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Dear parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. We pray for our families who have suffered a bereavement during this time.

We pray for Mrs Venguedasalon and her family as her son Elliott is being treated for cancer.

Staffing news

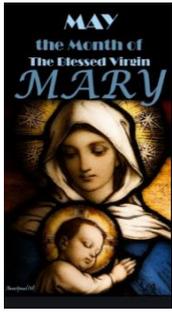
We are pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Harkin as a full time member of the teaching team at SSMJ. Welcome to the team Miss Harkin.

Happy Birthday to Mrs Jackson who celebrates a 'milestone birthday' on Friday!

We are busy putting in place a very different type of induction for our new EYFS children who will be joining us in September. We look forward to meeting them all when we can.

We are all missing the children and know that for parents and families life is very different and for many is difficult right now. Please remember there are all sorts of lessons you can teach your children. Whatever learning you are making happen at home, whatever this looks like, thank you. Please continue to share with them your calm, your love, your connection, humour and care. These are the greatest gifts you can give to your children right now. Our staff will use their skills and expertise to provide any support your children need when they return to school.





May is the month of Mary.

Pope Francis said "I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May."

There are links to two websites below if you would like to pray the Rosary with your child/children or family.

https://childrensrosary.org/?page_id=2049&lang=en

<https://www.catholic-kids.com/rosary.htm>

VE Day

As we are unable to celebrate this important event in school, the teachers will have provided you with resources to use at home, as you wish. If you do celebrate VE Day, please share pictures of activities or family events with us via dojo or email. You might be holding a 'socially distanced' VE Day Street party.

Join your neighbours
in a nationwide 'stay
at home' street party!

Prepare for the day by decorating your house in red, white and blue.

11am
2 minutes silence on your doorstep

3pm
Churchill speech shown on BBC

Then grab your picnic blankets or garden table and head to your front garden for:

4pm
Tea & scones (or coffee & cake)

6pm
Dinner and raise your glass to your neighbours

9pm
Nationwide sing-a-long to 'We'll meet again' with Royal British legion after the Queen's address

Please remember to follow the social distancing rules.

On a personal note, I would like to say thank you for the messages received whilst I have been unwell. They really meant a lot.

Class Updates

Reception	<p>This week Reception children have gone Mad About Minibeasts. They have been on hunts finding all sorts of bugs including snails, ladybirds, worms and centipedes. Once they returned they began creating some marvellous creatures made entirely out of playdough. After all this inspiration I have been sent some lovely poems all about their findings. Amazing work Reception as usual. I have been very impressed with your letter formation and spelling this week. Well done. We have also looked at VE day and identifying objects from WW2. The children had some great ideas about what the items could be used for and were very keen to find out if they were correct. Reception have also been looking at some key figures during this time in history and asking lots of questions about what happened. Well done Reception. Thank you for sharing all your work.</p>
YEAR ONE	<p>It has been another busy week in Year 1 and I have been super impressed by all the work you have all submitted. Well done everyone!</p> <p>This week we have continued to learn about different animals and pets. You have been producing some incredible non-fiction leaflets and advertisements. I have been particularly impressed by the amount</p>

of research you have all carried out by using the internet and a range of non-fiction books. This week we have also studied the book 'The Boss Dog of Blossom Street' by Rita Ray. You have all been developing your inference skills.

This week we have also been learning about VE day. The children have been designing their own celebration bunting. In R.E we have continued to study stories and morals from the Old Testament. From these stories the children have created some brilliant DT projects including a slingshot to remember the story of David and Goliath and a whale to represent Jonah and the Whale.

All in all it has been a very busy week with lots of incredible work, I am very proud of each and every one of you!

A big well done to my star of the week Sienna! She has produced some incredible work and has really been working hard on the presentation of her work! Keep up the brilliant work Sienna, well done!



Well done to all those children that are continuing their home learning, we love all the photos you are sending in on class dojo. This week the children have been enjoying Roald Dahl's Revolting rhymes. There has been some great responses to these poems including some fantastic diary entries, letters to Red Riding Hood and warning posters about porcupines. The children have also been sending in pictures and videos of their science experiment which investigated substances that dissolve.

	<p>It looked like you had a lot of fun. We have also been learning about VE day and the children have wrote letters/ emails to people who experienced World War 2 and asked questions enquiring what it was like celebrating the war being over 75 years ago.</p> <p>There has been some amazing bunting made this week which the children have hung proudly in their window. Well done everyone, we are super proud of you adjusting to your home learning and working so hard.</p> <p>Star of the week: Erin.</p> <p>Erin we loved your act of kindness. Erin decided to make some beautifully decorated cakes and leave them for her neighbours. Well done.</p>
<h1>YEAR THREE</h1>	<p>Well another fantastic week in Year 3 this week, thank you for all your hard work! It's been obvious from your excellent work that Flat Stanley was thoroughly enjoyed by all! Progress has also been evident in Maths and we continue to move forward with WRM. I hope you have started to enjoy the BBC Material and also the special work relating to VE Day which I hope you will enjoy and mark tomorrow. A special mention this week to Max Tattersall who has been very busy, Max O Callaghan who has made our Twitter and Erin who has become an avid reader of Enid Blyton. Enjoy the Bank Holiday, keep an eye on Dojo for videos and work and stay safe.</p>
<h1>Year 4</h1>	<p>Year 4 have been working hard again. I am so impressed with all the maths work in particular that has been coming in through Dojo. In English, this week was</p>

	<p>poetry week. I really enjoyed watching children's performances of their poems. Well done! We've been getting practical in Science, investigating solids, liquids and gases too. The children seemed to have fun with their investigation on Wednesday.</p>
<h2>Year 5</h2>	<p>Once again, Year 5 have been working amazingly hard. It has been super to see the variety of extra things that children are doing as well, I have seen videos of walks, homemade birthday presents and extra science experiments! Anyway, this week we have been completing lots of maths (more decimals), work about Danny and the champion of the world, geography work looking at rainforests - particularly the Amazon, and not to forget our science work. We completed a pollination experiment this week. Special mentions to Jack for his super science, Millie for her amazing presentation and Mike for his creativity and kindness for a neighbour's birthday. Well done all of year 5, enjoy the VE celebrations!</p>
<h2>Year 6</h2>	<p>Again another great week in Year 6, busy, busy, busy. First I hope you enjoyed the book "Wonder." The work produced from this has been excellent and I have enjoyed looking at it! I know angles and problem solving has been proving challenging but I must credit each and everyone of you for trying. I have also enjoyed looking at VE Day Work and I'm sure more will be completed before and during the big day. Try to mark the occasion with</p>

	<p>your family. A special mention to Eliza this week who has produced some excellent work relating to our story and also a special mention to Harry who has been painting at rapid speed. Maybe the next Da Vinci!</p>
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