



Newsletter 26th November 2021

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With love we grow!

"Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Prince of Peace. It's a time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbours." Pope Francis
"What kind of Christmas present would Jesus ask Santa for?"

School Admissions for September 2022 - Primary school admission applications are open for September 2022. If you have a child in pre school at nursery, please go to <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>. School faith forms are available from the school office or on our website and must be returned to the school office. Please also have a look at our school website to see our lovely new film so you can see more about us in action.

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Advent - This Sunday is the start of the season of Advent, a word which means 'important arrival'. Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus. In the past we have sent home a Posada with each child for one night to help prepare families for Christmas, Our Covid risk assessment does not allow this this year so we will prepare the children in school.

Parents' Evening - This will be held virtually via 'Schoolcloud'. The days are as follows: 7th December - KS2, 8th December - EYFS & KS1. If anyone has had difficulty accessing the system to make an appointment please contact the school office.

Scholastic Book Fair - The book fair is open after school tonight, Monday and Tuesday. We are able to take card payments or cash, (unfortunately we are not able to take apple pay/phone payments). We also have lots of lovely soft toys from Derian House who are looking for forever homes for Christmas. They are available at the book fair and will be available during school time thereafter. Just £2 each to help our local "Children in Need".

Cinema Trip - Whole school cinema trip, Thursday 16th December. The children will go to the cinema by coach and will return in time to have their school meal as normal. We are watching Encanto (so please don't book to see this ahead of our visit and spoil the surprise). Any remaining payments can still be made via Eduspot/Schoolmoney, £7.15 per pupil, this includes a drink and a snack box, the PTFA will pay for transport.

Christmas Joy New Toy Appeal - As part of The Christmas Joy Project, co-ordinated by Chorley Council, the Catholic Community in Chorley, have been invited to donate new toys for distribution to families in Chorley. If you want to donate new toys, then please just bring them into school, unwrapped. From w/c Monday 6th December, SVP Chorley Buddies will collect the toys from school, take them to St Laurence's for storage and distribution by Chorley Council to families who might need some help this Christmas. St Laurence's are having a Toy Service on Sunday 5th December at 9am if anyone wishes to attend. The last collection from school will be on Friday 10th December. Thank you for bringing some Joy into people's lives this Christmas!

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day - This will be on Wednesday 15th December, please ensure that if your child wishes to have a **Christmas dinner** you **must pre-book** this on 'Schoolmoney' as the catering order will be placed the week prior to this. Please note we are still experiencing some slight issues with food supplies so there may be tweaks to the menu.

Christmas Plays & Carol Service - KS1, Reception and their Yr 6 buddies will be filming a Christmas play which will be available to parents online. KS2 will be holding a carol service which will take place during school time.

Christmas Cards - If children are wishing to send Christmas cards, there will be a post box in each class from 1st December, cards will be distributed in the last week of term.

"With you Always" - There are no more Monday evening preparations classes for the Service of Reconciliation which will take place in Church on Monday 6th December

PTFA AGM - This will take place next Tuesday in the Top Spinners at 7.30pm. We need as many parents and carers to get involved in the PTFA to help out, 'many hands make light work'. If you are unsure if this is for you, pop along, have a chat and find out more. You could be the very person we are looking for.

Twitter Accounts - Reminder of class twitter pages

School - @stjosephsander2 Reception - @EYFSwithMissS

Year 1 - @Year1withMsG1 Year 2 - @Year2withMissJ1 Year 3 - @Year3MrsP

Year 4 - @Year4withMrsC Year 5 - @Year5withMissB Year 6 - @Year6withMrM1

Dates for your diary

24th - 30th November - Scholastic Book Fair in school

28th November - First Sunday of Advent

29th November - Advent begins in school.

30th November - 7.30pm PTFA AGM @ The Top Spinners

1st December - Children can start bringing Christmas cards to school.

6th December - 6.30pm Service of Reconciliation/Confession (in Church)

7th December - KS2 Parents' Evening 2-6pm (remotely via Schoolcloud)

8th December - EYFS & KS1 Parents' Evening 2-6pm (remotely via Schoolcloud)

15th December - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

16th December - Wigan Empire - Encanto (whole school trip), please book & pay online.

17th December - School closes at 3:15pm for Christmas