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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

Your child's report will have come home on Monday. We hope you are proud of your child and their progress and achievements. Success is not just measured on academic results, but also on the personality, wider achievements and personal successes that each child has. We are all very proud of how hard the children have worked this year.

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." - Colin Powell

Welcome Back

On Monday we welcomed back Miss Gudgeon from maternity leave. We are very pleased to have you back!

Year 5/6 play

Wow, what a production. 'It'll be alright on the night' as the saying goes, and it was! Thank you to all the children who have worked very hard to bring the play together. I thank Mr Connolly, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Cook, Mrs Pennock Mrs Layzell and many more members of staff have put so much time and effort in to creating the show and in addition, Mrs Collinge, Mrs Thornton, Miss Britnell, Mrs Wilkinson and Mr Moon for their help on the night. Wednesday was the first time I had seen the full production and I was very proud of them all. Thank you to all the parents/grandparents and relatives who came along to watch and supported the children and school. Thank you also to Mr Shatford who made and provided the amazing backdrop for the performance.



Attendance

Well done to year 1 for 100% attendance this week.



Holidays in term time

It has come to our attention that several children are finishing school earlier than Friday 21st due to family holidays. Please can we remind parents that they must inform the school if they are taking the children out of school during term time and fill in a leave of absence request form. This is a mandatory requirement for attendance reasons. Whilst holidays are not normally authorised, school still needs documentation to show why the child is absent. For safeguarding reasons school needs to know the whereabouts of every child every day so parents must inform the office staff of their wish to take their child out so they do not need to operate our first day response policy which saves the office staff ringing to find out where your child is.

Thank you

Thank you to Keifer's Mum who came in to year 4 to talk about Keifer's citizenship and their Indian heritage. The children got to wear a bindi, smell different herbs and spices and listen to a traditional Indian tale. Miss Aklam looked fantastic in the Sari she tried on.

Colouring Competition



Well done to Ella and Juliette in year 3 who raised £15.65 for the Alzheimer's society by organising a colouring competition.

Guitar Performance

Well done to the children who showed us their guitar playing skills on Wednesday morning and thank you to Mr Hacking for all his hard work teaching them this year.

Refugee Day out

Refugee Day Out on Saturday 15th July on St Michael and St John's Field.

As well as a chance to meet families from countries across the world, there will be a BBQ laid on by the Mosque at 12.30 with an ice cream van with free ice creams for the children, and the Fire Brigade is coming along with a Fire Engine. There will be lots of fun activities and games on the field for children of all ages. The Mayor of Clitheroe will be along to rattle her chain!

There will be a cream tea at St Mary's Church Hall, Sabden, at 3.30pm for anyone who wants to come along - they will need to get there under their own steam!

Activities start around 11am.

Year 5 trip



On Thursday our year 5 children enjoyed a trip to Blackburn mosque. As part of our curriculum we teach the children in various ways about other religions and cultures within our multi-cultural society and community. This was a very informative and enjoyable trip for the children. The children behaved in an impeccable and respectful manner and were a credit to the school.



Infants Teddy Bear Picnic

The infant children enjoyed a lovely picnic in the sunshine today with their teddies in support of CMV. Thank you to Harry's mum from reception, who helped to organise this as the charity is close to her heart. Also we thank Miss Fielding, our cook for the lovely food and for your donations to this cause.

New Reception Children

Our children, who are joining us in September, enjoyed their last visit to school on Wednesday and had a chance to sample a lovely school dinner with their parents. We are looking forward to them joining us in September.

Farmers and Seeds

Our year 4 children and our reception children enjoyed celebrating their roles as farmers and seeds. They enjoyed eating biscuits in the garden and sharing memories of when they first started.

Uniform

This is a reminder that the new uniform comes in for September. All new starters must be in the new uniform. Anyone wishing to keep their child in the old uniform can do so until they have grown out of it. By next September, the whole school must be in the new uniform.



Clubs

Please remember that all before and after school clubs have now finished. You will have received a letter with the clubs on for September. Please ensure you fill these in and send back asap so they can be collated for the start of term. Some clubs are nearly full and it is first come first served basis. Please wait for place confirmation before sending payment. Places will not be offered without payment.



Toast-

There will be no toast next Thursday.

Crossroads Session and Mass

Thank you to Georgia, Megan, Gian, Charlotte, Isobelle and Alice who came in from St Augustine's to talk to the year 6 about the Cross roads programme as they move to high school in September, this was a very informative talk by ex-pupils of SSMJ. Thank you.

On Sunday the Crossroads Mass will take place at 9.30am where the children are symbolically handed over to St Augustine's and other high schools. We invite all of our year 6 children, parents, friends and relatives to come along and support our children at this special Mass.

Assembly

We welcomed Philippa Boyd to our assembly on Friday from Manchester Children's Hospital and Alice Beck from Ronald Macdonald House where they were presented with a cheques for £ 780.50 each. This was from the money that was raised during our fundraising efforts throughout Advent including our nativities and the choir singing at various venues and events. Thank you to all staff involved and for your kind donations.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

This will be held at 9.15am on Friday 21st July. Refreshments - tea, coffee, juice and cake is available after for parents/relatives who wish to stay behind and spend some time in school with their children on their last day at primary school.

Year 6 Leavers' Mass 9.15am

On Thursday Y6 will lead our final whole school Mass as we bid farewell to our wonderful boys and girls. Our Year 6 Pupil Chaplains will, for one final time at SSMJ, perform one of their infamous 'choreographed prayers'. Our Pupil Chaplains have had an outstanding impact upon the faith life of our school and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and well done.

Next week

Monday 17th July - Class moving up session with their new teachers

Wednesday 19th July- Music concert at 9.15am. Parents welcome.

Wednesday 19th July- Year 6 special lunch- whole school included. Please let the office know if your child would like this if they normally have a packed lunch. Prior payment of £2.20 will be required.

Thursday 20th July - Leavers' Mass 9.15am in church. All are welcome

Friday 21st July - Leavers' assembly 9.15am - followed by refreshments

School closes at 2.15pm

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Z Mabbott