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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 the PTA helpers and staff who stayed on Friday for the Infant film night. It was a great success I hope the juniors on Friday is just as popular.

On Friday I went with 25 children to Pendle primary school as part of the schools cluster work with other local schools. The children created designs for their own t shirts using iPads and an app called Sketchbook.

The next stage is to create the t shirts and then show them with off to our school community. They had a wonderful time. Thank you to Mrs Schofield at Pendle and to Mrs Brown, Miss Reynolds, Miss Hutchinson and Mrs Wilkinson for helping.



Inside out Day

On Thursday we celebrated Inside out day as part of mental health week. The children and staff wore some of their clothes inside out as a way of making us all stop and think about how someone may look OK on the outside but inside they may be feeling sad or worried. It is a day to remind us to always be kind and think of others as no one knows how another person may be feeling.

You can read more about this initiative on TES <https://www.tes.com/news/wear-clothes-inside-out-promote-mental-health>



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Crazy hair day & Year 6 cake sale

This will be held on Friday 14th February. A donation of £1 towards school funds will be appreciated. The year 6 will be holding a cake sale on Friday 14th February to help raise money for their end of year events 50p donation. This is always well supported. The year 6 will be providing the cakes.

Year 3 Roman Day

Year 3 will be celebrating the Roman Empire on Monday 10th February. Children can get dressed up with a Roman theme in mind but they do not need to and please do not go to any expense. The day will be filled with activities such as road building, shield design and learning about famous people.

Young Writers

Well done to Alexa, Erin, Noah and Amilia who had their poems published in the Young Writers book.

Tempest Photographs

The deadline for ordering class photographs is **Wednesday 13th February**. No late orders will be accepted. Duplicates are not held in school so please ask your child to bring this home.

Coronavirus advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses. More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Sports

Thank you for all the fantastic entries for the Panini competition which have now been sent in. Good luck to all.

Well done to one of our Sports Ambassadors Eliza who has been working hard in her role as a Sports Ambassador. She has been encouraging attendance at Sports Clubs away from SSMJ and will be leading the Sports Council Meeting next week. Well done.

SATS sessions for parents Year 2 & 6

On Wednesday 18th March 9.15- 11.30am there will be a Maths SATS session for parents of Year 6 children and on Tuesday 31st March it will be an English session for Year 2 parents. This is held by Lancashire Adult learning and will focus on essential key information about the SATS assessments taking place in May.

If you wish to book a place, please contact Mrs Wilkinson



After school Clubs

Please find attached the letter and clubs available for 5 weeks after half term. Places will be allocated once payment has been made on parent pay. Due to staffing and space, we are unable to offer any more clubs. As a school we offer more than many and try to alternate them regularly to offer a wide range of activities. If child care is required, Sunflowers operates every day except Friday afternoons.

There is a new dance club on offer on Wednesdays for 6 weeks. Flyer is attached.

Tennis and Judo are our Breakfast clubs. To ensure that these can carry on, the coaches need it to be financially viable. Please use these clubs whilst we have them. They will both run for 5 weeks at £5 per session.

If you wish to secure a place, please let Mrs Wilkinson know.



Dates for Your Diary

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| January | |
| Friday 7 th Feb | Junior film night NO RUNNING CLUB |
| Monday 10 th Feb | British Values week |
| Friday 14 th Feb | Crazy Hair day £1.00 to school funds Year 6 cake sale- sold at break time School closes 3.25pm for half term |
| Monday 24 th Feb | School reopens |

Class assemblies

Year 3 - 11th March 3.00pm
 Year 2 - 25th March 3.00pm
 Year 4 - 29th April 3.00pm
 EYFS 13th May 3.00pm

Important Future dates

Reconciliation for year 3 on the Sacramental Programme - Tuesday 10th March 2020 6.30pm.
 First Holy Communion Saturday 20th June 11.00am

Secondary Intake days

St Augustine's 24th June
 Intake Mass 6.00pm
 Intake evening 7th July 6.00pm

Grammar- Intake day Friday 26th June

Bowland-

Induction Evening - 24th June
 29th/30th June- Intake days

Ribblesdale - 29th June & 30th June

6th & 7th July Transition evening

Year 6 leaver's Mass Tuesday 14th July 9.15am
 Year 6 leaver's assembly Friday 17th July 1.00pm

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Zoe Mabbott
 Headteacher