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Dear parents

Welcome back. The staff and I hope you have all had a lovely summer break. I hope you have all had a restful holiday.

It has been lovely to see all the children back together, looking refreshed and ready to learn.

We also welcome 4 new children to the SSMJ family, they are Luciana, Harry, Erik and Alex.

Today our 23 new children started with us in EYFS, they have had a wonderful day with lots of smiling faces, looking super smart and ready to begin their journey with us at SSMJ. Thank you to Mrs Clarkson, Mrs Layzell and Mrs Clarkson's parents for their efforts in getting our outdoor provision tidy and ready for the children.

### **Consent forms**

Your child will have been given a parental consent form. Please fill this in and return as soon as possible. This form is giving us consent to take your child out in the local area. For example this could be a trip to the castle or the supermarket. You will always be informed of the trip but we must have prior consent.

### **PTA**

There will be a PTA meeting in school at 2.15pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Please come along if you can and be part of this amazing team.



## Teaching Structure

There are some updates to staffing as follows:

Reception - Mrs Clarkson (Tuesday to Friday) and Mrs Whittaker (Monday) with Mrs Layzell

Year 1 - Miss Britnell with Mrs Webb

Year 2 - Mrs Craddock (Monday & Tuesday) and Mrs Thornton (Wednesday to Friday) with Mrs Vengeudasalon

Year 3 - Mr Andrew Smith (Acting Assistant Head) with Mrs Vengeudasalon

Year 4 - Mrs Wade at present whilst Mr Connolly remains absent from school, with Mrs Pennock

Year 5 - Mrs Jackson with Mrs Pennock

Year 6 - Miss Smith with Mrs Sumner

Mrs Collinge will not be returning to St Michael and St John's.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Sumner back following a family bereavement in the summer term. Thank you for your kind words, thought and prayers for Mrs Sumner and her family.

We welcome Mr Andrew Smith and Mrs Lyndsey Whittaker to the team.

Mr Smith is an experienced teacher and senior leader and is looking forward to being acting assistant headteacher /year 3 teacher covering for Mrs Wade's maternity leave.

Mrs Whittaker worked at SSMJ during the spring term. She knows our school team and many of the children. She is pleased to be back with us and will be working alongside Mrs Clarkson in EYFS and covering some of the teachers' statutory PPA time.

## Welcome to Class Meetings

Parents are invited to meet their child's class teacher for an informal chat in the classroom. The children will be in assembly so we do need to keep these sessions to 20 minutes, but you will receive lots of useful information. Parents are asked to sign in and leave via the school office. Thank you.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September Years 2/4/6 9.00-9.20am

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September years 1/3/5 9.00-9.20am

### **St Augustine's Parents Meeting for Year 6 Pupils.**

There will be a meeting for Year 6 parents in the school hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm led by Mr Wright from St Augustine's.

### **Open Day for Parents of Children Starting in Reception Class in September 2018**

This will take place on Thursday 11th October from 9.30-10.30am with a brief talk from Mrs Mabbott, refreshments and a tour of the school. Please share this date with friends/relatives who you know have children due to start school in September 2019.

### **Celebration Assembly**

No celebration assembly this week -Friday 7th. Celebration assembly will commence on Friday 14th September with classes as follows:

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	No class
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 4
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	No class
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 & 4 Remembrance
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	year 6
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No assembly Year 1 & 5 Class mass
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	No assembly Year 3 & 4 Class mass

We are currently in the process of finalising a list of diary dates. To help you to plan ahead, these will be sent out as soon as possible and will be on the school website.

### **Advance notice of dates**

Parents' Evenings - 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October. Parents' Evening for children on the SEN register Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

St Augustine's meeting for prospective parents (current year 6) - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

September at 7pm at SSMJ. Open evening at SARCHS - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm  
3 schools joint Parish Mass at Thorneyholme - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Year 6 children will be representing SSMJ at this special Mass.

### **Policies**

A number of school policies have been updated during the summer holiday. These can all be found on the school website. Can I draw your attention in particular to the following:

School safeguarding policy  
Presentation policy  
Marking and feedback policy  
Calculations policy

The way we teach calculations has changed significantly and we will be organising some workshops for parents to look at this in more detail so that you can help your child at home.

### **The School Day**

A reminder that the school day was adjusted slightly in preparation for September and is as follows:

#### **Key Stage 1**

8.45am teacher on duty stays on the playground with the Infant children.  
8.53am - bell rings/called to lines  
8.55am -children are escorted into school and are registered.  
10.20-10.35am - Break  
12.00-1.15 - Lunch  
Break 2.15pm-2.30pm  
3.30 - home time

Key Stage 2 is the same except as follows:

8.45am the teacher on duty blows the whistle and children are supervised in to school  
8.55am - children are registered.  
12.15-1.15 - Lunch  
No afternoon break

Following this first newsletter of the year, newsletters will be sent out every Thursday. Copies are also posted on the school website.

We look forward to continuing our partnerships with you throughout the 2018/19 academic year. We value our positive relationships and partnerships with our families and community so please let us know if you have any concerns or queries so that we can address these quickly. Thank you for your continued support.

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