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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

Another term has come to an end. Our children continue to work hard and it was lovely to see so many proud and happy parents at the recent parents' evenings. Thank you for your on-going support. We had 99% attendance at parents' evening.

This week we have been learning about and reflecting upon the events of Holy Week and the week began with a special visit in assembly, Mr Turner from Cafod who came to talk to us about 'Give it Up' which we will continue to support until Ascension. Children can also support the Parish Spring Happening by bringing in chocolate that they have 'given up' or can donate the money from something they have chosen to give up. All money raised will be doubled by the government and will support Cafod's fundraising. For more details look at <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Give-it-up>

Today we say farewell and thank you to Mrs Lambert. We showed our appreciation to Mrs Lambert yesterday in a special assembly where she was presented with lovely cards and gifts from staff and children to thank her for everything she has done and our choir sang beautifully. We wish you well in your new job and we are sure we will still be seeing lots of you.

There is quite a lot going on in the next 6 weeks before half term so please keep an eye on the newsletter or texts for any updates or changes.

Easter Productions

The infants gave a wonderful performance for their Easter assembly. They have all worked so hard and spoke and sang beautifully.

The junior's performance was equally as wonderful. It was lovely to have so many relatives and visitors joining us at both of these.

We also thank our Chaplaincy Team for their beautiful and reflective choreographed prayers and thank Mrs Webb and Mrs Clarkson for supporting them and all the staff involved in preparing the children for the two Easter assemblies.



CAFOD

Mr Turner came in on Monday to give an assembly about the work that CAFOD do. He is helping us to raise awareness for the **Give It Up** campaign which is raising money for Zimbabwe. More information will be sent out but the aim is to give up treats, such as chocolate, trips to McDonald's etc and donate the money instead. The government is to double any money raised.

I appreciate lots of you have already donated to St Joseph's Penny but as they say, every little helps. Thank you for your support with these causes.

Stations of the Cross

Thank you to Miss Britnell for organising the Stations of the Cross. It was lovely to see some children there.



Sponsored Read

Well done to everyone who joined in with the sponsored read. You have managed to raise a whopping **£605.50** - this money will go towards buying new books for the school. It is certainly money well spent and we hope that all the new books encourage the children to keep reading. Over the holidays please encourage your children to read when and where they can.

Social Media

Please can we ask parents, not to put photographs or videos of other children that have been taken in school during any assemblies etc. There are some parents who have requested their children not to be on such sites.

PTA Minutes:

Present: Caroline, Kay, Tess, Catherine C and Mary.

Apologies: Cecille, Helen, Jodie, Catherine H.

Treasurers report: £270 available funds

£300 paid towards school trips

£1200 paid towards the new outdoor area for the reception class/EYFS.

Fundraising:

Kay has kindly set up an online website where school receive a percentage if parents/carers register first. Many high street and online names including Sainsbury's and Amazon are listed. If at all possible we are asking for parents/carers to register at Easyfundraising.org.UK and to follow the simple steps.

Bags 2 school will be distributed for collection after Easter.

11th May 2018 is the annual chocolate bingo event 3.45pm in the parish centre.

Summer fair: Date TBC although possibly June 15th.

The next meeting is to be held in school on Friday the 20th April at 2.30, all welcome.



Purple Day cake sale

Thank you for all your wonderful donations of delicious cakes. You helped to raise £369 for Epilepsy.

As always, it is very much appreciated as to how much effort parents go to, to support the charity choices and particularly to Epilepsy Action as this is very close to our hearts.

Thank you to Denise Murray, and Mr & Mrs Blatchford and their relatives for co-ordinating and leading this event.

Y3 and Y4 Trip to Blackpool Zoo

On Tuesday year 3 and 4 had a wonderful day at Blackpool zoo, the sun shone and the children had a great time. As always, their behaviour and manners were impeccable and they were a credit to themselves and their school and community. Thank you to staff who accompanied the children.

Volunteers

In order to meet health and safety requirements strict adult/child ratios are needed for trips and visits and particularly at present, when school budgets are stretched it was lovely that so many volunteers offered to give up their time to accompany our children to Blackpool Zoo. Thank you to Liz, Mrs Wade's friends, Gill and Natalie and her Mum Maureen, because without their kindness, trips like this would not be able to go ahead.

If you would like to volunteer to help with trips or visits please let Mrs Wilkinson know.

We are very fortunate to have many volunteers working in our school who give up their time to help our children and to ensure they have access to as many opportunities as possible. We would like to thank each of you for your dedication to SSMJ over the past term.



Sports Clubs

There has been an error on the Parent pay system meaning that some clubs that children were allocated to aren't showing for payment. This has now been corrected. Please ensure clubs are paid for before we return to school.

Zumba, Judo, Tennis and Drama are all separate and will not be on parent pay. These must be paid as per the leaflets.

There are still places on Zumba so if you wish to attend it is £15 for 5 weeks. This was very popular last term and we would love for it to continue.

IMPORTANT—Due to low numbers, coding will NOT continue next half term. This was due to be on a Monday. All money will be returned after half term.



Letters home

Whilst we try to keep information being sent home to a minimum, please can you ensure that you check your child's bag daily for any letters that may be sent home. Also remind them to check their desks. The office is having to re-send letters that have gone missing and this is obviously costly in reprinting. Newsletters with important dates on are also accessible on the school website. Some letters will now be sent out via email to ensure parents get the information.

Easter Church Services

Holy Week SSMJ Church Services

Maundy Thursday- 8.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - 9.00am Stations of the Cross. 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - 8.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - 9.30am Mass & Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Anti-Bullying Policy

Thank you to Miss Smith for reviewing our anti-bullying policy. At parents' evening this was available for parental consultation and we thank you for your positive responses. The reviewed policy is now available on the school website.



Diary Dates

Thursday 29th March

School closes at 3.30pm

Monday 16th April - School reopens at 8.55am 6 week half term

- Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs start

Tuesday 17th April - Reception Eye test

Friday 20th April - PTA meeting 2.30pm in school

Tuesday 24th April - Bags 2 school collection

Thursday 26th April - Mini Tennis Roefield years 3 & 4

Friday 27th April -Year 3- 4 Football SARCHS

Thursday 3rd May - Quad kids Event- Wilsons Playing Fields years 3 & 4

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 10th May - Mad Science Afterschool Club starts for 8 weeks

Friday 11th May - PTA Chocolate Bingo

Monday 14th May - Year 6 SATS week

Monday 14th - Animal Olympics - Oakhill year 1 & 2

Thursday 17th May - Royal Wedding Lunch

Thursday 17th May - New Reception Children - Intake Evening

Monday 21st May - Netball Oakhill

Tuesday 22nd May - EYFS Coffee Morning

Wednesday 23rd May - EYFS Bikes & scooters

Thursday 24th May - Sports Day

Girls Football at Clitheroe Grammar - 4.00- 6.00pm

(Afterschool clubs are still on)

School Closes at 3.30pm

Friday 25th - INSET DAY

School Re opens- Monday 4th June for a 7 week half term

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

Mrs Z Mabbott

Headteacher

Celebration Assemblies

Friday 27th April - Year Reception

Friday 4th May- Year 1

11th May - Year 4

Friday 18th May- no celebration assembly

Friday 25th May Inset Day - School Closed

Friday 8th June - year 6

Friday 15th June- Year 5

Friday 22nd June - Year 3

Friday 29th June- No Celebration -

Friday 6th July- Year 2

Friday 20th Year 6 Leavers Assembly TBC Time

