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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

It's been a long but enjoyable 8 weeks in school for everyone this term. It's hard to believe that 8 weeks ago, our reception children were starting out on their journey at SSMJ. In just 8 weeks they have grown and flourished under the guidance and nurturing of Mrs Clarkson, Mrs Collinge, Mrs Makepeace and all the other members of staff and helpers who work alongside them. The children are so confident and have adapted well to their environment. It is so lovely to see how happy they all are.

Hopefully your parents' evening meetings with your child's teachers have shown that all the children across the school have settled in to their new class well and have been getting their heads down to learning, with a bit of fun along the way! Well done to the children and thank you to all the staff who work so hard to ensure the children at SSMJ are 'the best they can be.'

The next half term leading up to Christmas is always a busy one and such a special time, with lots of fun activities to look forward to. Please keep an eye on the newsletters for upcoming events.



**Samaritans Purse Christmas shoe box appeal**

Week 4 (06/11/17 - 10/11/17)

Hat, cap, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, wind up torch, jewellery set, sweets (best before date at least March 2018)

This is the last week for donations. Thank you very much for the donations received so far.

**Application to Secondary School - Year 6**

A final reminder that the closing date for on line applications is 31st October.

Please ensure any supplementary forms for St Augustine's are now sent directly to the school and not here in the office due to the half term holiday.





### Sickness

Some of our children and staff have been affected by the sickness bug that seems to be doing the rounds. If your child has been sick, please keep them off school for 48 hours to reduce the risk of this spreading.



### Sports News

Our Year 6 boy's football team took part in a competition at St Augustine's on Thursday. Despite the weather, they played very well in the conditions and got to the final where they were unfortunately defeated. Well done to each and every player for showing true sportsmanship at all times and to Mr Connolly for supporting them all.



### PTA disco

The PTA will be holding a spooky disco on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October in the Parish centre 6-8pm. As the event is optional fancy dress, there will be a prize for the spookiest and alongside this a chocolate/sweet tombola. Any donations of sweets or chocolates for this will be appreciated, Refreshments will be available and tickets on sale from the school office for £5.00 per family. Tickets are still available from the office and you can also pay on the door on the night. Please try to support this event, as the money raised goes directly to the school to raise much needed funds for projects.

### Non-Uniform.

Don't forget Friday is non uniform day in exchange for sweets/chocolates for the disco tombola.

### SVP

If you would appreciate some financial support from the St Vincent De Paul Charity, which is run with the church, please contact Mrs Mabbott in confidence who will pass on your details. The charity is there to help and support families who may be in financial need and they have kindly supported a number of our families in the past. For more details please visit their website <https://www.svp.org.uk/>



### **Poppies on sale**

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Poppies will be on sale in school at break times for a minimum donation of 20p.

### **Dates for your diary**

There is no celebration assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November- School re opens & sports clubs start  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3 & 4 class mass 9.15am  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Judo restarts - Breakfast club  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November- Afterschool Cross Country starts  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November- Girls football team to Blackburn Rovers  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Year 2/4 Remembrance Assembly at 9.05am

I hope you all have a lovely restful and peaceful half term break where ever you may be. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November refreshed and ready for the half term ahead.

Many thanks for all your continued support.

Mrs Z Mabbott