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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

The weather has certainly turned colder so please ensure that children bring their coats in every day and have suitable kit if they do sports clubs afterschool as many of these are outside. Don't forget to label clothing too!

Well done to Jack, Lexi, Lucas and Ella who performed songs at the Grand on Tuesday evening as part of the My skills project.

### Thankyou

Last week a funeral was held for Nanette Morrison, one of our parishioners. Her family had asked for donations to be made to school as per her request. We have very kindly been donated £60.00 We are currently considering how best to spend this kind donation and will keep you informed. We thank her family for this donation.

### Governor Visit to School

On Tuesday, four of our governors, accompanied by Mrs Mabbott toured the school to see maths in action in every class. The governors were very positive about the children's behaviour, their attitudes towards maths, the teachers' creativity in teaching maths (particularly through music) and the children's enthusiasm and engagement.

Following this, representatives from each class spoke to the governors about school which was very informative for our governors. Thank you to the staff and children and to the governors who give their time support our school in a voluntary capacity.

### Children In need

Thank you for the donations received for Children in Need. We have sent off £65.40





### Starlight clothing collection

All children were given a leaflet for clothing collection. This will be collected on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.. Please send in your unwanted clothes as per the leaflet in a bag by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. School will receive a donation depending on the weight received.

### Car park

Regrettably, despite previous requests to keep the car park clear, we have had to cone off the centre for health and safety and safeguarding reasons. This is to ensure that anyone parking on the carpark who is a staff member or visitor can park in the allocated spaces and can also leave if required. As requested, please do not park on the carpark if there is not a space and be mindful of staff members trying to get in to work on time. If this continues we will have no option but to lock the car park which we do not want to have to do. Please ensure this information is passed on to anyone who collects or drops off.

### Dinner money

As per previous newsletters, we have requested that children who take a school meal have enough money in the system to cover this. Mrs Wilkinson sends out frequent text messages and letters to ask parents to pay for the dinners. We do not want to stop supplying meals for those who are in debit but with the school budget being so tight, we may have no option as school cannot cover these costs. At the beginning of this week, there was £500 owing in unpaid dinners and with every day of an unpaid meal, this rises. School dinners cost £2.20. This must either be paid for in advance at the start of every week depending on how many dinners your child has or paid monthly. If you receive a text or letter please action the payment. Anyone who is owing over £30 may be contacted to ask for a packed lunch to be sent in.



### Packed lunches

We have been finding whole sandwiches in the bin at lunchtime. Children will not be allowed to throw anything away so that parents can monitor what their child is eating. The welfare try to monitor the children to ensure they are eating but it is not possible to check every lunch box. If you have any concerns as to what or how much your child is eating, please speak to Mrs Wilkinson who will monitor when possible.



## Christmas Fair

The PTA school Fair will be held in school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec from 3.30pm

Please see below a list of the stalls that will be available

**Kid's sports clothing**- Prices range from £5.00 - £19.99

Running jackets/tights, t-shirts, long sleeved shirts, trainers any much more

**Tombola**- Please send in your unwanted or new toys

**Cake stall** -don't forget to bring cakes in to sell on the morning

**Secret Santa**- Please send in your gifts Infant boy/girl or Junior boy/girl or adult man/woman.

**Face painting**

**Reindeer Food and candy canes**

**Tea towels**

**Christmas Decorations**



## Christmas Hamper Raffle

It's (almost) that time of year again so the Friends of SSMJ are organising a Hamper full of goodies to help you prepare. We are asking each family to promise one small item of festive cheer to be put together into a hamper. There will a sign up sheet in the office to help us get a varied selection (see attached). Tickets will be sent home with your child.

### **PTA News**

The Halloween disco raised £469 - thank you to all for the help and support. One of the main things we are raising money for is refurbishing the Y1 outdoor area and this will be a significant contribution towards that.

Reminder of the AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2.15pm - all welcome

Reminder re using Easyfundraising for shopping (please include link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>) especially given it's Christmas Shopping time.

### 50/50 club

Don't forget to pay £1 for 50/50 club if you wish to have a chance of winning. Numbers are in the office

### Tea towels

The tea towels will be on sale leading up to Christmas. Please support the school if you can and purchase one for £5.00

### Year 6 residential

Although the full amount does not need to be paid until May, school has to make another interim payment and so we ask that contributions are being made regularly so that we can settle the invoice well in advance. We do not want to be chasing up the full amount in May possibly jeopardising the trip.

This is on Parent pay or deposits can be made to the office by Cq to LCC or cash.



### Christmas Production

This year we are having Oliver Twist being performed for the whole school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This is instead of the usual Pantomime trip. This has reduced the cost to £3.50 per child and will be a fun, educational and interactive show. A letter will be coming home with your child and we ask that the money is paid for every child by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This can be paid on Parent pay or cash to the office. As with all events, if we do not receive enough contributions it may not be possible to put this show on.



## Dates for your Diary

### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Netball match at Oakhill 4.30-5.00pm

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Full Governors meeting

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Non uniform day in exchange for Secret Santa

Y5 Celebration Assembly

### **Future dates:**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Whole School Advent Mass

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS coffee Morning and Christmas Activities

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas Fair 3.30pm NO afterschool football-This will be**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> instead**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Junior Nativity in Church -Time 6.30pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> - EYFS Bikes and Scooters

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> - KS1 nativity 2.15pm in school

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - KS1 nativity - 9.15am in school

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Christmas Party

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Artyfacts production of Oliver Twist in school

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Christmas Party (PM)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Music concert 9.05am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Christmas dinner and jumper day.

Thursday - SCHOOL CLOSES 2.15PM

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Z Mabbott

Headteacher