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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 have begun to celebrate the season of Advent, a word which means 'important arrival'. This is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth. It is a busy but wonderful time of year in school. We welcome you to the school Advent Mass on Friday at 9.15am. Please note, there will be no celebration assembly.

### Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped with and supported this fabulous event! We hope you all had a wonderful time, and managed to go home with something special...thanks to you we raised an amazing £658 which will be put toward important items within school - we'll let you know about our next set of purchases as soon as we can.

Special mentions for the older children who kindly helped to set up and monitor the stalls. Thank you very much to the teachers and pupils for making such wonderful items within class to sell. Thank you to many of the school staff who helped to set the fair up and clear away and to all the parents who gave their Friday afternoon to come and help...you are all wonderful!

Happy Christmas to you all, from the SSMJ PTA'

On a personal note and on behalf of the school community, I thank all who were involved in making this a lovely family fun event, whilst raising much needed funds for our school. Thank you for your time and your commitment to our SSMJ family.





### **Christmas Fair Raffle**

Please check that your child has brought their tickets home! The ticket stubs and money are to be returned no later than Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The draw will take place before the infant nativity on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We are still in need of food donations for the hamper, please see the list in reception.

Well done to Annabel and Eric who won the football raffle, winning a Burnley and Accrington Stanley flag.



### **Advent**

During Advent, the School Council are leading on the shoe bag appeal to support the Charity 'Street hope' following an assembly on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

During our nativity performances and whilst our choir are singing in Sainsbury's, Booths and Tesco, we will be raising money to be shared between school and a charity. This year we have selected 'The Foundation for Ribble Valley Families.

### **Bethany Choir**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December the Bethany choir, who are a group of orphans from Africa, are coming into school to perform some traditional songs and dances to raise awareness about the importance of clean water. There is no charge for this but any donations to them would be gratefully received. We look forward to welcoming them to our school.



### **Poppy Appeal**

I am pleased to inform you that your support of this year's appeal raised a magnificent sum £231.42.

### Junior Nativity Play

Please can children who have a speaking part/costume to wear, arrive in school at 5.45pm. All children to arrive through the main entrance and go up to class. Parents are to go in to Church. This is due to finish at 7.30pm and children will be taken back to school by their teachers to get changed and will be dismissed from the dining room doors.

### Pantomime - Beauty and the Beast

Please ensure that consent and payment is sent in as soon as possible. If we do not receive enough money we may not be able to attend. School relies on your contributions for these trips and also prompt payment of any dinner money owing. Unpaid debts ultimately come out for the school budget which is meant for the children. Mrs Wilkinson will be sending reminders to those who having dinner money owing.



### Dates for Your Diary

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole school Advent Mass 9.15am <b>Last running club and Zumba</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Swop day Yr 6 Height & Weight
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Junior Nativity 6.30pm in Church
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Nativity 9.30am in school Whole school visit to The Grand for the Panto
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant nativity 2.15pm Choir singing at Booths 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS nativity 10am. No celebration assembly
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas Party Choir singing at High Brake house at 11am. Termly reports to Parents Choir singing at Tesco 4pm-5pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Music concert
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Junior Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas dinner and jumper day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Early closure at 2.15pm</b>

### Important Future dates

Reconciliation for year 3 on the Sacramental Programme - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
6.30pm.

First Holy Communion Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Z Mabbott