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Autumn Term
December
2021

NEWSLETTER

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



Dear families,

Well this has been a busy Autumn Term! It has been wonderful to have all the children in school without the requirement to be in 'bubbles'. Seeing the children mix together and enjoy one another's company at breaks has been wonderful. For staff it has also allowed us to teach to our best; implementing a variety of groupings to deliver a curriculum which meets the children's needs. This includes our daily phonics lessons in KSI and maths lessons. We have also been able to resume mixed groups in PE, music and our after-school groups.

I would like to thank all our parents for their ongoing support, especially in following the COVID guidance. It was good to resume parent's evenings face to face in school and I know you all appreciated this and felt you received a better picture of your child. It has been sad that we have been unable to host a Christmas disco or Christmas fair with our Parish but we are hoping to host some events in 2022!

At this present time, we do not know what 2022 will bring. I do hope it will be positive as we want the children in school learning. Staff and children have worked very hard this term and now deserve a good break and quality time with their family and friends. All that remains is for me to wish you all the best for a peaceful and happy Christmas. Stay safe and well. Best wishes to you all for 2022!

Mrs Wood



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Class One Trips...



A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT GAWTHORPE HALL



A day at the dairy



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Christmas Celebrations...



Music and joy!

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More News...

MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS

Miss Gill and a few pupils from Class 5 took part in a Mental Health Champions event this half-term. After hearing an inspiring talk from athlete Neil Danks about his life and mental health, the group planned a project for in school. This project will start in January and work to support positive mental health, including coping strategies. One Goal have also been working with Class 5 on the 'Together Program', this is a 12-week program to support teamwork, respect and self-confidence. Along with this, Mr Souter came to work with the Year 5/6 pupils this half-term on the Money Program, this program supports children in their money awareness, including: debt awareness, debit and credit cards and learning about different types of career.



Our new reading programme for KSI and Reception is now up and running in school. The children are loving the new daily Phonics sessions and "Fred the Frog" has gone down a treat with everyone around school! The new reading books and stories are being shared and enjoyed both in school and at home. Our first RWI Parent's meeting was really well attended, thank you to all for your support. Watch Class Dojo for news of more meetings and workshops in the New Year. Happy Christmas and Happy Reading everyone!



Congratulations! One of our Year 2s won the Christmas card competition for MP Andrew Stephenson, he was delighted to receive his very own TV and PM Boris Johnson was impressed with the design! We also had two children who received £10 book tokens for their Highly Commended entries. Well done everyone!

We wave a fond farewell to Mrs Catlow who has been a wonderful teaching assistant for over 14 years at St Joseph's. She will be sadly missed and we are very grateful for everything she has done over the years. We wish her the very best in the future. We also say goodbye and thank you to Miss Taylor who has done a magnificent job in Class 4 whilst we were recruiting our new deputy head. Miss Hargreaves will join us in the New Year and we wish her all the very best in her new role with us!



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Important events for your diary...

If you have queries regarding any of the items on the newsletter please get in touch with Mrs Wood or the school office:
bursar@st-josephs-barlick.lancs.sch.uk

Christmas Masses

St Joseph's

Christmas Eve 5.30pm

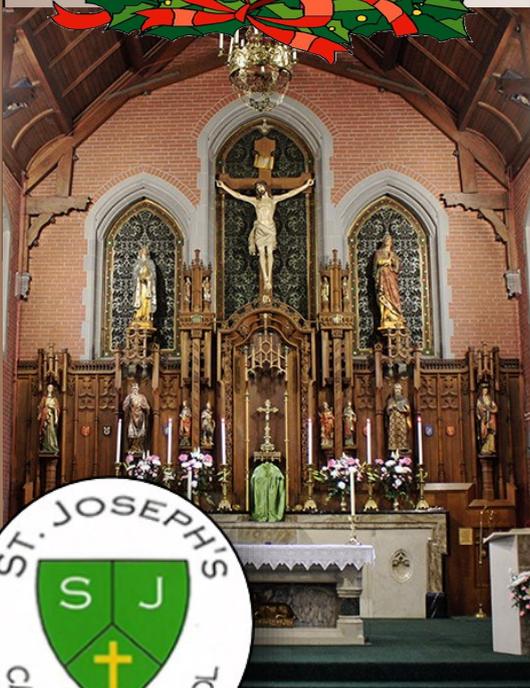
St Patrick's

Christmas Eve 11pm

St Joseph's

Christmas Day 10.30pm

Please make sure you pre-book Christmas Eve service due to covid restrictions. Please contact Father Firth on 01282 812204 or sign up in Church.



Congratulations to all our Year 6 who chose to be confirmed this week by Bishop Marcus. A huge thank you to our catechists for preparing the children for this special occasion.

DIARY DATES

17th December 2021

School closes at 1.30pm (No After School Club)

4th January 2022

School re-opens after Christmas

5th January 2022

Class 2 & 3 Pantomime trip

11th January 2022

6pm- Parents meeting for Reconciliation programme

14th January 2022

Good News Assembly resume with Parents welcomed (held alternate weeks at 2.40pm)

20th & 21st January 2022

Life Education visits

3rd March 2022

World Book Day

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