in to school for PTA competition- Parents to view at 3.15pm

Wednesday 19th - KS1 Easter production 9.15am-

Wednesday 19th - Year 4 start swimming

Friday 21st- Celebration assembly - 9.10am

Friday 21st - Forest School starts

Additional diary dates for the summer term will be sent out next week.

Thank you for your continued support. On behalf of all the staff and governors we wish you a very Happy Easter.

Mrs Mabbott