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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



Remembrance

This week we remember all those who gave their lives for our country in wars, in particular in the First World War. Today our Year 2 and Year 4 children led a special remembrance assembly. We were overwhelmed with the artefacts the children brought in which were so precious and held so many memories of relatives and those involved in past wars. On Monday the whole school will pause in a 2 minute silence as they reflect and remember.

Staffing News

Miss Britnell, who teaches year 1, has tendered her resignation as of 31st December 2019. Miss Britnell joined SSMJ in September 1994 and has been a valued member of the team. We wish her well in her future plans.

Mrs Clarkson has also tendered her resignation. Mrs Clarkson joined SSMJ in 2008 and has had long connections to school, being a past pupil. She has taught in EYFS for many years been instrumental in the nurturing and guidance of the early years department and has also been a valued member of the team. We wish her well in her future plans.

Mrs Harkin will continue to teach EYFS full time and we have secured an experienced teacher, Mrs Suzanne Wright who will teach Year 1 starting Monday 11th November until the end of the academic year to ensure consistency for the children. Mrs Wright comes with a wealth of experience in teaching in key stage 1 and will be a positive addition to the school.

Welcome

Last week Edie in year 6 and Elsie in year 3 joined us. Thank you to the children for helping them to settle in and we welcome them and their family to SSMJ.



PTA Spooky Disco

Thank you to the PTA for organising what I believe was a fantastic disco. They have managed to raise around £300 for the school which has been used to purchase books for the infants. We are very grateful to the volunteers in the PTA and also to parents and families who support these events.



Children in Need

Children in need day, Friday 15th November. If children wish to support this then they can choose to wear something spotty **ALONGSIDE** their school uniform. E.g a hair accessory, headband, spotty socks. We ask for a minimum donation of 50P if children choose to do this.

Reception Nativity

This year, in addition to the infant nativity, our reception class are performing their very own nativity on Friday 13th December 10.00-10.30am. Parents, relatives and community members are very welcome. We are asking for £1 entry to cover costs and this will include tea/coffee and mince pies after.

Please note, there will be NO celebration assembly on this day.

The reception class children will still be part of the choir for the KS1 nativities on 11th and 12th December.



Clitheroe Town Council Remembrance Sunday

The Town Mayor of Clitheroe, Councillor Stewart Fletcher, will be attending the Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene on Sunday 10th November for a Civic Remembrance Sunday Service at 9.30am. Attendees are asked to gather on Church St outside the Town Council. There will be a procession to the Castle Cenotaph where a short service will be held at 10.45 followed by 2 minutes silence. Light refreshments will be available at the URC, Castle Gate.

Parent Questionnaire response

Please find attached the parent questionnaire responses. We had 71 replies but not all questions were applicable to all. Once again the staff and I would like to thank all of our parents and families for their overwhelming support and positive feedback both in the questionnaires and in recent emails and messages received.

Pro Sport Christmas holiday club

Please see the attached flyer regarding the holiday club being held here over the holidays.

Dinner money

We currently have a lot of outstanding balances for dinners. As previously requested, please can you ensure that dinner money is paid up front and there is enough money to pay for your child's meal. Please do not wait for it to run out as this means money has to be taken from other areas of the budget to pay for these dinners meaning ultimately the whole school pays for unpaid dinners. If you receive a text to ask for payment please pay this promptly.



Anti-Bullying

We will be having Anti-Bullying Day on Monday the 11th of November. This year the theme is Theme this year is 'Change Starts With Us.'

Miss Smith will lead an anti-bullying assembly on Monday followed by activities in class. Children will also sign the anti-bullying pledge. Miss Smith will also be entering us into the Andy and the Odd Socks competition again and if we win they will come in and perform for us in school for free.



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 11 th Nov	Wear odd socks day for Anti Bullying day Anti bullying ambassadors can wear item of orange too
Wednesday 13 th Nov	Year 3 class assembly Athletics competition at Oakhill College
Thursday 14 th November	Y6 Parent Meeting for SATs and Residential
Friday 15 th Nov	NSPCC assemblies then workshops for Y5 and Y6 Please note there will be no celebration assembly PTA meeting in school 2.30pm
Monday 18 th Nov	Mad Science assembly
Wednesday 20 th Nov	Reception balanceability
Wednesday 20 th Nov	Football 2-4pm
Thursday 21 st Nov	Reception balanceability
Monday 25 th Nov	Last week of clubs except running
Wednesday 27 th Nov	Year 1 Assembly
Friday 29 th Nov	Non Uniform - Secret Santa PTA School Christmas Fair 3.30pm in school
Monday 2 nd Dec	Christmas jumpers bought in to school
Tuesday 3 rd Dec	Whole school Mass 9.15am
Friday 6 th Dec	Last running club
Monday 9 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Swap day
Tuesday 10 th Dec	Junior Nativity 6.30pm in Church
Wednesday 11 th Dec	Infant Nativity 9.30am in school Whole school visit to The Grand for the Panto
Thursday 12 th Dec	Infant nativity 2.15pm
Monday 16 th Dec	Infant Christmas Party

Tuesday 17 th Dec	Junior Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Christmas dinner and jumper day
Friday 20 th Dec	Early closure at 2.15pm

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Z Mabbott