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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

On Tuesday morning, as part of the Parish Mass, our new Chaplaincy team were blessed or commissioned by Father Kevin. The Chaplaincy team are:-

Bible Buddies - Lucas, Megan and Jessica

Caritas Ambassadors - Keifer, Maya, Zach, Keelan, Abi and Evie

Pupil Chaplains - Drew, Henry, Ruby, Olive, Magda, Tilda and Eve

The 'retiring' Pupil Chaplains, Emily, Demi, Shannon, Martha, Florence, Katy and Gabriella performed a moving choreographed prayer of 'The End of The Beginning'.

We also thank the 'retiring' Caritas Ambassadors-, Cayleigh, Karolina, Megan and the Bible Buddies William, Connor and Bradley

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Pupil Chaplains and all of the children who have worked so hard to develop the faith life of our school over the past 12 months. Thank you to the staff who have helped them to develop and to Father Kevin, Father John and parents who have supported them

### **New Reception Children**

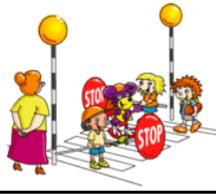
On Wednesday, we welcomed our new Reception children and their parents to school for their first visit. It was lovely to see them playing happily and beginning to form new friendships. This was the first visit of three and they will join us again, on Wednesday next week.

### **Year 1 & Year 2 trip to Sealife**

On Tuesday our Year 1 & 2 classes went to Blackpool Sealife Centre. Despite the poor weather the children had a fantastic time and saw some amazing fish. In particular Boris the Shark Ray and Garry the King of the tank who was going to be the size of a car!

Thank you to Mrs Craddock, Miss Britnell, Mrs Webb, Mrs Venguedasalon, Mrs Sumner, Mrs Pennock and Mrs Duckworth for accompanying and helping on the trip. Some pictures are on our facebook page.





## **Road Safety**

Our children, throughout their time in school, will complete the Road safety awareness course. Currently Year 2 are undertaking theirs. The staff take them out and teach them how to cross the road safely and Mr Moon, who does our patrol crossing also shows them where to cross.

It has been passed to us from a concerned member of the public, that some parents and children are not using the patrol crossing to cross Lowergate but crossing higher up near Key Street. Please can we ask parent/carers to cross with the patrol, therefore, setting the correct example to the children and ensuring their safety. Thank you



## **Year 2 Pirate Day**

Ahoy me hearties!! We had some children in Year 2 on Wednesday disguised as pirates and what wonderful pirates they were too! Some of the pictures are on our facebook page.

## **Year 6**

It has been a busy week for Year 6 with a book reading at Ribblesdale School on Tuesday, Stonyhurst Science Fair on Thursday and the "annual" Pleasure Beach on Friday. The weather managed to stay fine and the children behaved very well. Thank you to Mr Connolly, Mrs Makepeace, Mrs Venguedasalon, Mrs Cook and Mr Moon for accompanying them and well done to Mrs Venguedasalon, Mrs Makepeace and Mr Moon who, in the true spirit of things, braved the rides!!

Raffle tickets will be available from the office from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July for the year 6 leavers' party fund. £1 per ticket. Prizes include a signed Blackburn Rovers and Burnley Football. Vouchers for The Loft, La Vespa, Bashall Barn and many other prizes. Any donations for raffle prizes will be appreciated.

## **Leavers' assembly**

The leavers assembly will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> at 9.15am

## **Leavers' Lunch**

This will be for the whole school on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. This is the choice of year 6 and is £2.20. If your child would like to have a dinner that doesn't normally, please send the money in to the office or pay via parent pay and let the office know.



### Year 6 leavers' play

This year the year 6 leavers play, Hoodwinked, will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm. This year we will be selling tickets at a cost of £2. These will be sent to you from Mrs Jackson. Please forward your reply slips and money via the office or your child. There will also be refreshments of tea/coffee/hot chocolate and cake for £1.00. Any of the proceeds will go towards buying a gift for the school from the Year 6. We appreciate, as always your support and kind donations. Please can all cheques be made payable to LCC unless stated otherwise. Tickets are selling fast so please don't delay.

If anyone has a toy quiver, or arrow that could be borrowed for the play please let the office know.

**PTA -Cheese and wine evening tickets reduced to £15. Deadline 7<sup>th</sup> July for purchase. Please support this event if you can.**



### Teddy Bears' Picnic

As per last weeks' newsletter, there will be a Teddy bear's picnic for **the Infants only**. This is to raise money for CMV. This will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Apologies for any confusion caused. There will **NOT** be a picnic as previously stated for the rest of the school. Any money sent in will be returned.



### NSPCC- Green day

We are being visited by a representative from the NSPCC on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, to talk to the children about keeping themselves safe particularly online. As our uniform is already green it is **NOT** a non-uniform day but children may be able to add green accessories for this day. As this is a charity event, any donations to the NSPCC would be gratefully received by them.

### Outstanding Dinner Money

As the Summer term is coming to an end, next week you will be receiving a text, if your child/s dinner money account is in debit. This will give you the amount outstanding up to the end of term Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

Could all *outstanding* monies please be paid by Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> July in order for it to be banked pre the Summer holidays. Your co-operation in the matter would be greatly appreciated. Any unpaid debt could result in your child's school dinners being stopped.

### Refugee day out

Please see the attached information regarding this day.

### Mosque visit



On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Class 5 children will be visiting The Islamic Cultural Centre in Blackburn for a tour of the mosque and a talk with the Imam. This is part of the Islam topic. We shall be getting a coach to and from Blackburn in the morning and will be back in time for a school lunch. This visit is covered by the generic consent form already completed. There is no cost to parents for this educational visit.



### Sporting Success

Well done to Lucas in year 5 who has been playing cricket for Ribble Valley & Lancashire. He was awarded the Match Ball in his last match because he took an amazing 5 wickets. We are very proud of him at SSMJ as we are with all children who achieve success in whatever they do out of school.



### Gardening Success

Congratulations to Austin, Imogen, Thomas, Noah, Willow, Charlie, Abdur and Lyndon for a very successful year of gardening club. In recent weeks they have been enjoying the fruits of their labour. Last week Miss Fielding cooked the potatoes they had grown and the children had them for lunch, this week they have made chive oil which they kindly invited me to try - yummy!

Their efforts have been recognised by RHS as they have been awarded 'Gardening club of the Year'. Well done team and thank you to Mrs Collinge for all her hard work leading this and supporting the children.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July-	Bowland Transition Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July -	Bowland Transition Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>rd</sup> July-	Year 3 trip to The Wild Boar Park
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July -	St Augustine's Intake Mass 6.00pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July -	Swimming Gala
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July -	Reception intake visit
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July -	Year 5/6 Hockey at Accrington Academy
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July -	NSPCC day- Children to wear green accessories
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July -	PTA meeting 2.30pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July -	Celebration assembly - Forest Schools

Thank you for your continued support

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