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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

Happy Easter.

### **Easter Celebration**

Well done and thank you to our wonderful infant and reception class children for their lovely Easter celebration on Wednesday. It was lovely to have so many relatives and visitors joining us. Thank you for the staff who helped to prepare this.



### **Decorate an Egg Competition**

Thank you for all the entries for the PTA decorate an egg competition and to the members of the PTA for organising this. The winners were Olive in Year 6 and Harry in reception.

### **Attendance**

The Government classifies acceptable attendance levels as 95% or above and any child whose attendance falls below 90% is classified as a persistent absentee.

As a school, we have high expectations for our children.

I know that 90% might sound positive for most things in life. We would consider it an excellent achievement if we scored 90% on a tricky test! However, 90% in attendance terms is very poor and actually means that 20 days of school have been lost over the year.

Please help us with our drive on improving attendance by ensuring that your child is only absent from school for serious or contagious illnesses. Sniffles, coughs and colds are part of life and we should be encouraging children to deal with these irritations rather than miss out on important schooling. This is an important message for when they leave school and enter the world of work. If your child's attendance is below 90% you will receive a letter from school alerting you to this.



The chart below details what 90% absence looks like in school time:

Sept - Oct 3.5 days absence  
Sept - Dec 7 days absence  
Sept - Feb 10 days absence  
Sept—April 12.5 days absence  
Sept.—June 15 days absence  
Sept—July 19 days absence

**This week's 100% attendance goes to Year 4. Well done.**



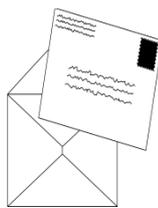
### **Uniform**

This morning the staff & children voted for their favourite choice of uniform. The choices will be counted along with the parental votes and following final governor consultation we will inform you of the uniform choice by letter as soon as possible. For new reception starters please wait before buying any uniform and for the time being I would recommend not replacing older children's uniform until the final decision has been made.



### **Forest School**

Forest school started today for those children who were selected to take part. All consent and the contribution must have been paid prior to them starting. If you have had a text reminding you to send the form back in and you wish for your child to take part, please send this back in as soon as possible.



### **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. 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.

### **Reception Class - New Intake September 2017**

We are looking forward to welcoming our new children and families to St Michael & St John's in September.

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00 pm will be our Reception Induction Meeting for Parents of children starting school in September 2017. At this meeting all of the further transition arrangements, induction dates and events will be discussed.

## **Clitheroe Jazz Festival**



**1 Free and 1 half-price ticket** for Junior Jam - a fun and easy introduction to music making for children of any ability.

The Ribble Valley Jazz and Blues Festival 2017, supported by the Arts Council England and the University of Central Lancashire takes place from Thursday 27 April through to Bank Holiday Monday 1 May in Clitheroe.

One of our goals is to facilitate the participation of children. You can find out more about the sessions here:

### **Junior Jam Workshop 4- 8 years**

To get your hands on the **free or half-price ticket** for the session send an email to [treasurer@rvjazzandblues.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@rvjazzandblues.co.uk) before noon on St George's Day, Sunday 23 April telling us the name of yourself and your primary school.

The winners will be chosen at random on St George's day. 1 free and 1 half-price ticket for each primary school in Clitheroe. Good luck

Additional information about the festival is available here: [www.rvjazzandblues.co.uk](http://www.rvjazzandblues.co.uk)

## **Next Week**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** - Mad Science assembly (children only)

Reception height & weight

High 5 netball match at Oakhill

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>** - Year 4 swimming

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** - Reception class trip to Thornton Hall Farm

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** - 9.10am - Year 4 celebration assembly

## **Dates for this half term**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May - **Y6 SATs**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May - No Celebration Assembly

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Accrington Stanley Assembly (children only)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May - EYFS Coffee Morning

TEMPEST individual & family photographs

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May - 6pm - New Reception Children Intake Evening

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Y3 Roman Day

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - Accrington Stanley to work with Y5 and Y6

Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Y6 Bikeability

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Sports Week - more details to follow

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May - EYFS Bikes and Scooters

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Sports Day. Times to be confirmed

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - No Celebration Assembly. School Closes for half term.

Thank you for your continued support