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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 summer term is moving on quickly and there is still so much to pack in to the next 4 weeks. There will be a leavers' play, leavers' assembly, special lunch, school trips, reports to go out, new reception children visiting and many more exciting events. This time of year is quite often a mixture of emotions for the children especially the year 6 as they prepare to leave primary school. Some children are excited at the prospect and others a little nervous. We support all of our children, preparing them for transition through our work in school and with high schools to ensure that they are confident and happy when they leave. We also have a comprehensive transition program to support the children as they move up to their next class and visits for our new children and parents who will start with us in September.

Thank you to Miss Britnell, Miss Smith & Mr 'Donnelly for arranging and supporting our Prayer Friends Tea Party which took place on Wednesday. Our guests had a wonderful time, as did our Year 3 boys and girls, enjoying wonderful sandwiches and cakes made by Miss Fielding, our Cook. The choir, led by Mrs Wade were also amazing, singing beautifully and entertaining our visitors.

This is our way of saying thank you to the Prayer Friends for the support and prayers they have offered the children on their sacramental journey. We thank SVP for their help with transporting the Prayer Friends and the Catechists for all of their work which they have undertaken voluntarily to help our children to develop and deepen their faith.



I would like to thank the ladies who arranged the flowers for the Holy Communion. They looked beautiful.

Photographs from the day have been sent home. Please return by Friday 29th June. Any received after this date cannot be processed.



Summer Fair

What a fantastic summer fair we had on Friday. I can't thank the PTA and all involved enough. The time spent in organising this event by people who do this voluntarily is endless. Thank you too to the staff who stayed behind to help. From a bouncy castle to sweet stall to delicious food, we had it all.

The amount raised was **£668.73**. This is a fantastic amount as it will go towards to school.

Special thanks goes to the the members of the PTA Tess, Kay, Caroline who are in regular contact with the school in organising the events but I know there are many parents and relatives involved too.

Cecille from CC's sandwich shop provided some lovely tasting food which was a great success. They still have the Summer Sports Raffle and all pupils will be bringing home a book of tickets to sell. First prize is to be a hamper of sports equipment and goodies. We are still in need of more items to fill this, or any other prizes you would like to donate. All the money raised will go to the Friends of SSMJ + be spent on our children.



Well done

Thank you to Ella, Kamilla, Juliet, Allysa, and Zuzia who raised £11.00 for the WWF by holding a colouring competition. Also well done to Chloe- Lucy N - Isabella HH who raised £16 for Alzheimer's.



Sports News

Well done to George in year 5. He competed at the Interschool cross country event at Witton Park on Thursday. Despite a very strong group of runners George ran his socks off and helped to contribute to the Ribble Valley schools coming first place. Fantastic.

Due to the poor weather in the morning we had to cancel the Cross Country Event on Wednesday. Although it brightened up in the afternoon we had to make the decision in the morning due to the number of other schools involved. This has been rearranged for Thursday 28th June at 1.30pm.

Summer holiday club

We are pleased to be hosting a few sports clubs throughout the holidays. A flyer will be sent home with your child with the dates and details on. Bookings can only be made via the company on the flyer. **Please do not send forms or money in to school.**



Drama art of stage combat-

Classes are being held on Tuesday 21st August from 10.00am - 3.00pm for anyone wanting to learn the Art of Stage Combat. If you would like to book your child on this course please contact info@ribcages.co.uk

Contact details

Please can you ensure that we have all relevant contact details up to date. This is a requirement as part of safeguarding procedures. Any change of telephone number work details or email address need to be passed on to the office to ensure you can be contacted in an emergency. If you are not receiving texts messages please check that the office has your correct details. School should hold up to date emergency contact detail for 3 different adults for every child.

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC



Teddy Bear's Picnic

On Tuesday 10th July, reception class will be having a teddy bear's picnic. Parents can join the children on the field. Please send in a blanket/rug, a teddy bear. It will start at 9.15- 10.15am. If it is wet, this will take place in the hall. If this is the case please enter school via the office and sign in.

We will provide tea/coffee and snacks but we would appreciate a small contribution for this.

Art Event

Please see attached letter regarding school art event

Year 6 intake Mass at St Augustine's

The intake mass for children going to St Augustine's in on Monday 9th July at 6.00pm. Although this is not compulsory, it is lovely to see as many of the children and families as possible attend from the feeder primaries. It is a lovely welcoming mass and gives the children the chance to meet other children who will be starting in September. Mrs Wade and I will be attending.

There is also the Cross over mass on Sunday 8th at 9.30am in church. At this Mass the children are symbolically 'handed over' to the staff representatives from St Augustine's who will be present. Again, we ask as many children and families to attend. If your child will be attending a different High school they are still very welcome to attend and be part of this Mass. Mrs Clarkson and I will be attending to support the children.

Weld Mass

On Sunday 1st July, Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am in the garden (weather permitting). If the weather is wet Mass will take place in Church. This is a special Mass during which the children on the Sacramental programme in our parish will be presented to the parish and will receive their certificates and booklets. Miss Britnell, Mrs Lambert and the Catechists will be supporting the children. This is a joint parish Mass.

Following Mass families and parishioners are invited to bring a picnic and complimentary strawberries and wine will be on offer. Again, if the weather is wet this will take place in the social centre. Please join us for this special joint Mass if you can.



Class Masses for next year (Advance Notice for your diaries)

Tuesday 2nd October- opening school mass 9.15am. New Reception children are welcomed to the Parish attending just for the final part of the Mass.

Tuesday 4th December - Class Advent Mass Yr 2 & 6

Friday 7th December - Class Advent Mass Yr 1 & 5

Friday 14th December - Class Advent Mass Yr 3 & 4 Mass

Wednesday 6th March Ash Wednesday Mass

Tuesday 12th March - Lent Mass - Yr 2 & 6

Tuesday 19th March - Lent Mass Yr 1 & 5

Tuesday 26th March - Lent Mass Yr 3 & 4 and EYFS



Friday 22nd June - Year 3 Assembly
Cystic Fibrosis wear yellow day- Cake sale

Monday 25th June- St Augustine's students work placement all week

Tuesday 26th June -St Augustine's intake day & Ribblesdale taster day

Wednesday 27th - New reception intake morning

Wednesday 27th June- Swimming Gala

Thursday 28th June - Year 6 to Ribblesdale School for Story telling session

Thursday 28th June- Cross Country schools event 1.30pm in school

Friday 29th June - Year 6 trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Clitheroe Grammar Induction day

Year 2 & 3 Fire safety talk

Sunday 1st July - Weld day Mass 10.30am

Tuesday 3rd July - St Augustine's Intake Evening

Wednesday 4th July - New reception intake morning

Thursday 5th July - St Augustine's to talk to year 6 afterschool

Friday 6th - Yr 2 Celebration Assembly

Monday 9th July - LAST WEEK OF BREAKFAST & AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

St Augustine's Intake Mass 6.00pm

Tuesday 10th - Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic

Yr 4 playground leader training

Wednesday 11th - New intake visit and stay for lunch 11-12.00pm

Thursday 12th July - Year 6 (with year 5) leaver's play

Friday 13th - Year 6 leaver's party

Art Showcase Event

Monday 16th July - NO AFTERSCHOOL/BREAKFAST CLUBS

Moving up class morning

Tuesday 17th - Year 6 Leavers' Mass 9.15am

Wednesday 18th - Music Concert 9.15am - All welcome

Friday 20th - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Special Lunch

**School Closes at 2.15pm on Friday 20th and re-opens on Tuesday 4th
September with new reception children starting on Wednesday 5th
September**

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Z Mabbott
Headteacher

