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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another
to be the best we can be.*

9/5/19

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Note

This week our Y2 children completed their 'Special booklets'. They have worked so hard all year and we are very proud of how hard they have tried. Our Year 2 children have shown positivity, resilience and determination. Thank you to Mrs Craddock, Mrs Thornton and our team of teaching assistants and also to Molly who has been kindly volunteering in year 2.

As I'm sure you are all aware, next week is national KS2 SATs week. The children have been working hard in year 6 along with Miss Smith and Mrs Sumner. I would also like to thank the staff across school who gave up their time to support with the revision sessions after school. I have spoken to the children today and reminded them that what is important is that they 'are the best they can be'. Over the weekend and throughout next week, please encourage the children not to worry, to sleep and eat well, keep to normal routines and have some time to relax.

SATS do not know that you can be trustworthy, kind or thoughtful, and that you try, every day, to be your very best... the scores you get will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything.

From Monday to Thursday we will be serving a cold breakfast from 8.30am, free of charge for all year 6 children. If they do not wish to come to this, please can you ensure that they are in school by 8.45am so they can get prepared. Please enter through the dining room doors.

If your child is going to be late or is unwell you must telephone school immediately.

Staffing News

I am pleased to inform you that Mr Smith (Acting Deputy Headteacher) will be staying with us at SSMJ next year. Mr Smith has initiated and led on a number of super developments across school and we look forward to the continuing developments next year.

As you might be aware, Mrs Craddock will soon be commencing her maternity leave. We wish Mrs Craddock and her family all the very best as they prepare for their new arrival.



I am pleased to welcome Miss Fiona Booth to the SSMJ team. Miss Booth is an experienced teacher, having taught at another primary school for 8 years. Miss Booth has been covering some of our teachers' PPA and will be taking over from Mrs Craddock after half term.

You might also have met Miss Katrina Harkin. Miss Harkin is an experienced teacher and EYFS Leader and is with us covering for Mrs Clarkson who is currently absent from school. Thank you for your good wishes, I have passed these on to Mrs Clarkson.

Year 6 Transition Days

St Augustine's Intake day- Wednesday 26th June

Bowland High school - Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd July (reminder to return the admissions booklet by 24th May)

Ribblesdale Monday 1st or 2nd July - Date TBC

Clitheroe Grammar - Friday 28th June

Football Report written by the Year 5/6 Football Team

On Friday we won 4 games in a row. Alife, Jack R and Owen scored all the goals. We beat St Leonards, Mellor, Edisford and St Mary's Langho!! Reece had an unbelievable game in net.. Our defence was solid.

Mr Smith is the best coach in the league!

Wow! Well done boys, I agree, you were amazing to watch! Thank you to Mr Smith for coaching and preparing them.

On Thursday 9th May 2019 4 boys and 4 girls from Years 3 and 4 went to Quad Kids at Wilson's Playing fields. Every child took part in 4 events (sprinting, long run long jump and vortex throw) there were some exceptional performances especially Darcie in the sprinting and Amilia in the 400m. Well done to all the team (Joshua, Oliver, Libby, Sophie, Max, Callum, Amilia and Sophie) Well one everyone. Another fantastic sporting performance. Thank you to Mr Smith for taking them.

Creative Club

There are 2 more Tuesday sessions of creative club. The last one will be Tuesday 22nd May. We will let you know if there are going to be any more.



Swimming

Children are required. As part of the National Curriculum, to be able to swim 25m by the time they leave primary school. This is a life skill and school has arranged some additional swimming sessions for some year 5/6 children. These will start on Tuesday 21st May for 6 weeks. Your child will receive a letter if they are required to take part.

**KEEP IT
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Attendance Winners

On Friday the draw took place for the children who had 100% attendance across the Spring term. Well done to all children who had 100%. The children won a voucher to a play pass to Leaping Lizards. Thank you to Mrs Aspinwall at Leaping Lizards for the kind donations of the vouchers.

Attendance throughout the school has really improved and this does make a positive difference to the children's learning.

Can we please ask that children are brought to school on time and through the playground and that they are collected at 3.30pm.

There is an increase in late collections which impacts on the staff being able to carry out duties after school. This also has an impact on the children and it can be upsetting for them when they are not collected with the rest of the school.



Special Lunch

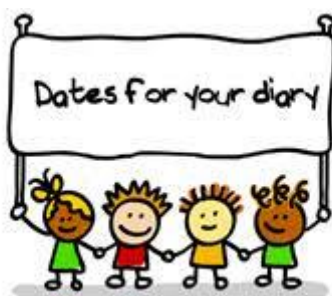
There will be a Teddy bears picnic lunch on Thursday 16th May. If your child does **NOT** normally have a school dinner on this day but would like one please let Mrs Wilkinson know and send payment of £2.20. The lunch includes, a selection of wraps, vegetarian sausage roll, vegetable sticks, tortilla chips, Ice lollies and chocolate biscuit.

School Car Park

Regrettably, despite a number of polite requests, parents and/or relatives are still choosing to park in the middle of the car park which is not safe. This week one of our sports coaches arrived late due to not being able to access the car park and prior to the Easter break I arrived back from a school visit with 4 children and had to keep the children in the car due to unsafe parking. Please note, we will now be writing to parents individually if they continue to park in the non-designated areas. This is to protect all of our children. Please adhere to these important restrictions.

BBC Visit to School

On Wednesday the BBC Bitesize research team worked with some children from years 2 & 3. They were doing research on how children use a tablet or computer to explore interactive activities on the BBC Bitesize website. This is to help them improve the site. They children thoroughly enjoyed this visit and the visitors spoke very highly of our children and their conduct.



Please note that these may be subject to change

Date	Event
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATS week- Breakfast in the dining room Mon-Thurs 8.30am

Wednesday 15 th May	NO FENCING CLUB Clitheroe Cricket Yr 4/5. Up & Active Yr 3
Thursday 16 th May	NO TENNIS CLUB
Thursday 16 th May	Reception Intake evening 6.00pm
Friday 17 th May	Year 6 lunch treat to The Emporium
W/C 20 th May	Health and Well-being Week
Wednesday 22 nd May	Year 2 assembly 3.00pm
Thursday 23 rd May	EYFS coffee morning
Thursday 23 rd May	PM - Sponsored Sport event at school
Friday 24 th May	Sports Day- Juniors start 9.45am Infants start 1.45pm SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM
Monday 27-31 st May	Pro Sport holiday club in school- contact info@prosportcoaching.co.uk for more details
Monday 3 rd June	KS1 road safety starts
Tuesday 4 th June	Individual & family photographs- for family pictures please arrive in school from 8.30am
Monday 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Assessments
Monday 10 th June	Reception trip to Thornton Hall farm
Wednesday 12 th June	Reception assembly
Wednesday 12 th - Friday 14 th June	Year 6 residential trip to Winmarleigh Please ensure that children do not bring too much /large luggage due to coach space
Monday 17 th June	Yr2 & 6 Fire safety talk
Wednesday 19 th June	Ribble valley schools Cross country 1.15pm on school field
Thursday 20 th June	Yr 2 & 3 trip to Blackpool Sealife centre New reception intake visit (1) 9.15-10.15am
Friday 21 st June	PTA summer activities for children only
Saturday 22 nd June	First Holy Communion 11.00am - photographs 9.30am
Monday 24 th June	St Augustine's students for one week Year 6 bikeability Year 5 Story telling at Ribblesdale
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 6 Bikeability Myskills production at the Grand -details to be given later
Wednesday 26 th June Wednesday 26 th June	St Augustine's Intake day and Intake Mass at 6.00pm Year 3 assembly 3.00pm National Writing Day
Thursday 27 th June	Reception intake visit (2) 9.15-10.15am Year 6 bikeability
Friday 28 th June	Clitheroe Grammar intake day
Monday 1 st July	Year 1 trip to Lego land -Manchester Bowland Induction day
Tuesday 2 nd July	Bowland Induction day St Augustine's Intake evening 6.00pm
Wednesday 3 rd July	Prayer friend's tea party - PM
Thursday 4 th July	Reception intake visit (3) stay for lunch 11.00-12.15pm
Sunday 7 th July	Weld Day Mass
Monday 8 th July	Last week of clubs Road Safety
Tuesday 9 th July	Year 6 trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach
Thursday 11 th July	Reception coffee morning Year 6 leaver's play 6.00pm 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
Wednesday 17 th July	Music concert 9.15am 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 EARLY CLOSURE 2.15PM