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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 has been busy with some more of the year 6 children visiting their schools for September. This is a big step for them but they all seem to have taken it in their stride and are looking forward to starting a new chapter. We welcomed the Year 3 prayer friends to school for their annual tea party. The choir and our year 3 children sang beautifully for them, thank you to Mrs Jackson for working with the singers and to Mr Smith. It was lovely to see our Year 3 Sacramental children chatting to our visitors. Thank you to Mrs Fielding and her team for making the lovely food and to Mr Donnolly from the SVP and Miss Britnell for organising this event. We would also like to express our gratitude for the donation given to us for the school library from one of the prayer friends, Mrs O'Reilly. This will be used to buy some new titles for the children.

MP Visit

Today we welcomed our local MP Mr Nigel Evans. We felt very honoured to show him around our wonderful school. He was warmly welcomed by everyone and it was a pleasure to see him. He has kindly donated the school some money and the student council are going to meet to decide how it will be spent. The School Council for 2018-19 spoke with him and he also met our newly appointed School Council for 2019-20 who were elected on Wednesday.

Weld Mass

This will held on Sunday 10.30am.

Relationships Education

Your child will be bringing home a letter regarding the teaching of relationship education. **Please ensure you put in writing if you wish your child to OPT OUT of these lessons.**



Year 1 trip

On Monday, year one enjoyed a trip to Legoland in Manchester (Windsor was a bit too far!). They all had a wonderful time learning about how Lego is made, taking part in a spinning top workshop and building their own creations. Thank you to Miss Britnell, Mrs Layzell, Mrs Webb and Mrs Summer for accompanying them. I was also lucky enough to share this day with them. Their manners and behaviour was impeccable and we all had a really enjoyable and educational day. We are really proud of them all.



School garden

Thank you to Theodore's Grandma who has been coming in to help tidy the garden. She has done a wonderful job and it is very much appreciated. We would also like to thank the volunteers from Sainsbury's who have also given up their time to help in the garden. It looks wonderful.

Football

Last Friday, a team of boys and girls from Year 4, 5 and 6 represented the school in a B Team Football Tournament at Ribblesdale Astro Turf. This was the first opportunity for some of the children to represent SSMJ. It was also nice to see they were well supported by members of our other school football team.

The children had a mixed bag of results, winning drawing and losing but fun was had by all and it was lovely to see them having fun! Their behaviour, conduct and sportsmanship was impeccable. Thank you to Mr Smith for taking them and to all the children and families who supported.

Swimming Gala

Well done to all the children who took part in the swimming gala on Wednesday. They came 4th and swam well and their behaviour was exemplary. Thank you to Mrs Jackson and Mrs Venguedasalon for taking them.

Y2 Fun Athletics

Some of our Yr 2 children took part in a fun sports event at Wilson's on Thursday. For many, this was the first time they had represented our school. They had a wonderful time and their behaviour was excellent. Thank you to Mrs Thornton and Molly for taking them.



Blackpool Games

On Tuesday, Eleanor and Eliza from Year 5 took their winning flag design to the Blackpool Games event. They had a wonderful time and we are very proud of them. Well done girls!



Volunteer Reading Session

School will be hosting a volunteer reading training session on Thursday 19th September 9.30am - 12.00pm. If you know of any adults who would like to come in to read with the children this will give them the information and training required to help our children flourish. Any volunteers will be subject to a safeguarding DBS clearance. Please contact the office if you wish to book a place.



All Around the World Week

This week the children have been learning about different countries. There was a special assembly today where each class showed what they had learnt. We had dancing and singing, speaking new languages, art work, food tasting, facts and information about different cultures and some of our children taught our other children about their heritage, language and traditions. A fabulous celebratory week.

Keep an eye on class dojo for pictures.

Message from the PTA

Hi everyone. A group of 4 of us Caroline (Rosie & Heidi's Mum), Vic (Isabella & Felix's Mum), Mary (Genevieve & Benjamin's Mum) and Vina (Isabelle's Mum) are walking the 'Three Peaks of Yorkshire' this September (in the words of our Whatsapp Group title...oh man what are we doing?!), and by doing so we'd like to raise money for the PTA. If you can help by sponsoring us we'd be ever so grateful - please see the following link to justgiving - and thank you very much in anticipation.
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cazvicmaryvina>

EYFS

Thank you to all the children who completed jobs at home to earn pennies to buy outdoor resources. All their hard work raised £139.03!!! It is enough to purchase the cones, wooden pieces, netting, tarpaulin and some plastic pallets for creating towers.

Year 6 Leaver's Play - 'School Daze'

Tickets will be sent home with year 6 children and the children in year 5. This is Thursday 11th July at 6.30pm. There are 2 tickets per family. If you require any additional tickets these will be £2 each (no charge for children under 16). Tea & coffee will be on sale before the performance and programmes will be £1.00.

There will be a raffle on the night. Thank you to parents who have donated prizes for this. Any further donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

If you do not require both tickets, please return them to the office.



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 8 th July	Last week of clubs (tennis will have an extra session on Thursday 18th) Road Safety
Tuesday 9 th July	Year 6 trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach
Thursday 11 th July	Reception parents coffee morning in Year 1 Year 4 /5 trip to Eureka Year 6 leaver's play 6.30pm in the school hall
Friday 12 th July	Year 6 leaver's party -evening arranged by parents
Sunday 14 th July	St Augustine's Crossroads Mass 9.30am
Tuesday 16 th July	Music concert 9.30am in school
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Mass in church 9.15am
Friday 19 th July	Year 6 leaver's assembly in school 9.15am Year 6 special leaver's lunch EARLY CLOSURE 2.15PM

Important Future Dates for the Y3 Sacramental Program

For the current children in year two wishing to be part of the Sacramental Program next year the initial meeting will take place on Thursday 12th September 5.30pm at school.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Wednesday 11th March 6.30pm 2020

First Holy Communion Saturday 13th June 11.am 2020

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Zoe Mabbott

