



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

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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

I would like to say well done and thank you to our wonderful children for all of their efforts this term. I also thank the staff for their hard work. There is a lot of hard work after school hours that staff carry out to ensure our children are at the centre of everything we, do, say and of all decisions made. It really is a privilege to be the Head teacher at SSMJ serving the community and striving every day to fulfil our mission statement and to ensure every one of our children and staff 'follows the example of Jesus....to be the best they can be'.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of our families and community for your continued support. Thank you for your kind messages for example regarding the infant and junior nativities and the Christmas music concert. On behalf of the whole staff we also thank you for all the cards and gifts received by the staff.

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

#### **Christmas Eve**

4pm St Michael & St John's Clitheroe

6pm St Michael & St John's Clitheroe

8pm St Mary's Sabden

#### **Christmas Day**

8am Dunsop Bridge

10am St Michael & St John's Clitheroe

**Advent Reflections** Tuesday 7.30pm St Mary's, Sabden



### Assembly

We had a lovely assembly today for Miss Britnell and Mrs Clarkson. The choir sang beautifully and the GIFT team performed their choreographed prayer. They were presented with class cards and presents from us all at SSMJ and it was a lovely opportunity for all the children and staff to thank them both for their many years of service to SSMJ. We wish them luck in the future.

### Christmas Dinner Day

A huge thank you to Mrs Fielding and her team for preparing and serving 130 Christmas dinners. The children had a wonderful time and the food was delicious as always.

### PTA news

Thank you for helping to raise money for the school. The raffle raised £100. Your contributions and on-going support is much appreciated. Thank you to our PTA who continue to work tirelessly in a voluntary capacity.

### Street hope Bags

Thank you to all families who have donated bags in support of Street hope. Mr Hayton will be collecting these and delivering them to the homeless over the coming days. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity which will bring some Christmas joy to those who need it.



### Music Concert

On Tuesday we were treated to a wonderful music concert with some of our children playing live music. Thank you to Mr Lee for being our compare for the performance and entertaining us all as only he can. Once again it was an honour to see our talented children perform.



### Parties

On Monday the Infants thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas party and were visited by a very "special guest" who brought them all a gift. Thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule at this time of year to put smile on the faces of our boys and girls. Also, we thank the parent helpers and 'Friends of SSMJ' for their support with this.

On Tuesday our juniors enjoyed their party day with lots of fun and games had by all. They also received a gift from Santa for all their efforts this year.

**Charities**

Thank you for all the donations for the nativities. We raised **£935** for our 4 chosen charities from these donations and the choir who have sung beautifully at Tesco, Sainsbury and Booths.

**Choir in the Community**

Than you to our wonderful choir who also took time out to sing for residents at High Brake House and also at Clitheroe Hospital. They were an absolute credit to themselves, their families and the community, bringing joy to others. It was a privilege to accompany them.

Thank you to Mrs Jackson for leading on the choir and to all the staff members who gave up their time to join in.

**Dinners**

As previously mentioned, please can parents ensure that there are sufficient funds in the parent pay account to pay for their child's meals. Dinners cost £2.20 per day and for every day they are left unpaid the amount accumulates costing the school. As stated before, we cannot cover the cost of these meals and therefore parents will be asked to provide a pack lunch if dinners are not paid.

Parents will be sent a text reminders, followed by letters to request for payment. If all of these are not responded to we will contact you to provide a pack lunch. This can be upsetting for the children so please help the school by paying for the meals provided.

Unpaid debts may eventually be passed over to LCC.

**Clubs**

Clubs for next year are filling up. If you wish to have a place please ensure this is paid for upfront to confirm your place. External coaches will not hold places unless they are paid for. Please note that these clubs are fixed until February half term. Due to staffing commitments we cannot accommodate any other clubs during the week. As a school we host more clubs than many other schools and try to give a wide variety of choice. If childcare is required please contact Alison at Sunflowers.

**FRIDAY- SCHOOL CLOSSES 2.15PM**

Please inform any Grandparents/childminders/ friends of the early finish.



### Dates for Your Diary

January	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens at 8.55am
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 residential and SATS meetings 5.00pm Yr 1 parents' evening - 3.30pm onwards
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Clubs start
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Admissions closing date
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Andy and the Odd Sock visit to school
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr 6 Assembly 3.00pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Class photographs
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 health questionnaires
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Book Bus visit to school PTA infant film Night

### Important Future dates

Reconciliation for year 3 on the Sacramental Programme - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
6.30pm.

First Holy Communion Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am

*On behalf of the Governors, Staff and I may we wish you a Peaceful and Happy Christmas and look forward to continuing to work with you all in 2020.*