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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 has been quite a busy week with trips out for some of the children. Year 2 enjoyed a trip to the Castle on Tuesday and were very well behaved. Thank you to Mrs Thornton for coming in on her day off to help. We also had 15 children attend "Bookfest" at Bowley Scout Camp. They participated in fun reading activities and had the opportunity to meet a range of different authors, one of whom was Chris Riddell. All children enjoyed the experience and we hope it will happen again next year!

It was lovely to welcome Mrs Lambert and her colleague this morning from Clitheroe library. Please pop in to see them and join in with the events that they have on.



**Mrs Wade**

Mrs Wade will commence her maternity leave today and we are all very excited for the safe arrival of her new addition to the family. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr and Mrs Wade all the best and we will keep you updated about any news. I would also like to thank Mrs Wade for all her hard work last year as Acting Assistant Headteacher and Acting Deputy headteacher and for teaching year 4 for the past 4 weeks, ensuring our year 4 children have had a wonderful start to the new academic year.

We are pleased to welcome back Mr Chambers who will be teaching Year 4 from Monday.





### Library - Summer Read SCART club

Saturday is the last chance to join and complete the summer read scart ( science, culture, active reading and technology) club. Please come along to the library 9-5 and get your certificates and prizes.

### Mr Smith Director of Education at Salford Diocese

On Tuesday we welcomed Mr Smith the new Director of Education from Salford Diocese to our school. He was extremely impressed with our school and the work that is being carried out.



# Spelling

## Spelling Websites

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We have subscribed to two websites to support your child with their spelling at home. I have put a link to both websites on the English curriculum page on our school website. Spelling frame has games and word lists for you to access. Your child will have come home with their login information. The website is [www.spellingframe.co.uk](http://www.spellingframe.co.uk)

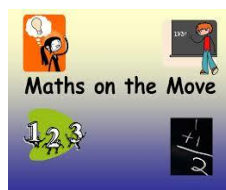
The other website is Spelling Shed and this can be found at [www.spellingshed.com](http://www.spellingshed.com) Again, your child has their own username and password that he/ she should have brought home.

Enjoy playing the games and let us know what you think.



## Building fund contribution

As a school, we are one of over two hundred schools belonging to the Diocese of Salford. Every year the Dioceses is awarded a grant to help modernise schools. As a school, we have to meet 10% of the costs and we ask for parental support in meeting this cost. Every catholic school asks this of parents, as your generosity over the years has helped us to pay the contribution. It is that time again when we ask for your help. If you can help, this can be paid via parent pay and we are asking for a donation of £20 per child. If you can afford more or would just like to make a smaller donation cash and cheques payable to LCC are also gratefully received.



## Maths on the Move

Our Year 3 children have been taking part in "Maths On The Move" during the first 3 weeks of term and will continue to do so up until half term. This exciting new project combines exercise and number and the children are enjoying it so far.



## Football Trials

Well done to George and Jack R in year 5 who were successful in the first stage local area trials.

## **50/50 club**

The Friends of SSMJ are pleased to announce the launch of our 50/50 club. All you need to do is bring a pound in to the school office and choose your lucky number. [The draw will take place in assembly on Friday 19th October.](#) The money raised will be split evenly between the winner and the Friends of SSMJ.

## **Lost Property**

Please can you check your child's jumper/ cardigan to check you have the correct one. Some have gone missing and possibly mixed up.  
Can I please remind parents to label all items of clothing .



## **Singing**

Does your child love to perform? Are they constantly singing to you around the house? Then why not bring them along to a FREE TRIAL LESSON with us in Clitheroe. We teach at St. Mary's Centre on a Monday and Wednesday evening and would love to invite your child to trial a lesson with us. To find out more or to book your child on to a free trial lesson with us then please call Claudia today on 07753 607656 or email [claudia@littlevoices.org.uk](mailto:claudia@littlevoices.org.uk)



## **Dates to go in your diary**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Whole school Mass to welcome new reception children who will join the Mass at the end.

Year 6 residential meeting in school 5.00pm.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct- Ribble Valley Cross country event at Wilson's playing fields 4.15pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct- Open evening St Augustine's 6.30pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - PTA meeting at Emporium 7.30pm - All Welcome

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October- Year 4 Assembly

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct - SEN Parents' evening ( letter to go home)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct - Open Morning for prospective parents and children for reception 2019 -  
9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Parents' evening ( letters to go home)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Parents' evening

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - School Closes for half term 3.30pm**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct - Closing date for year 6 secondary applications**

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Z Mabbott