



### GOVERNORS UPDATE

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

School was a hive of activity on Thursday as school celebrated World Book Day, the children wore some amazing costumes. It was also wonderful to see the creativity being extended to decorating book themed potatoes. Your involvement is appreciated by all in school. School are continuing to work hard this year to achieve our 2nd Green Flag Award. The children are extremely proactive in making changes around school to ensure we are as environmentally friendly as possible. They are keen to save energy by turning off lights and have already proposed changes to the kitchen regarding plastic usage.



Many thanks  
Cathy Butterworth  
Chair of Governors



### Dates for your diary:

- Whole School Mass:** 17th March St Patrick's day
- Year 5 trip to Hothersall Lodge:** 25th—27th March
- Nursery & Reception Pyjama Day:** 27th March
- Year 1 trip to Blackpool Zoo:** Tuesday 26th March
- Year 4 games at St Mary's:** Wednesday 27th March
- Year 3 trip to Eureka:** Wednesday 3rd April
- Spring Term Reports:** Friday 5th April
- Nursery Easter Workshop:** Wednesday 17th April
- School closes for Easter Holidays: Thursday 18th April at 1.30pm**

### REMINDER

School closes at 1:30pm on Thursday 18th April when we break up for the Easter holidays. There will be no After School Club on this day.  
We return to school on Monday 29th April.

## Junior History Event

### ROMANS

16th March 2019

Palatine Library  
2.30pm-3.30pm



23rd March 2019

Layton Library  
10.30am-11.30am

Moor Park  
2.30pm-3.30pm

Learn fun facts  
in our  
one hour  
storytime

No age limit, but more suited for 6-11  
**Free Event**

Booking essential  
Parental supervision required

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### STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lord on the safe arrival of their baby boy, Solomon.

### Ofsted Letter to Children

Blackpool Council's Children's Services recently underwent an Ofsted inspection. Following the inspection Ofsted have written a letter to Children in Blackpool. If you would like to read this letter or discuss it with your child you can view it at [www.blackpool.gov.uk/ofsted](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/ofsted)

### Residential Visits 2019

**YEAR 6 YORK:** The 4th instalment of £30 is due on 29.03.19. Thank you for your cooperation.

### PTFA Valentines Disco

Over £800 was raised from non-uniform and the Valentine's disco. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

### OFSTED VISIT

Blackpool Council Adult Education was recently inspected. Two Inspectors from Ofsted visited SJV and were so impressed with our school, our displays and school environment. One inspector said, "I wish my school was as calm and engaging as yours".

### NURSERY & RECEPTION NON-UNIFORM FUND RAISING PYJAMA DAY

On 27th March, our nursery and reception children can come to school in pyjamas. Donations of £1 for CAFOD.

### Nursery Availability Sept 2019

The deadline for Nursery Applications is 31st March.  
Application Forms are available at the school Office.

### SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

We are holding an exhibition of our children's artwork. The school art gallery will be open on Tuesday 12th March from 3:15pm until approximately 5pm.

To raise money for our school and also a baby hospice called Zoe's place, you can buy your child's framed masterpiece at the exhibition for £6.00 each. In addition to the framed original, you can also order any number of additional framed high quality colour copies of the original at £5.00 each. A free frame swap service to frames of different colours is also available for originals and copies.

Please enjoy and support this event and help raise funds for school and a really good cause.



Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, we replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

### Sacramental Programmes Update

The First Holy Communion programmes is now underway and the children are working hard to prepare themselves for the sacrament. The dates of the sessions in school are:

- 4th March 3.15—4.15pm
- 11th March 3.15—4.15pm
- 18th March 3.15—4.15pm
- 25th March 3.15—4.15pm
- 1st April 3.15—4.15m
- 8th April 3.15—4pm



The children will choose which Mass to make their First Holy Communion:

- Saturday 11th May at 6pm
- Sunday 12th May at 9 am or 11am.

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

##### *Year 4 Passion Play*

**10:30am – in church for Years 1-6,  
Parishioners and Governors**

**4:00pm – in church for  
parents and families.**

#### Year Group Mass

**Wednesdays at 9:15am with  
Parishioners**

**Parents welcome to attend**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March -Year 4**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Year 3**

Nursery and Reception	Wednesday 27th March 2019	Pyjama Day £1 Easter Lucky bags on sale £1
Year 1 and 2	Wednesday 10th April 2019	Sponsored Bunny Dash. Sponsor forms will be available soon.
Year 3	Friday 12th April 2019	Sponsored fun run
Year 4	Tuesday 2nd April 2019	Cake sale
Year 5	Friday April 5th 2019	Sponsored silence
Year 6	Tuesday 9th April 2019	Cake sale