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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

This week we saw the year 6 go to their residential at Winmarleigh. There were many excited faces on Wednesday morning and a few nervous ones (the parents). Needless to say, at the time of writing this, they are having a fabulous time. It is strange for the children to be away from home if they are not used to it, but rest assured, they don't get a minute to worry. There are so many wonderful and fun activities for them to do and hopefully it will be an experience that stays with them. Thank you to Mr Connolly, Mrs Collinge, Mrs Makepeace and Mrs Sumner who all volunteered to go with the children. They will have a great time and will be ready for a good rest when they get back!

We also welcomed our new reception children in to the church with a wonderful mass. The whole school behaved very well and were a credit to the school, as always. Thank you to the parishioner who went out of their way to mention to Miss Smith how impressive all of the children were.



October is the Month of the Rosary

During week beginning Monday, 2nd October our Pupil Chaplains with Miss Britnell will be leading sessions to pray the rosary. These will start at 8.45am in the Year 1 classroom for 4 weeks ending Friday 27th October. All welcome



Building Fund

Thank you so much to all the parents who have contributed to the Diocesan school fund. There have been some very kind comments made when making the contributions. It is appreciated and helps towards the funding of new school developments. School does have to make up any shortfall from the budget so your generosity is really appreciated. Anyone wishing to still contribute can do so via parent pay or by cash or cheque payable to LCC.

Pupil Voice

I am pleased to announce the new members of our Pupil Voice groups in school. The children have put themselves forward and their classmates have voted via secret ballot. The children will take the lead on developing areas/aspects of school life supported by named adults in school who will meet with them regularly. We look forward to hearing their ideas and seeing them take responsibility in their new roles.

School Council led by Mrs Thornton

Evie H, Zach, Bill, Bethany, Isabella D, Vincent, Jude, Libby, Sophie, Joshua, Noah, Alexa

Eco Warriors led by Mrs Collinge

Abi, Keelan Maya K, Charlie, Eliza, Jack E, Laici, Sam

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors - Led by Miss Smith

Beatrice, Zachary, Darci, Peter, Isaac, Monika, Eric, Holly, Callum, Lucas M, Tilda, Lola

Sports Council - Led by Mr Connolly

Drew, Magda, Jasmine, Thomas B, Harvey C, Isabella J, Max B, Emily, Brodie, Amilia, George, Erin

Bible Buddies

Lucas M, Jessica, Megan F

Caritas Ambassadors

Abi, Keelan, Zach, Elise

Pupil Chaplains

Eve, Ruby T, Henry, Drew, Olive, Tilda, Magda

Sacramental Programme

Thank you to everyone who has returned the sacramental programme information. As it was mentioned at the meeting, the programme is run through the church. We are lucky that we have Mrs Lambert, the lead catechist, who works here in school to help and to keep those strong links between us all. We appreciate that all of the Catechists give up their time in a voluntary capacity to lead the program. As explained by Father John, parents have a choice as to whether they wish for their children take part in the Sacramental program this year and if that commitment is made then it is expected that parents accompany and support their children through this important part of their faith journey.

I am aware that children who were baptised at St Michael & St John's church didn't receive a baptism certificate. School do not have any copies of these however, the church can be contacted and you will get proof of baptism from Father John or Janet.

Important information regarding parent pay

After half term we are requesting that all dinners money/sports clubs/trips etc are paid via the parent pay system. This is to alleviate the time spent in the office dealing with cash and chasing up debts. **For sports clubs in January, the only way to book and pay for a place will be using this system.** A lot of schools now use this system and it is a quick and easy way to pay for items. If you do not have your user name and password please contact the office as soon as possible.

Please remember that when paying for dinner money to ensure enough money is on to pay for the meals. School cannot stand the cost of unpaid dinners as this ultimately comes out of the school budget which is for the children. If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact Mrs Wilkinson.

Before and Afterschool clubs.

After half term details of the afterschool and breakfast clubs available will be announced. There are some new additions to these which include, Computer and Robot coding/ Kids photography club/ Drama/Netball/ Tag Rugby. More information on these will follow.

Harvest collection



Thank you for your kind donations. Please keep sending them in.

SSMJ PTFA MEETING MINUTES 22/9/17

The PTFA meeting took place in school with an agenda covering future dates and times of events.

Matters arising:

Potential dates were discussed with the spooky Halloween disco being confirmed to take place on Friday the 27th October 6pm-8pm in the Parish centre.

As the event is optional fancy dress, there will be a prize for the spookiest and alongside this also a chocolate/sweet tombola. Refreshments will be available and tickets on sale from the school office for £5.00 per family. To ensure we have enough refreshments, the last date to purchase tickets will be Tuesday the 24th of October. We hope you can support this popular family event.

Other potential / confirmed dates:

November/December - Infant and Junior film night tbc.

November - Annual photo shoot tbc.

November 18th - PTFA AGM in school 2.15pm

December - Christmas fair

February - Friday 9th Valentines disco tbc

May - Chocolate bingo tbc.

Anything else:

The PTFA are always looking for any offers of help and new members to support their fundraising for the school. If anyone is available to help on the door, with the tombola, cooking/serving food and the general clearing away at the spooky disco please email Tess at walker.teresa@mail.com. Any help is much appreciated, thank you.

Next week

Tuesday 3 rd Oct	Open day for prospective parents for reception class 2018. 9.30-10.30am
Wednesday 4 th Oct.	School parish Mass at St Mary's Sabden for Year 6 at 10.30am
Thursday 5 th Oct	Cross Country event at Wilsons. 4.15pm start.
Friday 6 th Oct	Year 4 celebration assembly

Thank you for your continued support

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Headteacher