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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

During Lent we have supported one another in prayer and by 'following the example of Jesus' to raise money for others who are less fortunate than ourselves. During Holy week the children will be learning about and reflecting upon the events of Holy Week and how God showed his love for us all in a very extraordinary and special way as we prepare for the great feast of Easter.



Stations of the Cross

Thank you to Miss Britnell and the children for leading the Stations of the cross. Please join us during Holy Week if you can.

Reception class held their coffee morning on Wednesday. This was an extra special one as parents, PTA and the Art club children were invited to see the new EYFS outdoor area which has been funded by money raised by the PTA. We are extremely grateful for this and thank everyone who has contributed to this by way of non-uniform days, book sales etc and we thank the staff who have worked hard to ensure our children have continuous, purposeful and fun outdoor provision. The children had a great time! I would like to also extend a special mention to the children in the art club who supported by Mrs Craddock have created such beautiful pieces of art. Pictures are on facebook.

Thank you to all parents who attended the parents' evenings. It was lovely to see so many parents and we thank you for all your lovely, positive comments. The staff all work extremely hard to help the children succeed and really value and appreciate such positive feedback.



Royal Wedding

As I'm sure you are aware, On May 19th the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle is taking place.

To help celebrate this event school will be having a special lunch on Thursday 17th May. This will be, weather permitting a street/party picnic. If you wish for your child to have this special lunch and they don't normally on a Thursday, this will be at a cost of £2.20., You must let Mrs Wilkinson know in advance so she can let the cook know the numbers. Children not having the meal will still be included in the celebrations.



Netball

Well done to the girl's netball team again. They played a fantastic game on Monday and won 8-2. Thank you to Mrs Wilkinson who has been taking them, she is very impressed with how well they perform as a team.

Wear Purple for Epilepsy Day (or blue)

On Friday 23rd March, it is Epilepsy day. We are asking children to wear purple or blue for a voluntary contribution of £1. There will also be a cake sale so we are looking for donations of the beautiful cakes that are sent in. This is always a very popular event and the money raised is going to a great charity. Cakes will be 50p each.

Uniform policy

Please can children not wear jo jo bows to school. Green small accessories only. Black school shoes, no fashion boots.

Please don't forget to label all items of clothing.



Mornings in the office are extremely busy and the phone cannot always be answered. If you are ringing to report your children absent, please leave a message and it will be picked up. If it is not urgent please ring back after 10.00am.

Dinners-

A number of children are taking school dinners that are not on the system meaning there is not enough food for those who have ordered and paid. If you change to school dinners, Mrs Wilkinson **MUST** be informed to ensure the numbers are correct. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

The summer term dinner menus have been sent home. There are a couple of substitutes for anything containing egg.

Year 3 & 4 trip to Blackpool Zoo.

If your child has a school dinner on a Tuesday they will be given a school pack lunch. They need to choose cheese, ham or tuna for filling. They need to let Mrs Wilkinson know their choice. If you are providing your own please inform the office so you are not charged for the lunch.

Sports Clubs



Thank you for sending back the sports clubs letters. Unfortunately due to low numbers multi skills on Tuesday morning will not go ahead. There will not be a replacement.

All other clubs will go ahead and the payment details are on parent pay. All children who have applied for a place have been accepted. The letters will be given back to your child for your reference.

TAG Rugby has been added again for Tuesday afterschool year 3-6. If you wish to add you child, please pay on parentpay. If it is applicable to your child, it will show as an option to pay.

If you have ticked for coding/drama/Judo/Zumba or tennis these are to be paid direct to the coach. The office can take the payment on your behalf but please ensure the correct amount is sent in as change cannot be given from the office. Flyers for coding/Zumba and Judo have already been sent home. Tennis and Drama will be coming shortly. The office does not have any spare copies.

You will be able to speak to the coach when you drop off/collect your child from these clubs with any queries.

If you do not pay via parent pay, please send in the correct amount, preferably via cq payable to LCC.

PTA NEWS

Easyfundraising is the simplest way to raise money for Friends of SSMJ.

Shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising website and a percentage of what you spend is passed to Friends of SSMJ at no additional cost to you.

Retailers include Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, Viking and many more. Please register to support us today - www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofssmj.

BAGS 2 School

These will be sent home Wednesday 28th March to be sent back into school week commencing 16th April.

The Grand Radio Show.

Over the past few weeks, Jessica, Megan, Reece and Thomas have been going to the the Grand to learn how to record a radio show. The topic they were researching was the effects of sugar. Last week Mrs Wilkinson accompanied them to record a show and to be interviewed by the children. On Tuesday, it was aired live on Ribble FM. (Mrs Wilkinson said she wishes she'd prepared herself more, we think she was a star!) I thoroughly enjoyed listening to the interview and was extremely impressed with the children and how confidently they all spoke. Well done children and thank you Mrs Wilkinson.

To listen, please go to www.ribbonfm. Click on mixcloud then double click the logo and select The Grand/RibbleFM School project 2018.



Diary Dates

Monday 26th March - Holy Week

Cafod Assembly

Tuesday 27th - Year 3 & 4 trip to Blackpool Zoo

Wednesday 28th - KS1 Easter Assembly - 9.15am in school. Parents and relatives welcome.

This will be followed by a farewell and thank you to Mrs Lambert.

Wednesday 28th - EYFS bikes and scooters

Thursday 29th - KS2 Easter Assembly 9.15am in school. Parents and relatives welcome

School closes at 3.30pm

(Afterschool clubs are still on)

School reopens Monday 16th April

Have a lovely Easter and an enjoyable break. Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Z Mabbott
Headteacher

Upcoming events for your diary

Friday 11th May PTA Chocolate bingo Parish Centre (time to be confirmed)
Thursday 17th May - New reception Intake evening
Thursday 24th May - Sports Day
School closes for half term at 3.30pm

Saturday 9th June - 1st Holy Communion 12.30pm
Monday 11th June - Reception Class trip to Thornton Hall Farm
Friday 15th June - PTA Summer Fair - TBC
Wednesday 27th June - SARCHS intake day
Friday 29th June - Year 6 trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach
Tuesday 3rd July - SARCHS intake Evening
Wednesday 4th Reception - intake morning
Monday 9th July - SARCHS Intake Mass 6.00pm
Wednesday 11th July- Reception intake morning
Friday 13th July - Year 6 leavers Party
Friday 20th July - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2.15PM

Diary Dates

Sports day Thursday 24th May