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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 busy week has passed and the children have been representing the school. They outshone themselves with excellent behaviour and fantastic singing at the Young Voices concert on Wednesday, singing as part of a choir of 8499 children and staff. It made us all so proud to stand and sing with your wonderful children. The atmosphere was unbelievable and it was wonderful for the children to see many of their parents and relatives joining in and enjoying watching them so thank you for your support. Great seats too, we could see your dance moves! Thank you to Miss Acklam for leading the visit and to Mrs Layzell, Miss Smith, Mrs Pennock and Emma (Miss Acklam's sister) for giving up their time and energy to enable this experience to happen and helping to make the trip so wonderful. I hope all the parents enjoyed the show as much as we did.

School Council

Our student council represented the children's voice of the school by attending the PTA meeting on Friday and putting forward their ideas,

On Friday the school council invite the children to attend school in their pyjamas and in return are asking for 50p donation and a donation of chocolate. The 50p will support their fundraising efforts for a bike/scooter stand and picnic benches.. The chocolate is requested by the PTA for the chocolate tombola stall at the Valentine disco which will also raise money for the children. Thank you in advance for your support.



Friends of SSMJ Valentine's Disco

This takes place next Friday at 6.00pm-8.00pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets are £5 per family or £2 each and are available to buy from the office. Please support this event if you can. Please note children attending must be supervised by an adult. Parents are responsible for their own children. Any volunteers are welcome to help with this event.

Welcome Back

We welcome back Mrs Young who has been unwell, but we are pleased to say is now recovered. Mrs Moon will also be returning to her role in the office after the half term following illness. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for both staff members.





Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day. The children will be learning about this at an age appropriate level. In this age of technology, more and more children have access to social media and gaming. Mrs Jackson will be focussing on online gaming and how to keep safe online. To have social media accounts such as 'Snapchat' or 'instagram' children need to be 13 years old. Helpful information about keeping your child safe can be found at <http://www.childnet.com/blog/free-internet-safety-leaflets-for-parents-2016>

Sainsburys Vouchers

We are now collecting Sainsbury's vouchers. Last year we were able to buy brand new play equipment. Thank you for bringing them in to us.



What have we been doing this week

Reception - They have been busy making dinosaur biscuits, learning about money and its value and having a wonderful time on bikes and scooters.

Year 1- They have been doing counting in 2's, 5's & 10's and learning about the order of events in the Great Fire of London.

Year 2- They have been making moon buggies and linking to their work learning about money they have been 'shopping in space'.

Year 3- They have been learning about volume & capacity in maths and have done an experiment using rocks.

Year 4 - Following on from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, they have written their own stories based on this book

Year 5- They have been making non chronological reports about the planet and have been learning their times tables.

Year 6- They have had fun designing 'vile villains and heroes artwork. In English they have been writing poetry.

Parent Assessment Working Group

We are still looking for a couple of parents who would be willing to help with this, particularly any parents of children in year 4 or year 2. Please contact school if you are willing to be a part of this group. Thank you.

Attendance figures for week commencing 30th January

Reception- 97.6%

Year 1 - 100%

Year 2- 92.9%

Year 3- 97% 15 min in lates

Year 4- 98.7% 25 min in lates

Year 5- 96.1% 20 min in lates

Year 6 - 98.9%

WELL DONE YEAR 1

Don't forget that a few minutes late to class
each day adds up--

Caritas Ambassadors and Cafod

Last week Karolina, Cayleigh, Megan, Elise, Abigail, Zac and Keelan were commissioned as Caritas Ambassadors. They will be introducing their new role and their priorities to the school in an assembly for the children.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis invites us all to have a conversation about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We all love something that is affected by climate change, from our global neighbours living in poverty to treasured places here in the UK. Mrs Leeming from the Parish has shared some information with us about the work of Cafod and

Miss Britnell will be working with the Ambassadors on this. Further information and activities for you to do with your children can be found at <http://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/One-Climate-One-World/Share-a-green-heart>

Next week at School

Monday -Some members of the choir are going to Stonyhurst for a singing competition.

Monday - Gymnastics team competition at SARCHS 5-6pm.

Tuesday - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday - Y6 visit to The Grand

Wednesday - 5.30pm - Parent Assessment Meeting

Thursday - Year 3 Rock and Roll Day

Friday - Pyjama Day and PTA valentines' disco

School closes for half term at 3.30pm on Friday 10th and re-opens on Monday 20th. Please ensure you have had and read the information about the building work. This has been sent out by pupil post and via e mail and is available on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support