



Newsletter 10th December 2021

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With love we grow!

"May the joy of the Gospel be always in our hearts, especially this Christmas." Pope Francis

"I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year" - Charles Dickens

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Congratulations to the Year 4 children who made their First Confession on Monday and thank you to Fr Marsden, Fr Ball and the Catechists for their preparation for this Sacrament.

Covid 19 in School - As you will be aware we have had a slight spike in the number of cases of Covid 19 in school and are currently under local 'Tier 2' guidance. Please may we remind parents, in particular in the run up to Christmas to keep your child at home if they are unwell and seek a PCR test, (the symptoms reported to us have included stomach pains, headache, sore throat, cold symptoms, sneezing, runny nose, temperature, chest pain and coughing.). Also, please seek a PCR test if your child is requested to do so by school if they have been identified as a close contact. Some classes may also be requested to do daily LFD tests if there is an outbreak in their class setting. If a child tests positive please contact school as soon as possible to advise and keep any siblings at home for the duration of the isolation period. Please email Covid test results to bursar@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk as soon as possible so that we can take appropriate action.

Parents' Evening - Thank you for your support with our virtual Parents' Evening, which was well received and well attended. We are aware of some technical glitches but on the whole the feedback has been positive.

Ms Grime, Moving on - Ms Grime has taken the decision, after 24 years of teaching here at St Joseph's, to follow an alternative career path. She will be finishing next Friday and will be working in the family business and also enjoying some free time in the new year. We wish her all the very best for happy, exciting and fulfilling times ahead. She has been a valued member of the teaching team, staff and children will miss her lots. Good luck Ms Grime! A separate letter has been sent to Year 1 parents, advising of staffing changes,

Derian House - We are still selling the soft toys for Derian House, they are available for £2 each with all proceeds going to help our local children whose Christmas may not look like our own.

Cinema Trip - Postponed until the New Year. Any remaining payments can still be made via Eduspot/Schoolmoney, £7.15 per pupil.

Advent Charitable Work in School - During Advent, as a school we focus on raising money for and sending help to those in need both locally and in the wider world.

Our campaigns this year include:

1. Derian House novelties are still available for £2 each.
2. Toy donations for the Chorley Buddies toy appeal for families in the Chorley area. Thank you for your donations which have now been sent for redistribution to local families.
3. Food donations for the Chorley Food Bank (please send into school by Tuesday).
4. Mary's Meals - 'Mary's Meals provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day. Their work is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who

brought up her own child in poverty. Mary's Meals consists of, respects, and reaches out to people of all faiths and of none.'

All monies raised before the end of January 2022 are being match funded and the total doubled. We are requesting that each family makes a small donation via Eduspot during Advent to support this charity. **Please note: This is our Christmas Jumper day fundraiser, please give as generously as you are able.**

We aim to work together for the good of others especially at this particular time of year as we prepare for Christmas

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 15th December. All children can wear their own clothes and Christmas jumpers to school for a small donation (via Eduspot) for our Christmas jumper charity which is the Mary's Meals appeal.

Christmas Parties - we are having parties in school next week for all of the children. EYFS & KS1 will be on Monday afternoon and KS2 will be on Wednesday afternoon. We have invited a DJ/magician to attend, which is being part funded by the PTFA.

PE Days next week - If your child has PE days on either of the party days, they do not need to wear PE clothes to school on those days.

Christmas Plays - KS1 and Reception will be filming a Christmas play which will be available to parents online.

Christmas Cards - post boxes are available in each class, cards will be distributed next week.

After School Clubs - The Gymnastics and basketball clubs have finished now and will not be on next week. Crafted, Jam Coding and Spanish will be on as normal.

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

13th December - EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party (Own clothes may be worn to school)

14th December - Catchup guitar lesson for guitar pupils

15th December - KS2 Christmas Party

15th December - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day (Mary's Meal - Donations online)

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

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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