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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

Thank you to all the parents, Grandparents and friends who came to Mass on Tuesday. It was lovely to see the reception children welcomed in to the church. Thank you to Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Layzell for preparing them and to Miss Britnell for her work in organising the Mass. Next week is Golden Ticket Week! Children will be awarded tickets for moving around school and lining up smartly and sensibly. At the end of the week winners will be chosen at random to receive a prize.

Don't forget to come and pray the Rosary every morning at 8.45am in year 1. All welcome



Last week, two of our families welcomed new babies. Eliza has a baby brother, Thomas and Alexa has a sister Isabella Grace. Congratulations to both families and welcome to the SSMJ family.

Parent Workshop

In our efforts to continue developing links with parents and to help parents with supporting children's learning at home, Mr Smith will be leading our first Parent Workshop of the year on Thursday 11th October. Mr Smith will provide parents with an opportunity to explore our new learning resources such as TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS, SPELLING SHED and SPELLING FRAME. This will take place in the Year 3 classroom at 3.30pm after school where parents will be shown how they work and how to use them with your children. It will only take around 20/30 minutes. Please note this is for all parents of children in year 1 to Year 6.

Further parent workshops will be provided during the year.



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be held Week commencing 15th September.

Please note the changes:

Reception will have their meetings on **Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th October**

Year 3 will be Wednesday 17th October **ONLY**

Parents of children on the SEN register will have a meeting on **Tuesday 9th October (separate letter will be sent)**

All other years, 1/2/4/5/6 will have their meetings on **Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th October**. There will be no appointments after 5.30 on Thursday. Wednesday is the late night. If you cannot make any of these days, please send the letter back stating this and staff will try to accommodate you at a later date.

Please ensure that your child gives you the letter with the reply slip on and send this back to the teacher.

THERE WILL BE NO CROSS COUNTRY ON WEDNESDAY 17TH. CLUBS ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY WILL GO AHEAD AS PLANNED

Plastic bottles

Please can we ask for any old empty, plastic bottles for our year 2.

Music lessons

If your child would like to learn to play an instrument, they can do this by contacting Lancashire County Council via www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk/enrol

For Piano lessons please contact Mr Paul Lee on 07859906720

PTA 50-50

So far we have 1 number gone!!!! Please come in to support this and buy a number from the office. £1.00 per number. The draw will take place on Friday 19th October in assembly.

You've got to be in it, to win it!!

Cross country Event

On Thursday, 10 of our children competed in the Ribble Valley Cross Country competition at Wilson's playing fields. The competition was fierce and the nerves were showing. The girls set off first and battled their way through with some fantastic running from them all. The boys were off last and although there was some concern about how much energy they had left after all the talking and jumping around they had previously done they all managed to finish in the top 40! Thank you to Mr & Mrs Wilkinson who took them to the event and commented on their behaviour, sportsmanship and effort they put in. They were extremely proud of all of them.

Out of 18 schools the girls came 11th and the boys were 6th. Overall as a school we came 7th. Well done, BILL, GEORGE, NOAH, FINLAY C, & JACK R. JASMINE, ELIZA, GABRIELLA, ISABEL D & ISABEL C.



Half Term holiday club

Pro sport are running a football holiday club at school on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday and Thursday of half term.

This will be available from 9.00am -3.00pm.

On the Wednesday World record Freestyle Holder of 8 records will be delivering a freestyle football workshop for those who attend.

On Monday 22nd there will be a 1 day dance workshop 9.00-4pm £15.

For more information please contact www.prosportcoaching.co.uk or Tel: 01254 366316

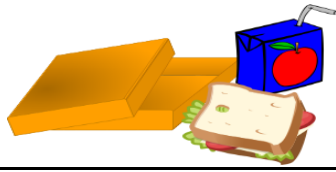
Judo - Missing Top

Please could all children who attend judo check their bags for a new Manchester United top age 7. This was lost last week.

Year 6 Residential Trip

Thank you to Miss Smith for the information evening on the residential trip next June for our year 6. If you could not attend the meeting all the information is on their website which is www.pgl.co.uk

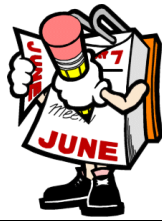
Once the numbers for the trip have been confirmed, the outstanding balance will be put on to parent pay. This can be paid in instalments.



School Meals

As you know, school meals are free for every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This means that a lot of people who may be eligible for free school meals throughout their school life are not registering for them now. Families may have had a year or two at college, or not worked for a number of reasons, or have had child tax credit in the past. If you have, you may be eligible for free school meals throughout your child's school life. Even if you feel that you don't want the free school meals past Year 2, or may not want to register for them, we would appeal to you to think about it.

As well as the free school meals, the registration of your child will then ensure that a sum of money is allocated to school for Pupil Premium. This sum of money is allocated in every year of your child's school life to their school. Details of how the money has been spent in the past are on our website. The number of children registered for Pupil Premium at St Michael & St John's is unusually low, therefore our Pupil Premium allocation is equally low. This means we have less funds to support the children's education. This is why it really is worth investigating if you are eligible to register for free school meals and pupil premium; because those allocated funds could support your child's education for every year of their school life. Details of how to find out if you are eligible and register online are at www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/



Dates to go in your diary

Friday 5th October- Year 4 Assembly
Friday 5th October yr 5-6 Football competition SARCHS

Tuesday 9th Oct - SEN Parents' evening
Wednesday 10th October - EYFS coffee morning 9.15am
Thursday 11th Oct - Open Morning for prospective parents and children for reception 2019 - 9.30am-10.30am
Thursday - Parent session for Times table and spellings 3.30pm
Friday 12th **LAST ART CLUB**

Tuesday 16th - Nasal flu vaccination
Wednesday 17th - Parents' evening Thursday 18th - Parents' evening
Friday 19th - Year 5 trip to Clitheroe Library
Friday 19th - **School Closes for half term 3.30pm**

Wednesday 31st Oct - Closing date for year 6 secondary applications

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Z Mabbott