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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

This week has been Reading Week with some wonderful work going on in school and the children, as always, are demonstrating excellent attitudes towards learning.

On Tuesday evening we met with our families of the children on the Sacramental Program this year. We appreciate the time given by Father, Mrs Lambert and the Catechists. Thank you to Miss Britnell and Mr Smith for their support. We are looking forward to working with our children, parents and the parish community during this special year for our children.

Some of our children joined in the Heritage walk round Clitheroe on Saturday. Thank you to Mrs Booth and Mrs Webb for accompanying them.

Well done to a group of 4 of Mum's (Caroline (Rosie & Heidi's Mum), Vic (Isabella & Felix's Mum), Mary (Genevieve & Benjamin's Mum) and Vina (Isabelle's Mum) who walked the 3 Peaks on Saturday raising money for the PTA at SSMJ will directly benefit your children. It's not too late to donate if you wish via <http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cazvicmaryvina>

'Wahey, we did it!! Last Saturday, as has been kindly advertised by School and within Church, Caroline, Victoria, Mary and Vina walked the 'Three Peaks of Yorkshire' (in just under 12 hours - we are now official members of the 'TPoY Club!'). It was truly amazing in many ways - amazingly tiring, painful and frustrating (we plan to complain to the relevant authorities about the length and steepness of the route as well as the accompanying mud and rocks (joking...sort of!), but on the flipside what a wonderful way to spend a lovely Saturday (the weather was really kind to us!) with your friends - walking while having a nice chat definitely makes the time go faster, and we were all there for each other as moral support whenever the going got tough and parts of us were really aching! The icing on the cake is how much support people have given us...through your generosity we've raised a wonderful amount of money for School which will be a valuable contribution towards items that are really wanted/needed. In case anyone still wishes to donate there are still a couple of weeks to go before the page closes (01 October), and any further support would be very gratefully received. Thank you ever so much again



Reading Week

On Monday, I was fortunate enough to visit Clitheroe library with our wonderful EYFS children who were so well behaved and mature. We listened to some stories and then all chose a book to take home. Later on Mr Smith took Year 3 who also had a wonderful time. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped by giving up their free time including Mr Whalley and Miss Hutchinson. On Tuesday we had a visiting author, Mr Reilly, who read to us some extracts from his books and talked to us about how much fun reading is and how to be good writer. During the week classes have been focusing on reading e.g. through 'drop everything and read' and 'triple R' - thank you to the children and parents for the donated books, we even had a donation from a parents on an ex year 6 pupil who still supports our school. Thank you. On Friday we invite parents in to classes to see reading in action. Please come to the hall for 9.00am to be taken to your class. There will be no assembly.

St Augustine's Intake Evening

Thank you to Mr Wright (Headteacher) and Mrs Bleazard (Assistant Headteacher) who came to talk to parents of Year 6 about everything they need to know about St. Augustine's RC High School and what is on offer for prospective Year 7 pupils in 2020.

Although it seems early in the school year, applications for secondary school need to be completed by October 31st and if applying for St. Augustine's, the pink faith **form must ideally be sent directly** to St. Augustine's. Copies were handed out on the night or they can be downloaded from the St Augustine's website under admissions. We do have some spare booklets which Miss Smith will pass on to your child if you were unable to attend.

Farmers and Seeds

On Tuesday our EYFS children (seeds) met their farmers (Year 4) and spent some time reading together and getting to know each other. It was lovely to watch the older children showing so much care for our younger ones and to see new friendships being formed.

Aldi Stickers

Thank you for your donations so far. Please keep sending these in.



Cycle to School

Schools across the UK are being invited to take part in the 2019 Bike to School Week, 23 - 27 September.

Bike to School Week is a week-long event, organised by Sustrans designed to showcase the benefits of cycling to school across the UK. It is a great opportunity to promote the positive impact that an active lifestyle can have on pupils' wellbeing and health. It's free, there's no need to register, and it's a fantastic way to get warmed up ready for Sustrans Big Pedal in the spring.

Download the free 'Guide to walking, cycling and scooting to school' and take part in the photo competition for a chance to win a brand new bike from Frog Bikes. There are some great resources available to help promote the cause in the link

attached: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/bike-to-school-week-2019/>

Books



Please keep your books coming in for our library. The children are really enjoying having a variety of new books to read. We would like to thank you Mrs D'Souza for the books she donated from Keifer who left last year and to Harvey (in Y6), Siblings Harry and Penny (Y3 and EYFS) Lucy G (Yr 5)



PTA Spooky Disco

Tickets will be on sale next week from the office. £2 per child. £1.00 per hotdog and chocolate tombola will be available on the night. This is held at the Parish Centre and starts at 6.00pm - 8.00pm. (Children not attending School also very welcome). Chocolate in exchange for non-uniform Thurs 17th Oct Volunteers welcome - contact Caroline or Kay'

NEW CLUBS

The new grid for clubs starting after half term is attached to this newsletter. They will appear on parentpay if your child's class can take part. If you do not wish for your child to join please ignore it. Once you have paid, this is confirmation of your place. Please check the start dates and times. Tennis, Judo and Drama will continue again after half term for 5 weeks so please send in payment if you wish for your child to rejoin.

We have two new clubs run by outside companies. Skate boarding which is run by The Grand. This is limited to 16 places, years 3-6 and places will be confirmed on receipt of payment of £20.00 for 5 weeks. If your child does not get a place this term we hope to run it again in the Spring term if it is popular.

Zumba is also back on Fridays at a cost of £20 for 5 weeks for years 3-6 but again numbers are limited. Running club will continue as normal and there is no need to re-join.

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium and would like to join any of the afterschool clubs, please speak to Mrs Wilkinson.

Milk

Please see attached letter regarding milk



Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 25 th Sept	Bowland open day 9.15-1.20pm -tours must be pre booked
Thursday 26 th Sept	Ribblesdale open evening 4.30pm -7.00pm Football match St Augustine's
Tuesday 1 st Oct	Year 6 PGL Meeting for parents. 5.00pm
Wednesday 2 nd Oct	Year 6 assembly 3.00pm
Thursday 3 rd Oct	St Augustine's open Evening 6.30pm
Friday 4 th Oct	PTA meeting 2.15pm -all welcome
Wednesday 9 th Oct	EYFS Coffee morning Westholme open evening 5.00-7.30pm
Thursday 10 th Oct	Reception 2020 Intake open morning 9.30-10.30am
Tuesday 15 th Oct	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16 th Oct	Parents' Evening
Thursday 17 th Oct	School Closes for Half term 3.30pm Non uniform in exchange for chocolate for tombola
Friday 18 th Oct	INSET DAY -school closed to children
Monday 28 th Oct	School reopens - 8 week term clubs restart
Wednesday 30 th Oct	Year 5 Assembly 3.00pm
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

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Z Mabbott

Headteacher