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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

It has been an enjoyable 7 weeks in school for everyone this half term. It's hard to believe that just 7 weeks ago, our reception children were starting out on their journey at SSMJ. In just 7 weeks they have grown and flourished under the guidance and nurturing of Miss Harkin, Mrs Layzell, Miss Hutchinson and all the other members of staff and helpers who work alongside them. The children are so confident and have adapted well to their environment. It is so lovely to see how happy they all are and how much new learning has taken place.

Hopefully your parents' evening meetings with your child's teachers have shown that all the children across the school have settled in to their new class well and have been getting their heads down to learning, with a bit of fun along the way! Well done to the children and thank you to all the staff who work so hard to ensure the children at SSMJ are **'the best they can be.'**

The next half term leading up to Christmas is always a busy one and such a special time, with lots of fun activities to look forward to. Please keep an eye on the newsletters for upcoming events.

Spooky Disco

Thank you for all the chocolate contributions today for the spooky disco on Friday 1st November. Tickets are still available and you can also pay on the door.

Father John and Father Paul

We said a sad farewell to Father John on Wednesday in a lovely assembly. The singing was beautiful and the children made some lovely cards. We will miss Father but hope he enjoys his retirement.

We welcome Father Paul to the parish and look forward to introducing him to the children and staff.





Change of Date

The Christmas Fair will now be held on Friday 29th November 3.30-5.30pm
Non uniform will still be on this day in exchange for Secret Santa gifts.

Year 6 Talent Day

Today, our Year 6 held a talent day. Some of the children brought in items that show off their talents. We were amazed at the number of talented children from footballers, scooter experts, cricketers, dancers, guitarists, violinists, ballerinas and many more. Please inform school if your child achieves anything in any of these wonderful talents so we can help celebrate with them.



Well done

Congratulations to Jack in year 6 who has been selected to play for Hyndburn and Ribble Valley U11 District Football Team for the upcoming season 19/20. The coaching team had to choose 15 children out of 70 so Jack has done extremely well and we are all very proud.

School Matters!



The whole school attendance for this term was

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| Reception | 97.4% |
| Year 1 | 96.3% |
| year 2 | 98.2% |
| Year 3 | 97.4% |
| Year 4 | 94.9% |
| Year 5 | 99.2% |
| Year 6 | 98.2% |
| Total | 97.6% |

School attendance is extremely important at this age and every second/ minute/hour / day counts. Our school target is 97% and as you can see most of our classes have achieved this. I appreciate there have been a few illnesses but please be aware that for every day of learning they miss at school may not be caught up.

Being late for school by just 10 mins can lead to missing vital education. Taking children out for medical appointments not only disrupts the class but also means that they are missing learning time. Please where possible make medical appointments out of school time. Most dentists and doctors for non- emergency cases are able to be booked in advance.

Library Events

We wanted to let you know about a special event in Clitheroe Library over half term. On Wednesday 23rd October, storyteller Gavin Cross will be sharing silly stories in his pop-up storycave, full of amazing images and lights! He will be doing three performances: 10.15am (for age 4+), 11.30am and 2pm (for age 7+). Tickets are £5 per child per show, with a free ticket for an accompanying adult. Call in or email clitheroe.library@lancashire.gov.uk or book online at www.spotonlancashire.co.uk. You're guaranteed a giggle!

Clubs

Please don't forget to sign up for the new clubs after half term. There are still places available. If these area not filled we may have to cancel them. The list is attached. As before, Drama, Judo, Tennis, skateboarding and Zumba CANNOT be paid via parentpay. These are payable to the coaches. If you need more information, please contact Mrs Wilkinson.

Please note that Netball is Tuesday NOT Wednesday as originally posted.



Dates For Your Diary

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| Friday 18 th Oct | INSET DAY -school closed to children. |
| Mon 21 st - 25 th | Pro sport half term club in school. Contact 01254 366316 to book |
| Monday 28 th Oct | School reopens - 8 week term clubs restart for 5 weeks |
| Wednesday 30 th Oct | Year 5 Assembly 3.00pm |
| Thursday 31 st October | DEADLINE for applications to secondary school (on line). |
| Friday 1 st Nov | PTA Spooky disco |
| Tuesday 5 th Nov | Nasal flu immunisation |
| Friday 8 th Nov | Year 2 & 4 Remembrance Assembly 9.00am Yr 2 & 6 Fire Safety talk |
| Monday 11 th Nov | Wear odd socks day for Anti Bullying week |
| Wednesday 13 th Nov | Year 3 class assembly |
| Friday 15 th Nov | NSPCC assemblies then workshops for Y5 and Y6 Please note there will be no celebration assembly |
| Wednesday 20 th Nov | Reception balanceability |
| Thursday 21 st Nov | Reception balanceability |
| Monday 25 th Nov | Last week of clubs except running |
| Wednesday 27 th Nov | Year 1 Assembly |
| Friday 29 th Nov | Non Uniform - Secret Santa PTA School Christmas Fair 3.30pm in school |
| Tuesday 3 rd Dec | Whole school Mass 9.15am |
| Friday 6 th Dec | Last running club |
| Tuesday 10 th Dec | Junior Nativity 6.30pm in Church |
| Wednesday 11 th Dec | Infant Nativity 9.30am in school Whole school visit to The Grand for the Panto |
| Thursday 12 th Dec | Infant nativity 2.15pm |

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| Monday 16 th Dec | Infant Christmas Party |
| Tuesday 17 th Dec | Junior Christmas Party |
| Wednesday 18 th Dec | Christmas dinner and jumper day |
| Friday 20 th Dec | Early closure at 2.15pm |

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Z Mabbott