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# NEWSLETTER

Sharing the precious moments we spend together at St Joseph's...



Welcome back to a new school year and a very warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families. September has been a very busy month with many special moments! With the removal of 'bubbles', it has been wonderful to see the children mix together at playtimes and in the dining hall. This has also allowed us to plan the curriculum to allow opportunities including phased phonic groups which we know have greater impact upon learning. My biggest joy so far has been leading assemblies in the school hall again and seeing our school family together. I truly missed this in the last 18 months and look forward to it continuing. I also hope to be able to invite our families in for Good News assemblies in the near future. Thank you to all the families who attended our 'Meet the teacher' meetings at the start of the year; I hope these provided useful information and emphasized that school/parent partnership is key. Let's hope that 2021/22 school year will be a good one. Stay safe and continue to work with us following Covid guidance to keep our children, staff and families safe. Thank you!

**Mrs Wood**



## Church & Faith News

Classes 2-5 have all now joined parishioners for Mass at St. Joseph's with Canon Firth. It was lovely to be finally back together. The children were well-behaved, even the smallest amongst them who may not have been to church for a very long time, and they listened carefully to Father and answered lots of his questions. Children have also had the opportunity to listen to the Gospel read by our Bishop in school and we have been delighted to once again be able to hold whole school assemblies and collective worship in the school hall which really has been lovely. Our youngest children in Class 1 joined us for a special CAFOD assembly with school communities across the country to come together to learn about how we can help protect the Amazon rainforest.



Right Reverend Marcus Nigel  
Stock, Bishop of Leeds.



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# Welcome to our new reception children...



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# New school year, new responsibilities....

## Head Boy & Head Girl

Gabriel & Georgia May

## Deputy Head Boy & Girl

Joshua & Gracie

## Sports Captains

Zaion & Ethan,

Alice & Elisha

## ICT Ambassadors

Ethan & Kaiden

Emily & Leighton

## School Councillors

Year 1 - Betty & Spencer

Year 2 - Bobby & Isla

Year 3 - Oliver & Ted

Year 4 - Daniel & Polly

Year 5 - Amalia & Charlie

Year 6 - Kaiden & Oliwia

Well done also to all the children who also have responsibilities throughout the school including librarians, milk and fruit monitors, register monitors etc—you all help our school run so efficiently!



Well done everyone, we know you will do such an amazing job!

Zaion, Georgia May, Gracie, Joshua, Olivia B, Emily K, Harry, Grace, Jasmine, Emily W, Oliver, Mikki, Patrick, Nicole, Jessica & Leighton

**WELL DONE!**

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## More news...



Playground  
Leader  
Training

Well done to our Class 5 playground leaders who underwent some specific training with Fiona Callaghan, the School Games Organiser for the Pendle School Sport Partnership. Fiona helped the children to develop some playground games which they can lead so that all the younger children are kept active and busy at break and dinner times. These children will now be looking to organize games each break time and will also be in charge of keeping all sports equipment safe. Well done everyone!



**LetsLocalise**  
Bringing Schools and Local Communities Closer



Big thanks to LetsLocalise for securing these laptops from Legal and General. These will support children in school and at home when necessary. LetsLocalise has helped our school this last 12 months in many ways — laptops, raising funds, expert talks etc. Keep a look out for upcoming events!



Don't forget to remind your child to tune into their TT Rock Stars portal as often as possible! Confident multiplication makes maths so much more rewarding and accessible!

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# Library News

We hope to use our school library much more in the near future and we already have some wonderful new pupil librarians fully trained up in Classes 4 and 5. The new library system will enable us to electronically scan and issue books to the children using their own library card. There are LOTS of new books in the class libraries and these will rotate with the main library so that there is always something new to choose from and we really hope to see some parents visiting the library again as soon as we can!



We are proud to be involved with the SLA Information Book Awards this year!

## 2021 SHORTLIST

Peters hachette CHILDREN'S GROUP



Some fantastic new STEM based non-fiction titles enter our library this week - funded by a £150 grant from the Robert Windle Foundation!



Our new phonics programme in school is now well underway and the children are thoroughly enjoying the scheme, we can hear their newly learnt sounds echoing across Key Stage One!

Look out for the new linked reading book scheme which will be launched very soon!



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**Well done Miss Foster and the St Joseph's BASC team for their 5\* Food Hygiene Rating!**



Please make sure that all your

**ParentPay**

dinner money accounts are paid and up to date.

## DIARY DATES

**12th & 13th October**  
Year 5&6 Bikeability programme

**11th & 13th October**  
Class 1 Parent's evening

**School closes 15th October at 3.15pm for half term and re-opens 8.45am on Monday 1st November**

**19th November**  
Year 5&6 Money Programme

**Please refer to the calendar and school holiday dates on our school website:**

[www.st-josephs-barlick.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs-barlick.lancs.sch.uk)

If you have queries regarding items on the newsletter please get in touch with Mrs Wood (Head Teacher) or the school office [bursar@st-josephs-barlick.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-josephs-barlick.lancs.sch.uk)

**The Sacramental Programmes** Reconciliation (Y3), First Holy Communion (Y4) and Confirmation (Y6) will continue this year. We hope these programmes will be face to face in St. Joseph's Community centre (pending Covid restrictions and cases). You as parents will support your child through the weekly sessions, guided by our Parish catechists. Dates have not been confirmed yet but as soon as they are available, I will send to you. Your child must be baptised/christened in order to undertake Reconciliation. The catechists are also looking for new members to join their team. Would you like to be involved? If you need further details, please contact school or Father Firth.



**Wednesday 6th October. We are hosting our Open Day for families with a child due to start school in September 2022! Tours available through the day. Contact 01282 813045 for further details.**

**OPEN DAY**

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