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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 has been a very busy week with lots of trips out and some of the children doing a wonderful job representing the school in different ways. On Monday we welcomed Merial from Caritas who gave a wonderful assembly to the children and explained how Caritas use the money the children collect through the St Joseph Penny Boxes. Representatives from Johnson Mathey also came in to work with our Year 6 in constructing a tower made from Sticks. We have had Jodie from Clitheroe Grammar in this week helping in reception and she has been a wonderful help.

Thank you to Karolina and Eliza who as representatives for the school council spoke to the governors at the curriculum committee on Tuesday. They gave a presentation on what the school council does and what it hopes to raise money for.

On Friday the choir had their 'Christmas Party' a bit late I know but a party is always a welcome event in school. This was to say thank you for all their hard work and efforts, particularly with fundraising for Charity during Advent. Thank you to Miss Acklam for organising this.



### Stations of the Cross

Beginning on Monday, 13th March Miss Britnell and the children in school will lead the Stations of the Cross, each day, at 8.45am in the Year 1 classroom. All children, parents, family members and parishioners are very welcome. Junior children wishing to attend do not need to go in to class early for 'response to marking' time.

### Wear Purple for epilepsy

This year the annual wear purple for epilepsy day is 26th March. Due to this being at the weekend we will celebrate this day on Thursday 23rd March - more details to follow.





### Gardening Award

Well done to the Eco & Gardening Club run by Mrs Collinge for gaining the level 3 Royal Horticultural Society gardening award for composting and recycling.

They will be receiving £150 worth of vegetable and fruit plug plants. The Clubs meet once a week and are working hard to prepare the beds and planting the seeds.



### Dinner Money

The new ParentPay system is the easiest way to keep up to date with dinner money payments. We still have a number of parents sending cash/cheques in. Whilst this is still acceptable we would urge you to try to use the online facility.

It tells you how much you are in credit/debit with your child's dinners and will help to remind you to top up the balance. Those of you, who have children at secondary school, will be aware of the dinner money system there and the need to keep the account topped up. Our system can be used in the same way as it will deduct any meals where the child was off sick. There is still a lot of time being used in the office chasing up overdue payments. If you are not sure how to use the system, please contact the office where Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Moon will be able to assist you.

### Out of school visits

- All of year 1 & 2 class visited Tesco on Thursday for the Farm to Fork project as part of their green fingers and farm shop topics. Thank you to Mrs Thornton for organising this and to the staff who accompanied them.
- On Tuesday 8 of our year 6 went to the Grand to see the radio project that Emily, Daniel, Hayden and Flossie have been working on.
- On Wednesday our pupil chaplains Emily, Flossie, Martha, Demi, Gabriella, Katy and Shannon went to Blackburn for the mass of Vocations to the Priesthood to 'perform' one of their infamous stick drama/dances as the post communion reflection. Their performance was truly beautiful and very moving and many positive comments have been received. Thank you to Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Webb for preparing this with them and accompanying them.



### Tag Rugby

Well done to Daniel, Jack S, Jack A, Oliver, Will, George, Flossie, Demi, Martha and Ellie who represented SSMJ at the Tag Rugby tournament at Ribblesdale astro turf. A big thank you to Mr Moon and Mrs Wilkinson who accompanied them (and had to have a quick lesson on how to play the game). The children did us proud by getting to the semi- final and coming 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 20 schools. Their behaviour and team spirit was as expected - amazing. Well done!

## PTA

Thank you to all involved in the PTA film nights. In total they have raised **£535.00** which is wonderful.

Thank you to Mrs Golding who has donated some books for our junior library. These will be put to good use.



## Red nose Day

Red nose day is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Red noses will go on sale week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March for a minimum £1 donation. The noses are in sealed packages therefore we can't guarantee the children's chosen design.

The red noses can **only be worn on Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** so if your child purchases one before please be aware that they will not be permitted to wear them in school time until Friday 24<sup>th</sup>. The children can buy more than one nose at a time should they wish to purchase for family and friends.

## What have we been doing this week?

**Reception** have been planting seeds in their homemade plant pots and are looking at money and counting in 2's.

**Year 1** have been writing their own version of the Enormous Turnip. Visited Tesco as part of the 'Field to Farm' project and have been learning about the offertory part of in Mass

**Year 2** also enjoyed a visit to Tesco 'exploring the store' and designing our salad in DT. They have also used number lines to add and take away

**Year 3** have practised Reconciliation in Church. Learnt about Tsunamis in Geography, 3D shapes in Maths and finished reading the "Iron Man" in English

**Year 4** have finished their country dancing and have been writing their own 'trickster' folk tale

**Year 5** have made and tested parachutes and written adventure stories

**Year 6** have been Viking shipbuilding, doing negative numbers in Maths and reading the Mystery of Marwell Manor

This week in attendance

Well done to reception, years 1 & 2 for 100% attendance this week.

There were **296** minutes in late arrivals.

**REMEMBER - EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! School starts at 8.55am**

**Next Week**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March - year 6 visit to Mayor's parlour

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Wear something Purple for Lent - 20p donation.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 trip to Blackpool Zoo

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March- Year 3 Reconciliation in Church 6.30pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March- Year 1,5 & 6 class mass 9.15am in Church

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Reception class to Tesco

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Reception, 2,3 & 4 class mass 9.15am

Year 5 celebration assembly

Thank you for your continued support