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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

Another week has passed by with the children settling down to some fantastic work. Take a look at our new section on the newsletter in '*what have we been doing this week*'. The children pack so much learning in to one week that I'm sure they forget to tell you of all the new and interesting things they have learnt.



Building work

We are very pleased to report that we have secured funding from Salford Diocese for phase 2 of the building work. This will include an extension to the entrance area creating a new office area at the front of the school with an extension above this and a refurbishment of the Early Years outdoor area. The building work will commence 13th February and is expected to take until July. Obviously, with building work and development comes inevitable disruption. The work will be effectively planned and managed. As always, safety and security will be our priority whilst ensuring the children's learning is not affected. Your co-operation with this is appreciated.

Parents Assessment Information Evening

You may be aware that last year there were some significant national changes to the way children are assessed and schools no longer use 'level's' to assess children's attainment. In addition, there were changes to the Year 2 and Y6 end of year tests (SATs). To provide you with further information we will be having a short information session on Wednesday 8th February at 5.30pm during which the new system will be explained. This is appropriate for all parents but particularly for parents with children in year 2 and year 6. It does not apply to parents of children in the current reception class as assessment in EYFS remains the same. Further details will follow in a separate letter nearer the time.

Parents Assessment Working Group

We need your views! As part of our school development plan/priorities for this year and following the national changes to assessment, we are considering the information we send home to parents about your child's attainment and progress. With this in mind, I would like a small group of parent representatives to form an 'Assessment Working Group'. This involves attending an initial session



on Friday 3rd March at 9.15am with myself and a teacher representative during which we can take your views on the type, format and frequency of information you would find useful as a parent in terms of your child's attainment and progress.

If you would be interested in joining this working group to represent parental views please complete and return the attached slip or send an email or note in to the school office by Friday 3rd February.

To be effective the group need to be a reasonable number of parents with children in different classes. So, following 3rd February we will contact you to confirm your involvement in the group.



Nail Varnish

As per the uniform policy, please can we remind you that nail varnish is not permitted. There are a number of girls wearing nail varnish. Please can we request that this is removed before attending school. Thank you

Uniform Update

Following consultation at Parents' Evening, and discussion with Governors we are now having two model uniforms made up for you to look at. More details will follow once these are ready.



What have we been doing this week

Year 6 have been learning about Macbeth,

Year 5 have been 'flying into space, and meeting aliens,

Year 4 have been reading Charlie and the Chocolate factory and learning in science about keeping your teeth healthy.

Year 3 children have been reading Stig of the Dump and their topic is 'Rock and Roll'.

Year 2 have been working on their maths and multiplying. They have also been looking at the Bible.

Year 1 have made bread from scratch, shaping them as hedgehogs. This is following their topic of the Great Fire of London.

Reception-have been learning about dinosaurs and making paper models of them. They have been showing off their skills in gymnastics.

The choir have been very busy rehearsing for Stonyhurst and Young voices. They are sounding fantastic!

The School Council have met to plan some exciting fundraising events for this term.



Dates

Please check the calendar on the school website which contains dates from now until the end of the school year in July.

Monday 23rd Jan - Visit to Salford Cathedral for Caritas Ambassadors

Monday 23rd Jan- Netball competition at Oakhill

Tuesday 24th -Jan- year 5 to Hyndburn Sports centre for Multi skills

Thursday 26th Jan - Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank

Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 20th and Thursday 23rd March.
Parents Assessment Information Evening - Wednesday 8th February at 5.30pm

PTA News

The PTA have been busy organising events to help raise funds for the school. In this section you will find the minutes of the last meeting and any upcoming events.



'Valentines Disco, Friday 10th February, 6-8 in the Social Centre, with Hot Dogs, Chocolate Tombola and party games'.

Friends of St. Michael and St. John's school

Minutes and notes from the meeting held in school on Friday the 13th January 2017

Present: Caroline, Kaye, Tess, Catherine, Helen, Sarah.

Apologies: Mrs Mabbott

Amendments to previous minutes: none

Matters arising: Money from the school Christmas fair had been collected and counted, this was a great success!

Caroline to ask Mrs Mabbott if we are eligible for any grants.

We will be looking for sponsors for the summer ball usually found through local business owners who donate items to raffle off.

Caroline is finding information out regarding the company who does 'bags 2 school' so that a date can be confirmed.

Treasurers report: Balance £730

The PTFA confirmed that they would donate £100 per class towards their annual school trip as requested by Mrs Wilkinson.

Secretary's report: Sarah passed all up to date contact details to Tess. Thank you Sarah.

Proposed upcoming events:

Non uniform day in return for sweets (love hearts etc) for the valentines disco TBC

Valentines disco on Friday the 10th of February with hot dogs being served 6-8pm TBC. Caroline is speaking with the parish centre regarding availability.

Proposed film nights two consecutive Fridays, one for the infants and one for the juniors. Late February/early March TBC.

Easter hat or spring vegetable animal competition and a sponsored hop assault course TBC.

Summer ball with band/disco and buffet TBC.

Request for funds: school trips/outings

Next meeting: Friday 3rd February at 1.30pm. a slightly earlier time to allow for the school council.

Assessment Working Group

I would be interested in joining the Parent Assessment Working Group and can attend the meeting on Friday 3rd March at 9.15am. I have a child/children in the following year group(s).

Parent Name _____

Children in Year(s) _____