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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

Welcome back for the Summer term. I hope you all had a lovely and restful holiday. It is a busy term again with SATS, school trips and preparing for moving on to high school and the next class. We also begin our induction program for our new reception children who will start school in September. Staff, as always are working very hard to prepare the children for these. Your support as parents and carers is valued and supporting your child at home during these transitions is important.

During Lent we have supported one another in prayer and by 'following the example of Jesus' to raise money for others who are less fortunate than ourselves. Information regarding the Give it up campaign will be sent out shortly.



This week we welcomed Lily in year 3, Eshal in year 2 and Zoya in reception. We are very pleased to welcome them to our SSMJ family and hope their families have settled in well.

We also welcomed Mr Goulding who is a qualified teacher and will be working with us on a Tuesday and Wednesday to cover teachers' PPA time working with a range of classes. He has enjoyed his first week and we are pleased to welcome him to the SSMJ team.





Sports Clubs

Sports clubs started this week.

Please can I remind all Cross country runners to ensure that they have suitable running shoes (fashion pumps are not suitable) and warm waterproof kit if the weather is poor.

Please ensure that the money has been paid prior to the club starting or the place will have to be given to those on the reserve list.

Due to being undersubscribed, TAG RUGBY will NOT be going ahead on Tuesdays. This will be replaced with a new club called Multi skills open to all year groups. It will have different activities each week such as cricket, golf, rounders, handball, dodgeball and hockey. It will start Tuesday 1st May at 3.30-4.30pm until Tuesday 10th July. The cost will be £20.00. This will be added to all parentpay accounts so you can pay via there if you wish to. If you do not want your child to take part, please ignore it on the parent pay system. There is a limit to numbers so please sign up soon. If we have not had enough numbers by Friday 27th, again we will not be able to run the club.



Mad Science

If you wish to attend this club starting Thursday 10th May, £60 for 8 weeks please go to www.madsciencenw.com to apply. If they do not get enough interest unfortunately this club will not go ahead and all parents who have already signed up will be informed. This is a fantastic club and teaches fun and interactive science. It is open to all years.



Sports day

Sports day this year will, weather permitting be held on Thursday 24th May (last day before half term)

Infants (reception, Yr 1 & 2) will start at 1.45pm- infants to wear pe pumps and juniors at 9.45am- Juniors (Yr 3/4/5/6) can wear trainers.

We will also be hosting the annual inter schools cross country event on Wednesday 20th June at 1.30pm. Children involved in this will be informed. Parents are welcome to come and cheer them on. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.

Dinner Money

Please ensure you are up to date with dinner money. Debt cannot be carried this term and all children who pay for a school meal need to have their accounts in credit. If you receive a text asking you to pay, please action this as soon as possible. Thankyou

Milk

Please can parents place orders for milk if you wish your child to have this in the infants. This is free to children under 5 but is payable for the term they are due to be 5 in. Ie. If they turn 5 in July you will still need to apply and pay for it from April. For more information please contact www.milk4lifecom or telephone 01443 742112



St Joseph's Penny

Please send in your collection boxes by Tuesday so we can collate the total.

Bags to school

Don't forget to send in your bags to school by Monday for collection on Tuesday morning. Bags bought in after this date cannot be accepted.



Letters home

Whilst we try to keep information being sent home to a minimum, please can you ensure that you check your child's bag daily for any letters that may be sent home. Also remind them to check their desks. The office is having to re-send letters that have gone missing and this is obviously costly in reprinting. Newsletters with important dates on are also accessible on the school website. Some letters will now be sent out via email to ensure parents get the information.



Jazz Festival

JAZZ

How Monkey Found His Swing- a fun and easy introduction to music making for children of any ability.

The Ribble Valley Jazz and Blues Festival 2018, supported by the Arts Council England and the University of Central Lancashire.

Thursday 3 May through to Bank Holiday Monday 7 May in Clitheroe and the Ribble Valley.

One of our goals is to facilitate the participation of children.
You can find out more about this interactive theatre event here:
<https://vimeo.com/188639338> and here

<http://www.thegrandvenue.co.uk/event/hsq-quartet-how-monkey-found-his-swing>

To get your hands on the FREE tickets for the session send an email to

treasurer@rvjazzandblues.co.uk before noon on St George's Day, Sunday 22 April telling us the name of yourself and your primary school.

The winners will be chosen at random on St George's day. 1 pair of FREE tickets for each primary school in Clitheroe. Good luck



Diary Dates

Monday 16th April - School reopens at 8.55am 6 week half term
- **Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs start**

Tuesday 17th April - Reception Eye test

Friday 20th April - **PTA meeting 2.30pm in school**

Tuesday 24th April - Bags 2 school collection

Thursday 26th April - Mini Tennis Roefield years 3 & 4

Friday 27th April -Year 3- 4 Football SARCHS

Reception class assembly 9.00am

Thursday 3rd May - Quad kids Event- Wilsons Playing Fields years 3 & 4

Friday 4th May- Year 1 Assembly

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

Wednesday 9th May - Year 3 Roman Day

Thursday 10th May - Mad Science Afterschool Club starts for 8 weeks

Friday 11th May - Year 4 Assembly

Friday 11th May - PTA Chocolate Bingo

Monday 14th May - Year 6 SATS week

Monday 14th - Animal Olympics - Oakhill year 1 & 2

Tuesday 15th - Reception coffee morning 9.15am

Thursday 17th May - Royal Wedding Lunch

Thursday 17th May - New Reception Children - Intake Evening

Monday 21st May - Netball Oakhill
Tuesday 22nd May - EYFS Coffee Morning
Wednesday 23rd May - EYFS Bikes & scooters
Thursday 24th May - Sports Day
Girls Football at Clitheroe Grammar - 4.00- 6.00pm
(Afterschool clubs are still on)

School Closes at 3.30pm

Friday 25th - INSET DAY
School Re opens- Monday 4th June for a 7 week half term

Mrs Z Mabbott
Headteacher

Celebration Assemblies

Friday 27th April - Year Reception
Friday 4th May- Year 1
11th May - Year 4
Friday 18th May- no celebration assembly
Friday 25th May Inset Day - School Closed
Friday 8th June - year 6
Friday 15th June- Year 5
Friday 22nd June - Year 3
Friday 29th June- No Celebration -

Friday 6th July- Year 2
Friday 20th Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am