



Newsletter 15th September 2023

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With love we grow!

"May each family rediscover family prayer, which helps to bring about forgiveness." - Pope Francis.

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." - Margaret Fuller

Attendance Matters - Whole School Target - 96%+.

From next week we will report in this space on the whole school attendance and individual class attendance. We are required to closely monitor attendance and we appreciate your support in not taking children out of school in term time, which has a negative impact on the overall attendance percentage. Also, should your child be ill during the year, their attendance will run the risk of falling into the cause for concern category. We will be sending home the term dates for 2024/2025 as soon as we are able, we are awaiting dates from feeder schools at present.

Welcome Back!

Firstly, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new parents and carers, and hope that they soon feel part of our lovely school community. We also welcome Mrs Brooks who is teaching Yr 4.

The children have settled into their new classes very well indeed and are eager to learn. Their behaviour, manners and general attitudes to learning and to each other around school has been lovely to see.

PE Days - On PE days children must attend school in their full PE kit. The children have all returned with their full PE kits so far and look amazing - thank you.

Bags in school - Please can we request that only book bags and lunch boxes are brought into school on a daily basis?

After School Clubs - All clubs commence next week. All children who have subscribed to clubs have a place. All clubs finish at 4.15pm unless stated below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Athletics (Yrs 5&6) full	Jam Coding (KS2)	No Clubs	Athletics (Yrs 3 & 4) full	No Clubs
Spanish KS2 til 4.15pm			Spanish (KS1) til 4pm commencing 21/9	

Parent Volunteers - We are always looking for additional adults in school to help to support the children. If you could spare a morning, afternoon or a day and would like to offer your help, please let us know.

Jewellery - Earrings must be removed before the children come to school. Any earrings which were pierced at the beginning of the school holidays should be removed or covered with a plaster at home. We will allow children who have had their ears pierced over the holiday to wear the plastic transparent earrings whilst their ear completely heal. The only jewellery allowed is a small wrist watch (no smart watches please).

KS2 Peripatetic Music - Music tuition started this week (unfortunately keyboard was cancelled as the teacher was unwell). Guitar will take place each Monday and Keyboard will be on Wednesday afternoons. Details of payment will be sent home next week for payment for the Autumn term. Any keyboards which are being loaned can be collected from the office next week if you have returned the loan agreement form.

Open Days - We are having three 'Open Days' for current and prospective parents. These will take place on **28th September and 4th October from 9.10 - 10.15am: 5th October from 6 - 7.15pm.** Please come along and bring any new parents who have children due to start school in September.

Meet the Teacher - we are having 'Meet the Teacher' session straight after school next Thursday 21st September. Please feel free to come in and have a look at your child's classroom and meet their teacher.

Healthier Snacks - thank you for sending your child/ren into school with healthy snacks at break time. Your support is very much appreciated.

Data Collection - Please can any remaining Data Collection sheets be returned to school as soon as possible so that our records can be maintained accordingly?

Teacher Emails & Class Twitter Accounts - Each class teacher can be contacted via their new class email accounts (see below). Please note, these will only be monitored periodically during the school day and will **not** be monitored in the evenings or weekends. If your message is urgent ie last minute appt or change to home arrangements, please contact the school office as teachers cannot access their emails during teaching time.

EYFS - Miss Singleton's email EYFS@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk

'X' (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/EYFSwithMissS>

Year 1 - Mrs Pearson's email year1@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk

'X' (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/Year1withMrsP>

Year 2 - Miss Johnson's email year2@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk

'X' (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/Year2withMissJ1>

Year 3 - Miss Ashton's email year3@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk

'X' (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/Year3withMissA>

Year 4 - Mrs Brooks' email year4@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk

'X' (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/Year4withMrsB>

Year 5 - Miss Wallis' mail year5@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk

'X' (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/Year5withMissW1>

Year 6 - Mr Merrick's email year6@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk

'X' (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/Year6withMrM1>

Office email - Mrs MacLeod bursar@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk

Coolmilk - If your child wishes to receive milk provided by Coolmilk on a daily basis (under 5's receive free milk if registered). You can register with them by visiting www.coolmilk.com. Please note the registers close on Tuesdays for the following week.

Dates for your Diary

18th September - Y4 'With you Always' meeting @ 6.30pm in school

21st September - Y6 Trip to Queen Street Mill Textile Museum

21st September - 'Meet the Teacher' - straight after school.

25th September - Y4 'With you Always' meeting @ 6.30pm in Church

26th September - Mr Gaughan, Holy Cross to talk to parents of Yr5 & Yr6 @ 6pm in school

28th September - Open Day - 9.10 - 10.15am For current & prospective parents

29th September - PTFA Own Clothes day in exchange for bottles (more info to follow)

4th October - Open Day - 9.10 - 10.15am For current & prospective parents

5th October - Open Day - 6 - 7.15pm For current & prospective parents

9th October - Y4 'With you Always' meeting @ 6.30pm in school

10th October - PTFA Family Quiz Night (more info to follow)

15th October - Family Mass in Church

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