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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's been a long but enjoyable 7 weeks in school for everyone this 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 Mrs Clarkson, Mrs Layzell, Miss Whittaker 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.

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.



### The Rosary

Thank you to Miss Britnell and the children for leading and attending the Rosary before school.

### Caritas beacon Newsletter

E-Newsletter sign up

If you wish to sign up to receive electronic versions of the Beacon and other news, please follow this link:

<http://eepurl.com/dv87oL>





### Drama club

Please see the attached flyer for the drama club held here on Thursday's afterschool. This has proved to be very popular and there are still spaces if you wish to join up after half term for 6 weeks. It is run by Ribcaged productions and the children thoroughly enjoy it. If you wish to sign your child up, please send in £24 in cash or made payable to Ribcaged Productions. Those of you who paid in full up to Christmas need not apply again.



### Half term sports club

We are lucky to be hosting a half term holiday club run by Pro Sports coaching. A flyer was sent home with your child but more are available if you need them. Monday is a dance club and Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday is soccer school.

Please contact 01254 366316 for more details.

Please note that school cannot take bookings or payments for this.



### Tennis

Tennis club is run on Thursday mornings by experienced coach Mark Schofield from Ribble Valley tennis. These will resume again after half term £4 per session. This is open to all years **EXCEPT** reception. If you wish to sign up it will run for 7 weeks the last one being Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. Money must be made payable to M Schofield.

### Parents' evening

Thank you to all those who attended the parents' evenings this week. It was lovely to see so many parents. We have tried to accommodate as many as we can over the 3 days but if you have been unable to make an appointment, please arrange this with the class teacher.

## School Matters!



### Attendance

The whole school attendance for this term was

Reception	98.4%
Year 1	98.6%
year 2	98.4%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	99.4%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	96.9%

School attendance is extremely important at this age and every second/ minute hour / day counts. 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.

### Non Uniform Day

Thank you for all the chocolate contributions yesterday to support the PTA in arising funds for our school.



### Twitter

Please follow us on twitter [SSMJclitheroe](#) to keep up with latest events and so you can see what is happening in school. Our school name on twitter is [@SSMJClitheroe](#).

### Celebration Assemblies

This half term a number of classes have shared some of their learning with us in our Friday celebration assembly and it has been truly wonderful to see. Each assembly demonstrated learning across a range of subjects including music, science, RE, literacy, geography, art and DT showing the cross curricular approach to learning at SSMJ and how we as a school ensure children have abroad, creative and engaging curriculum. Look out for photographs of future assemblies on twitter.



### Y3/4 Football

Good luck to the Year 3 and 4 football team playing in the tournament at SARCHS this evening. Thank you to Mr Smith for taking them.

### PTA Disco

Just a reminder that Halloween Disco Tickets (Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov) will be on sale after half term from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October. You are still able to buy a ticket on the door but it really helps us to plan when we have a good idea of numbers beforehand. Remember you can invite non-SSMJ families if you have any friends or relatives who might like to come? The funds raised will be put towards new equipment for the Y1 outdoor area, as well as contributing towards regular activities such as the Christmas pantomime and class trips. Please do come and support School...you'll have a spookily good time!!!



### Dates to go in your diary

#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 2 Assembly

PTA 50/50 draw

Year 5 trip to Clitheroe Library

School Closes at 3.30pm for half term. ( **Afterschool football is on as normal**)

#### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October- School reopens**

Breakfast & afterschool clubs resume

#### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Secondary school applications close

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

All saints Mass 10.30am - Whole school

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

PLEASE NOTE -No Celebration Assembly

Art club starts

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 2 & 4 Remembrance Assembly this replaces Celebration Assembly

PTA Halloween Disco - Parish centre 6-8pm

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Reception bike balanceability

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**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
Reception silly clothes day  
Safeguarding training

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 1 Assembly

Thank you for your continued support

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