



Newsletter 24th November 2023



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With love we grow!

“The Gospel invites us to be open to others, to share with the poor. Let us learn to live with kindness” Pope Francis

“What a blessing it is to love books” - Elizabeth von Arnim.

Scholastic Book Fair - The book fair will be open every night after school until 28th November. Payment can be made by cash or card payment via a QR code (phone required to access the payment portal).

Parents' Evenings - Bookings are open for Parents' Evenings in December. If you have trouble booking, please contact the office. Please note appointments are strictly for 5 mins only, if you need a longer meeting with the class teacher please make a note in your child's planner and teachers can make the necessary arrangements. Bookings will close at 12pm the day before each scheduled meeting.

Christmas Fair - We are very much looking forward to the Christmas Fair next week and preparations are well underway thanks to our hard working PTFA and volunteers. We could always do with more helpers to lighten the workload on the night and to assist running a stall for part of the evening. If you are available to help please contact school or Jackie Rypel via the PTFA Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/743107821194166/?ref=share>

Golden Tickets - Each child will be given a 'Golden Ticket' before the fair which entitles them to have one go on any stall 'free of charge'. When they are sent home, please keep them safe and bring it along to the fair next week.

Christmas Jumper Donations - The PTFA are wanting to have a recycled Christmas jumper stall at the fair. If your child has a Christmas jumper that they have grown out of and they are happy to recycle, please send it into school by Tuesday next week. Please can we request that it is freshly washed if possible as it has probably been sat in a drawer for some time.

Twitter Pages - Just a reminder of class contact and "X" (formerly Twitter) pages, please keep an eye on the pages as staff regularly post things that the children are doing in class.

EYFS - EYFS@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk <https://twitter.com/EYFSwithMissS>

Year 1 - year1@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk <https://twitter.com/Year1withMrsP>

Year 2 - year2@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk <https://twitter.com/Year2withMissJ1>

Year 3 - year3@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk <https://twitter.com/Year3withMissA>

Year 4 - year4@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk <https://twitter.com/Year4withMrsB>

Year 5 - year5@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk <https://twitter.com/Year5withMissW1>

Year 6 - year6@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk <https://twitter.com/Year6withMrM1>

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

Reception Play Numbers - As the play is just for Reception children we do anticipate that there will not be any need for tickets. We will send a survey out next week for completion so that we can plan for the numbers attending and to make sure we remain compliant for health & safety purposes.

Christmas Plays - We do have a few spare tickets for both of the KS1 performances, please contact the school office. Both Reception and the KS1 plays are being recorded and copies will be available to purchase to be delivered before we close for Christmas. We do request that if you are bringing a younger child or sibling to the following performances you select a seat close to an exit, so that if they are noisy they can be quickly taken out to avoid spoiling the recording. ***The performances being filmed are Thursday 7th December @ the 10am Reception performance and the Thursday 14th @ the 2pm KS1 performance.***

Dinner Menus - I would just like to explain why sometimes there may be gaps in the dinner menus visible to parents when booking. As we have a 3 week rolling cycle for menus, if we have any amendments they cannot be made whilst the menus are still live in previous weeks. For example the week of the cinema trip is the same menu as this week hence I could not make this live until this week was complete. Some food choices are available on more than one menu, again, making it difficult to amend without affecting live menus. You

will notice a comment against a couple of items (not available 15/12/23) as these are visible on other menus. I hope this makes sense, any problems please contact the office.

Cinema Day - as you are aware, we are taking all of the children to see **Elf on 15th December**. As we will return to school after the start of normal dinner service, the kitchen will only be offering a packed lunch box containing your child's choice of sandwich, a piece of fruit and a cake/biscuit. This can now be pre ordered via Eduspot with a **deadline to order by 1st December**. Please note there will not be any hot alternative to sandwiches on this date.

Parking on Rothwell Road - We have received a complaint from a resident about parking in and across the bays opposite school entrance. A parent yesterday parked across the bays, blocking a resident in for 15-20 mins before they returned to their car. Understandably, they were very annoyed and upset that someone should do this. Please can we request that parents park with consideration for our lovely neighbours who are very supportive and tolerant of the disturbance that goes with living next to the school?

Uniform - The uniform recycling is still available in school. Due to the weather we are not able to put it outside daily. If you wish to have a look through the uniform and it is not outside, please come to the school office at hometime preferably where possible.

School Admissions - If you have a child due to start school in September 2024 please apply via - <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

If you have a child or you know someone who has a child due to start Reception Class in September 2024 and would like a tour around our school, please contact Mrs MacLeod in the school office and we will arrange this.

SVP Chorley Buddies Christmas Toy Appeal - "The Christmas Toy Appeal" with SVP Chorley Buddies and St Laurence's Church are trying to help keep the magic of Christmas alive for every child in Chorley again this year! Unfortunately, many families struggle to provide gifts for their children and even more so with the cost-of-living crisis. They want to make sure that no children in Chorley are without a gift this Christmas. They are asking the children and families within our school to help make this appeal a success simply by donating a new, unwrapped toy (nothing used please) as a gift for someone who could otherwise receive no or few gifts this Christmas. See attached flyer.

Dates for your Diary These dates are now showing on our 'School Calendar' on our school website, please keep an eye on there, as any updates will show on there as changes are made.

22nd - 28th November - Scholastic Book Fair

27th November - First Confessions 6.30pm in Church

30th November - PTFA Christmas Fair 5.30 - 7.30pm (remember to bring your Golden Ticket)

3rd December - Family Mass in Church @ 11.30am

5th December - KS2 Parents' Evening 2-6pm

6th December - EYFS & KS1 Parents' Evening 2-6pm

7th December - Reception Nativity @ 10am

8th December - Reception Nativity @ 10am

12th December - Advent Mass in Church @ 10am

13th December - KS1 Show @ 6pm (admission by ticket only, 3 tickets per family)

14th December - KS1 Show @ 2pm (admission by ticket only, 3 tickets per family)

15th December - Whole school cinema trip to see 'Elf'

15th December - Guitar Concert for guitar pupils @ 2pm (details to follow)

20th December - Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day

21st December - KS2 Carol Service attended by whole school @ 2pm (All parents welcome)

21st December - School Closes for Christmas

22nd December - INSET Day

8th January 2024 - School reopens for Spring Term