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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

I hope you had a lovely holiday. The next 7 weeks promise to be jam packed with events so please check the newsletter for any updates as some dates and times can be subject to change.



**Welcome**

This week we welcomed Arhaan and Sanuthi in to year 2. We hope they are very happy here and welcome them and their families to SSMJ.

We also congratulate Anastasia and her family on the safe arrival of baby Vanessa. Welcome to the SSMJ family.

### **Year 1 Phonics Assessment**

Next week our year one children will complete their National phonics tests with Miss Britnell. Children from year 2 who were not quite working at the standard last year will also be re-tested by Mrs Booth or Mrs Thornton. This is a National test which takes place in primary schools across the country next week and is nothing for the children to worry about. We are sure they will show off their phonics knowledge.



Thank you very much to everyone who brought in clothes for the 'Bags2School' appeal this week. You raised a wonderful £80 which is an increase on last year...don't forget there will be another



clothes collection later on in the year (September time) from the 'Starlight' charity, so if you weren't able to sort anything out this time, don't worry there will be another opportunity. Thanks very much again, SSMJ PTA.'

### **Ribble Valley Sports Flag winners**

Ribble Valley school sports partnership have selected a winner for the Ribble Valley culture Flag design. The choice was difficult so they asked the Art teachers and PE teachers at Accrington Academy help judge them.

The winners are..... Eliza & Eleanor from Year 5!!

Well done girls, you were chosen out of all the Ribble Valley schools. They will be presented with the award at a later date.

### **Sponsor Money**

Please send any sponsor money in so this can be counted.

### **Intake**

St Augustine's High School would like to invite families and pupils to celebrate Family Mass on Wednesday 26th June at 6.00pm and also their Intake Evening on Tuesday 2nd July at 6.00pm, when pupils will be able to meet their new form teachers!



### **Year 4/5 trip**

Year 4 & 5 will be visiting Eureka on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Letters have been given to the children. Due to copying costs, we would prefer not to have to print spares so please ask the children to try not to misplace them. A copy can be emailed to you. Please ensure that signed consent is returned and if you are paying by cash or cheque that this is attached to it. Please bear in mind that with 7 classes it is time consuming chasing up consents and payments for trips or afterschool clubs. Without these, children may not be allowed to go on the trip or attend the clubs, so please send them back in as soon as you receive the letters.

### **Golf**

On Thursday Mr Smith and Mrs Venguedasalon took some Yr 3 children to Mytton Fold Golf club. to represent the school in Tri Golf. The team was Alejandro, Brodie, Callum, Jensen, Joshua, Amilia, Sophie, Holly, Eshal and Jessica. They played various games such as Target and Dominoes and all had fun!

### **Year 6 PGL**

On Wednesday, our Year 6 will go to Winmarleigh for their residential. They are all very excited and so they should be because it is a fantastic 3 days away with lots of fun activities to keep them busy. Please be warned that when they arrive back on Friday they will probably be very tired! These trips are part of the curriculum and enable the children to cover aspects of outdoor

education that they cannot cover in school as well gaining so much from these experiences and creating memories that will last a long time. We look forward to hearing all about it when they return.

## SEND

POWAR the council for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities have created a survey for young people with SEND to share what they think is the top issue for them. Once the results are in POWAR will create a campaign to raise awareness of and tackle the issue. POWAR would like to hear the voice of children and young people through this survey and ask that you share it with your child/young person so POWAR can hear as many views as possible.

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EmPOWAR](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EmPOWAR)

For more information about the POWAR council please visit

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone/need-to-know/powar-participation-group/> and get in contact if your child/young person would like to get involved. New members are always welcome!

**Please see the attached information regarding family events**

### Diary Dates

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Assessments
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception trip to Thornton Hall farm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception assembly
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential trip to Winmarleigh Please ensure that children do not bring too much /large luggage due to coach space
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr2 & 6 Fire safety talk
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Ribble valley schools Cross country 1.15pm on school field
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 2 & 3 trip to Blackpool Sealife centre New reception intake visit (1) 9.15-10.15am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	PTA summer activities for children only
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	First Holy Communion 11.00am - photographs 9.30am
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	St Augustine's students for one week Year 6 bikeability Year 5 Story telling at Ribblesdale
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability Myskills production at the Grand -details to be given later
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	St Augustine's Intake day and Intake Mass at 6.00pm Year 3 assembly 3.00pm National Writing Day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception intake visit (2) 9.15-10.15am Year 6 bikeability
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Clitheroe Grammar intake day

Thank you for your continued support

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