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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

Head teacher's note

What a lovely welcome back to school we have had with the beautiful weather. The children have enjoyed playing on the field and we hope it continues. On Friday at 7pm we will celebrate Fr John's Jubilee Mass of thanksgiving for 50 years of Ministerial Priesthood. Please come along to give thanks.

On Monday I will be sharing with the children a letter from Bishop John Arnold and on Wednesday 6th March the whole school will join the parish at 11.00am for Mass and to receive the ashes. Everyone is welcome.

School News

Lent

As a school, we are going to be involved with supporting 'Street Hope' during Lent in addition to the St Joseph Penny Boxes. Street Hope is supported by one of our parents in school and we will be asking children and families to support this as part of their charitable giving. Further information will be provided.

We would like to thank Roughlee Primary school who very kindly donated 2 interactive whiteboards for our EYFS & Yr 1 classrooms. These will replace very outdated boards in these classrooms and this wonderful, kind gift from one school to another and is truly appreciated.

Chaplaincy Team

4 of our pupil chaplains went to St Charles school accompanied by Mrs Clarkson where they met with other chaplains and thought about washing of the feet, symbols of Holy Week and met and worked alongside other Chaplaincy teams.

Thank you to St Charles for the lovely gifts for the children and the wonderful welcome and hospitality.

Sports & Clubs News

Please can parents let school know if they would use sunflowers on a Friday afterschool if this service was offered.

The new clubs list will be sent out soon. This will be sent via email. To sign up for the free clubs you must commit every week as other children may wish to join. Children must not change their minds from week to week.

For clubs requiring payment, please follow the flyers that are sent. There will be new information regarding the running club so please keep an eye out for it.





Diary Dates

Friday 1st March- Mass for Fr Corcoran's Golden Jubilee 7.00pm

Monday 4th March - yr 6 trip to Mayor's office

Ash Wednesday 6th - Whole school mass
11.00am new time

7th March -World Book day

Non uniform as your favourite book character. (please do not go to any expense)

8th March 9am - parents/relatives are welcome to come in to classes alongside their children for a reading session instead of assembly.

12th March 6.30pm Reconciliation

14th March- Primary maths quiz 7.00-8.30pm St Augustine's for some Y6.

15th March PTA meeting in school

Parents' evening- 26th & 27th March

No clubs on these days

29th March- school closes for Easter

Upcoming dates:

Tues 16th April - whole school Lent Mass

16th May -Reception Class Intake Evening 6.00pm for children starting in September 2019.

Staffing & Pupil news

We would like to thank Mrs Whittaker who had been with us since last year on supply. She has secured a job teaching her own class at another school and we wish her well. We welcomed Miss Haworth to the team who will be covering PPA time every Tuesday.

Last half term, Aleesha who was a student from Ribblesdale spent two weeks with us on work experience and we would like to thank her.

We also thank Mrs Sowerbutts who has been connected to our school for over 28 years. She had been volunteering in year 2 and has been a wonderful help.

We said goodbye to Bryan from Yr 5 who has moved out of the area and we wish him well. We welcomed Penelope in reception who has joined our SSMJ family.

Congratulations Isaac

On Friday before half term in our celebration assembly we watched Isaac from Y6 win the 100m backstroke competition for under 11's making him the 11 and under Lancashire champion. WOW!!!!

Class news

On Wednesday, one of our governors Mr Whalley delivered an online safety session to year 5 & 6 as part of his role as a governor and a police officer. Please talk to your child to find out what they learnt. Please see important information attached.

As you are aware, we place much emphasis on internet safety at SSMJ. Please find attached a link for parents regarding the most recent internet craze of MOMO, which is causing concern countrywide. We hope you find this helpful and rest assured we will continue to reinforce internet safety in school to the children.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

Class assembly Year 5 Wednesday 6th March 3.00pm. Parents/relatives welcome.