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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

We come to the end of a very hot, but beautiful and busy week in school. (Please see the attached information regarding staying safe in the sun.)

This summer term is moving on quickly and there is still so much to pack in to the next 3 weeks. There will be a leavers' play, leavers' assembly, special lunch, school trips, reports to go out, new reception children visiting and many more exciting events. This time of year is quite often a mixture of emotions for the children especially the year 6 as they prepare to leave primary school. Some children are excited at the prospect and others a little nervous. We support all of our children, preparing them for transition through our work in school and with high schools to ensure that they are confident and happy when they leave. We also have a comprehensive transition program to support the children as they move up to their next class and visits for our new children and parents who will start with us in September.



Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday. They were wonderful and looked super. This was a significant and important event in their spiritual life and their journey of faith. Thank you to all those involved including our Parish Catechists led by Mrs Lambert who have worked hard, on a voluntary basis, to help pass on their faith to the children and Mr Smith and Miss Britnell who have supported and guided the children and have ensured everything was well prepared and organised. Thank you to members of the Parish choir and to the instrumentalists for their preparations and for supporting the service with their wonderful music and singing.

In addition to the Catechists and staff, many more people have been involved in preparing the children and also on the day. Father Corcoran, members of the PTA and Mrs Hodges for making a beautiful cake for the children. Thank you all for your help in preparing our children for this special time.



I would like to thank the ladies who arranged the flowers for the Holy Communion. They looked beautiful.

We also thank the many Prayer Friends and Sponsors who continue to support and pray for our children.

Finally, we thank you as parents and families for supporting your child on this journey of faith and congratulate our boys and girls who were so reverent during the service and who looked so wonderful for this special occasion.

Thank you

Thank you to the family of the late Margaret Marsden who asked for donations in memory of her to go to school. We will use this to fund part of our playground development project.

Transition

This year we have been able to develop our transition program to help the children to prepare for their new classes in September. They have now spent two half days with their new teachers, undertaking some written work and some creative work which will be displayed in their new classrooms in September to welcome them back. The teachers have also had the opportunity to observe their new class with the current teacher to help them to ensure as smooth a transition as possible in September.

Curriculum

We are currently further developing our school curriculum and would like to know of any parents who have business links or links in the local community who would be willing to work with us or with the children next year. Please get in touch if you can help.

Hearing Children Read Worksop for Volunteers

Reading is an essential life skill and is also the foundation for many other subjects. This year we have been part of the 'Lancashire We are Reading Project' and have developed children's love of reading through our 'get caught reading' and 'boys v girls' competitions.

We have some volunteers who already work in school and we really value their time.

If you would be interested in helping in school in September as a reading volunteer, we are pleased to be able to offer you some free training at school on Thursday September 19th. Time 9.30am
Please contact the school office to sign up.

Elections and Democracy

Next week the children will be voting for representatives for the pupil groups for next year. This will include School Council Representatives, led by Mrs Thornton, Chaplaincy Team (made up of Bible Buddies, Caritas Ambassadors and Pupils Chaplains), led by Mrs Clarkson and Miss Britnell, Sports Councillors led by Mr Smith and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors led by Miss Smith. Also, new for next year will be Digital Leaders led by Mrs Jackson.

Mr Nigel Evans to Visit School

We are very pleased that we will be welcoming Mr Evans to our school next Friday, to have a look around and to meet our current and newly elected School council.



School Games Gold Sports Award

Congratulations and thank you to Mr Smith and Mrs Wilkinson for their efforts in preparing and submitting the information to ensure our school has once again been awarded the Gold sports award. Next year, we will apply for the Platinum award.

Sponsor Money

Thank you to all who helped to raise money for the sponsored fun. The children managed to raise a staggering **£ 965.72!!!!** This will be put towards our playground development project. Watch this space!



Dogs

Please can we ask those who bring dogs to the school area, that they are mindful of any adults or children who may be nervous around them. Please try to stand away from the gates to prevent any unwanted contact.

New Reception Intake 2019

Our new boys and girls joined us again this morning spending some time in what will be their classroom, with their teachers. We are looking forward to eating lunch with them next week and to welcoming them fully in September.

Thank you to Miss Harkin, Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Layzell and to Mrs Steer and Juliette, Eliza and Eleanor who gave their time to help with the story sacks.

School Dinners

Please can you ensure that if your child has a school dinner, these are paid for. The school policy states that

'School meals must be paid for in advance. If a pupil is to have meals for the duration of the week monies must be received during that week or if the school is to accept pupils having an occasional meal monies must be received during that week.

If debts are incurred, then the school budget has to pay for them. This means that money which should be spent on all pupils' education in school is used to pay for debts incurred by individual parents/carers. The governing body see this as unacceptable and request that all parents/carers give this policy their full support.

If you receive a text reminding you to pay please do so. Any children in Year 6 must not carry over any money owing as this will then be referred to Lancashire County Council.

Y5 Visit to Ribblesdale

On Monday Year 5 went to Ribblesdale to listen to Frank Boyle as he gave the children tips and pointers of how to be successful writers and retold his own stories and riddles. The children showed excellent behaviour and had great fun.



All Around the World Week

Next week each class will be focussing on a different country looking at history, food and traditional clothes.

Reception - UK
Year 1- Poland
Year 2 - Spain
Year 3 - Mexico
Year 4 - India
Year 5- Greece
Year 6 - France

Y6 Intake Day and Mass at St Augustine's

Some of our year 6 attended St Augustine's on Wednesday for the taster day. They had a wonderful time and has given them a taste of what high school will be like. Many of our children also attended the Intake Mass in the evening which was a beautiful Mass as always. Thank you to the children who took part in the procession and to Miss Smith for accompanying them.

Staffing News

We welcome Mrs Clarkson back following her absence and we wish Mrs Pennock well as she will be having surgery next week.

St Augustine's Students

This week we have had 7 work experience students with us who have been excellent. They have worked with the children and staff helping both in classes and also with general school jobs. Their work ethic, manners and conduct has been excellent. They have been a credit to themselves and their school community. Thank you and well done.

St John's the Evangelist Bolton

We welcomed some children from St John's the Evangelist school today so they could enjoy their lunch with our year 6 before visiting the castle. It is always lovely to welcome pupils from other schools and we hope to continue to develop our links with the school next year.



Prayer Friends Tea Party

Our Year 3 children will be hosting the Prayer Friend's Tea Party on Wednesday 3rd July at 2.00pm. We look forward to welcoming the parishioners to our school. Some of our children will be singing and our Year 3 children will perform one of their songs from their recent assembly. Thank you to SVP members for supporting this event with transport and logistics.

Y1 Trip - Monday

Reminder that it is the year 1 trip to Lego land on Monday. Please ensure your child is on school on time.

Raffle prizes

Please can we have any donations of raffle prizes for after the Year 6 play. Please bring them to the office.

Myskillz

On Tuesday Reece, Jack, Meghan and Sophie from Year 6 took part in a MySkillz production at the Grand. They have been practising this over the last term. Well done to them for performing on stage in front of many adults.



Dates for your diary

July	Monday	1 st	Year 1 trip to Lego land -Manchester Bowland Induction day Ribblesdale Intake day
July	Tuesday	2 nd	Bowland Induction day St Augustine's Intake evening 6.00pm
July	Wednesday	3 rd	Prayer friend's tea party - PM
July	Thursday	4 th	Reception intake visit (3) stay for lunch 11.00-12.15pm Sports event at Wilson's playing field
July	Sunday	7 th	Weld Day Mass
July	Monday	8 th	Last week of clubs Road Safety
July	Tuesday	9 th	Year 6 trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach
July	Thursday	11 th	Reception coffee morning Yr 4 /5 trip to Eureka Year 6 leaver's play 6.30pm in the school hall
July	Friday	12 th	Year 6 leaver's party -evening arranged by parents

July	Sunday	14 th	St Augustine's Crossroads Mass 9.30am
July	Tuesday	16 th	Music concert 9.30am in school
July	Thursday	18 th	Year 6 Leaver's Mass in church 9.15am
July	Friday	19 th	Year 6 leaver's assembly in school 9.15am Year 6 special leaver's lunch EARLY CLOSURE 2.15PM

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Zoe Mabbott