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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 and Wednesday we were visited by Ofsted. We are very proud of our school and everything the children achieve. Thank you to our children who welcomed our visitors and talked with the inspectors and shared their experiences of our school and of learning. Thank you to the staff for their efforts and to the governors and volunteers who give up their time on a regular basis for our school.

Thank you to the parents who filled in the questionnaires and for the messages of support (and cake) as this has meant a lot to us all. We will share the findings with you when we can.



### **Three Schools' Parish Mass**

Thank you to all those who joined us for Father's last school Mass on Wednesday. We were joined by St Mary's Sabden and Thorneyholme. The reception joined in for their first Mass and were welcomed in to and introduced to the parish community, they were so brave and extremely well behaved on the altar, supported by their 'year 4 farmers. As always, all our children know how to behave in church and we received some lovely comments.

### **Foodbank**

We are collecting for food bank until half term. Please send in non-perishable food items i.e. tinned custard, puddings and chocolate. The GIFT Team are leading on this so please support them if you can.

### **Sports Ambassadors**

On Wednesday, Eliza and Eleanor from year 6 represented the school as Sports Ambassadors at Accrington Academy. They were there to receive training and advice on how to inspire our children in sport. They had a fantastic talk from World Inline Skater, Jenna Downing, who was in herself very inspiring. The girls have brought back some fantastic ideas, so watch this space!!





### Cross Country

Good luck to some of our children who are competing in the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Cross Country race at Wilson's playing fields this afternoon. The rain hasn't appeared so hopefully it won't be too slippy and they will stay upright!

### PTA Fundraising

Caroline, Vina, Victoria and Mary would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported them on their 3 Peaks walk last month - with your help and support they have raised a wonderful

**£1,060**, which will help to fund important items for school. Thank you again, it means a lot to us'.

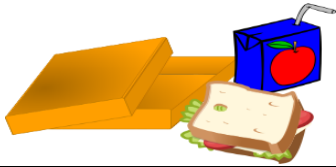
On behalf of the school and governors, I would also like to express our gratitude for the money raised. Raising this money was not an easy task and the hard work that has gone in to the training for the walk is much appreciated. We are buying much needed new books for our KS1 so this will go towards them.

### Aldi Sticker

We only need **65** stickers to fill up our poster to receive a special sports kit from Aldi. Please keep collecting.

### Open Morning

We will be holding an Open Morning on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October to give parents of children that may wish to start in Reception class, at our school, in September 2020 an opportunity to review the school in action. The morning will begin at 9:30 am with tea/coffee followed by a tour of the school "in action". Please pass this information on to anyone with children due to start school in September.



### 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/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/)

### New Club

There will be a new club starting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October for 4 weeks called Little Zoo Workshop. This is £26 for the 4 weeks payable direct to the company. Leaflets will be sent home following an assembly on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

### Castle Visit

Our Year 2 class visited the Castle on Wednesday. They enjoyed visiting the museum and being able to see their school from the top. Thank you to Mrs Thornton, Mrs Booth, Mrs Pennock, Mrs Venguedasalon and Miss Hutchinson for taking them.



### Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	St Augustine's open Evening 6.30pm Ribble Valley Schools Cross Country
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTA meeting 2.15pm -all welcome
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	EYFS Coffee morning Westholme open evening 5.00-7.30pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reception 2020 Intake open morning 9.30-10.30am
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Evening
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Closes for Half term 3.30pm Non uniform in exchange for chocolate for tombola
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>INSET DAY -school closed to children.</b>
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pro sport half term club in school. Contact 01254 366316 to book</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>School reopens - 8 week term clubs restart for 5 weeks</b>
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 5 Assembly 3.00pm
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	DEADLINE for applications to secondary school (on line).
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	PTA Spooky disco
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Nasal flu immunisation
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 2 & 4 Remembrance Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Reception balance ability

Thank you for your continued support.

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Headteacher

