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## **NEWSLETTER - 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

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



### **Welcome**

Congratulations to Demi and Lexi's Mum on the birth of Tommy born on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. A welcome addition to the family at SSMJ.

### **Thank you to Mrs Heron**

Mrs Heron who has been working alongside Miss Acklam in year 4 is finishing today. We would like to thank Mrs Heron for all she has brought to year 4 and the children at SSMJ in the last few weeks.

### **Well Done George in Year 3 and will in Year 6**

Well done to George who has been in London representing Manchester City at a football tournament and Will who has been representing Lancashire in tennis.

### **Holidays**

Please refer to the school website or ask for a copy of our school holiday list. Please do not refer to the 'My school holidays' website as this isn't set by us and can often be incorrect. Please be aware that as a catholic School our Easter holidays are different to many Lancashire schools so before booking holidays, check you have the correct dates.

May we also ask that if you are taking your child/ren out of school term time for a holiday, that you fill in the holiday request form. This is as any absences have to be recorded for the attendance monitoring. Any child missing from school without an explanation requires school to follow this up.



### **Medicine**

If your child requires medication for an illness prescribed by your doctor, that needs to be taken in school time, please ensure that the medication is handed in to Mrs Wilkinson in the office by an adult. You will be given a form to complete. As per our school medical policy.

Medication handed in by the child without the correct documentation may not be administered and as part of safeguarding all children it is unacceptable for children to carry medication in their own school/book bags. May we also ask that children do not bring in their own throat/cough lozenges without school being notified.





Poppies are now on sale and can be purchased for a donation (minimum 20p please). Children can get these from the office. Year 6 will be selling them around classes after half term.

### **Uniform**

Thank you for your thoughts and initial responses during parents' evening when some of the ideas for a possible new uniform were on show. This is only the 'initial gathering of ideas' the introduction of a new uniform is a lengthy process and so would not happen until **at least** next September. Initial responses from parents indicate you are in favour of a review. This will now be discussed further at the next governors meeting and sample full uniform options will be made so that further consultation can take place for parents and children.

### **Paint a Pumpkin Competition**

Well done to all the children who took part in this competition. The entries have been judged by Clitheroe Fashion week and they have kindly provided certificates and prizes. Thank you to Mrs Thornton for organising this and look out for your entries displayed around Clitheroe.

### **Application to Secondary School - Year 6**

A final reminder that the closing date for on line applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Rosary**

Thankyou to Miss Britnell and the pupil chaplains for their help with the Rosary throughout October.

### **Communication**

We strive to have excellent communication between the school and parents and this is something which school has worked hard to develop further and the vast majority of parents have identified this as a strength of the school. Weekly newsletters are accessible via email, the office, the website and school notice boards. Mrs Wilkinson will send information via text that may require action but we do try to keep these to a minimum so not to bombard parents. If you feel you require more information or would like communication in a different form, please let us know. As you will appreciate, the office is extremely busy and individual phone calls cannot always be made.

### **Dinner Money Payments**

Please find below the amounts due from after half term up until Christmas for dinners. Please can you ensure that dinners are paid weekly or termly to help Mrs Wilkinson in the office. If dinners are not fully paid by the end of the term, we will not be able to continue giving your child a school dinner and an alternative will have to be sent in. Should you be having any financial difficulty please contact Mrs Mabbott in confidence.

You can pay via the Parent pay system or send in cash or cheques made payable to LCC.

5 days- £72.60  
4 days- £59.40  
3 days - £46.20  
2 days - £30.80  
1 day - £15.40

**Dates for next half term**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November - remembrance Assembly by Year 2 and Year 4 (Parents/visitors welcome)**

7.11.16	COME & SEE LOVING/ADVENT/CHRISTMAS
14.11.16	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK- POWER OF GOOD
23.11.16	EYFS BIKES/SCOOTERS
25.11.16	END OF YEAR OF MERCY
27.11.16	PARISH FAYRE
30.11.16	ADVENT CLASS MASS YR 6& YR2

School closes on Friday for half term and re-opens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. We wish all of our families a happy half term.