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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

### **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to the 23 children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday. They were wonderful and looked super. This was a significant and important event in their spiritual life and their journey of faith. Thank you to all those involved including our Parish Catechists who have worked hard, on a voluntary basis, to help pass on their faith to the children. Thank you to members of the choir from school and the Parish and to the instrumentalists for their preparations and for supporting the service with their wonderful music and singing.

Many people have been involved in preparing the children and also on the day. Father Corcoran and Father Kevin, the members of the PTA, Mrs Hodges for making a beautiful cake for the children, Miss Britnell and Miss Smith. Mrs Lambert for their help in preparing the children in school.

We also thank the many Prayer Friends and Sponsors who continue to support and pray for our children.

Finally, we thank you as parents and families for supporting your child on this journey of faith and congratulate our boys and girls who were so reverent during the service and who looked so wonderful for this special occasion.

### **Bags 2 school**

Thank you for your donations of clothing. We managed 145 kg giving us £58 towards the PTA.

### **World Vocation Day**

We are celebrating this day by by of asking the children to dress up as their favourite **vocational** hero e.g.: Doctor/firefighter/nurse/teacher/police/Priest/Vet/Armed Forces. Please note, comic characters such as Spiderman /superman are not preferred. Please do not go to any expense in buying additional costumes. Most of these vocations are own clothes (teacher) Please could we ask for a £1 donation which will be going towards costs for MADD week.





### Pirate day

There will be a dress up Pirate day for **YEAR 2** on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. This is not a necessity and if you do not have any specific pirate clothes please do not feel pressured in to buying any. A simple t-shirt or eye patch will suffice. The children have always enjoyed this day and get involved in activities such as treasure hunts and arts and crafts.

### Lost Property

As the school year is coming to an end and with the introduction of the school uniform, please can you ensure that your child has the correct uniform. We have a number of jumpers and cardigans in lost property with no names on but in good condition. Can you also check if your child has accidentally taken home a boys blue age 10/11 coat from Next.



### Girls' Cricket Team

Congratulations to the girls' cricket team who took part in the Hyndburn Ribble Valley Cricket Tournament at Clitheroe Cricket club on Thursday. They played really well and finished second meaning they will now represent the Ribble valley in the Lancashire competition. Thank you to Mrs Sumner for taking them.

The boys' cricket team also competed today and came second too. A good result for both teams. Well done.



### Cross Country

It was the annual Ribble Valley schools Cross Country event on Thursday. This is always a well attended event and not surprisingly, takes a lot of hard work and time to organise. Thank you to Mrs Cook for organising the team and the other schools. Along with Mr Moon they set up the course, which is no easy task ready for the competition. 14 schools with 16 teams took part and the children who ran for St Michael & St John's did us proud. The girls team overall came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall with Ellie coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and Flossie 3<sup>rd</sup>. The boy's team did well with George in year 4 being the first SSMJ runner in. Thank you to Mr Connolly, Mrs Layzell, Mrs Moon, Mrs Wilkinson and the year 6 helpers too and to all the parents/relatives who came along to support this.

### Phonics Assessments

Well done to our Infant children who have tried really hard with their phonics assessments this week. We are very pleased with their efforts.



### Road Safety

This week our children in reception have been undertaking the number 1 Road Safety program delivered by school staff. These valuable sessions help to keep our children safe. Thank you to all of the teaching assistants who have led this.



### Anaphylaxis Campaign

We wish Ben and Beatrice's Mum and Dad luck in their challenge this weekend as they walk the gruelling course of the National 3 peaks. They will start at 4.30pm on Saturday to climb Ben Nevis, then they will they make their way to Scafell through the night and then on to Snowdon in under 24 hours (hopefully). Your kind donations to this cause raised by wearing orange raised £121.83. Thank you

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### Attendance

Well done to years 1& 2 for 100% attendance this week.

Dates for next week

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June-	MADD week ( Music, Arts, Dance & Drama)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June-	Ribblesdale Intake Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June-	St Augustine's year 6 intake day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June -	Bowland High school intake evening
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June -	Full Governors' Meeting
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June-	Prayer Friends' Tea Party
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June -	High 5 netball competition at Ribblesdale
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June-	Celebration Assembly
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June -	World Vocation day- Dress up £1 donation

Thank you for your continued support. May we politely request that if you do have any concerns or queries that you speak directly to the class teacher or make an appointment with a member of the senior leadership team so that we can help to alleviate or address your concerns.

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