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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

We have now come to the end of a busy but rewarding academic year, we reflect upon the past 12 months and some of our school achievements and accolades which would not have been possible without the great sense of belonging, teamwork and dedication across our school and parish family. There are too many to mention but we, as a school, have raised money for charities, represented the school in sports, visited some lovely places on school trips and sung our hearts out singing at events. I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work and support over the last year.

Tomorrow we say farewell to our Year 6 and wish them well in their future adventures and new beginnings. Secondary school will offer a range of new experiences and opportunities and, as a school, we feel that we have prepared the children in the best way possible and are confident that each and every child will thrive in their new schools.

Our Pupil Chaplains, Caritas Ambassadors and Bible Buddies have been outstanding in their roles, developing the faith life of our school. The School Council, Play-Leaders, Anti Bullying Ambassadors and Sports Council have worked hard alongside adults to ensure that Pupil Voice is central to our decision making. Thank you.

Staffing News

The local Authority has asked me to be Associate Headteacher at Barrow Primary School for the Autumn term. I will remain as Headteacher, at St Michael & St John's, supported by other members of the leadership team - Mr Connolly (Deputy Headteacher) and Miss Acklam as temporary Assistant Headteacher.





Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Acklam and her partner Phil who are getting married during the summer holidays. We hope they have a wonderful wedding day and a very happy future together.

Farewell and Thank you

Tomorrow, we say thank you and farewell to Mrs Cook, having worked at our school for 14 years. We thank Mrs Cook for her dedication to the school and all she has done for the children and families. We all wish Mrs Cook good luck and ever happiness for the future.

In September, Mrs Moon will continue to work in the kitchen but will no longer be working in the school office. On behalf of the Governors, staff, children and families I would like to thank Mrs Moon for everything she has done in her role as temporary Administrative Assistant.

We also thank all of the Sports Coaches, Volunteers, Students, Helpers, Club Leaders and PTA who have helped our school over the past 12 months.

Crossroads Mass

Thank you to the children, families, Mrs Wilkinson, staff, Year 10 representatives from St Augustine's, Mr Connolly and Monsignor Corcoran for their involvement in a beautiful Crossroads Mass on Sunday.

Year 6 Leavers' Lunch

It was lovely to see the children enjoying their "special" lunch on a lovely decorated table with additional treats!

Thank you to Miss Fielding, Mrs Haslam, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Moon.

Year 6 Leavers' Mass

Today we celebrated our final whole school Mass of the year, a special Leavers' Mass led by our Year 6 pupils. Well done to them all and to the Pupil Chaplains for their final performance of a choreographed prayer. Thank you to all the staff who helped to make this such a special occasion. We also thank Father Kevin for writing and performing a very special song for our Leavers' which was a beautiful tribute to them and resulted in a number of tears being shed!

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Tomorrow at 9.15am we welcome our families to the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly. Following the assembly we invite parents and relatives to stay and have cake, coffee and juice with their children on their final day at SSMJ.

Music Concert

Thank you to Mr Bird and Mr Lee for the wonderful music concert on Wednesday. As always it proved to very popular and full of laughs. The children were amazing, playing their instruments so well.



Gold Sports Award

We are very proud to announce that for the second year in a row we have successfully achieved the Gold Award for PE meaning we are also well on our way to platinum. Thank you to Mrs Cook and all of the staff, the Sports Council and Sports Coaches who have helped us to achieve this award.

Building Work

As I have previously mentioned the building work will continue throughout the Summer and Autumn term. As part of this work gates are being fitted between school and Church to further secure our site as part of required safeguarding procedures. I will write to you in September to provide further information.

The gates will be opened and access will remain the same for the start of school and at home time. During school hours these gates will be closed.

Finally and most importantly, I thank and commend each and every one of our wonderful children for their smiles and for bringing us such joy every day. It is a privilege to be part of the SSMJ family and to serve as Headteacher.

All at St Michael & St John's would like to thank our parents and families for the support you have shown in so many ways, in particular for your kind and encouraging words throughout the year and also for the many cards and gifts received by the staff. We look forward to our continued partnerships in 2017/18.

I wish you all a restful and happy summer holiday and look forward to our continued partnerships and further successes in the next academic year.

May God bless you and your families.

Kind regards.