



# Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020



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## Stars of the Week

We are very proud to announce our 'Stars of the Week' for last week. Well done !

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
13/11/20	Noah A	Ida K	Whole Class	Whole Class	Henry W	Ava T	Elliot U

**We are all back!** - It is lovely to have all classes back in school once again and things getting as back to normal as we can hope. Should any class bubbles need to close we will contact you via text or email as soon as possible which may include evenings and weekends.

**Plans for Christmas** - Plans are underway for Christmas in school and we are trying to make Christmas as special as we can for the children whilst ensuring we comply with keeping everyone safe. Details have been sent out via email earlier this week and more will soon follow...

**Anti Bullying Week** - The children have had a lovely week re-inforcing the message of Anti-bullying through class assemblies and activities to raise awareness and alert the children to 'what bullying is' and how they can be proactive to ensure that bullying is not something that goes undetected within our school community and things they can do to keep our school free of bullying.

**New Intake September 2020** - If any new parents would like to make an appointment to visit school or have any questions they would like to ask, please call the school office to make arrangements. Tel 01257 480598. Our 'Supplementary Faith Form' is available on our school website.

**Parents Evening** - We are planning to have a 'Parents' Afternoon/Evening' on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - booking for this can be done via the 'School Spider App' and will go live on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 5pm (we have delayed it slightly to allow parents more time to get set up on the School Spider app). Parents evening will be in the form of a phonecall home from the class teacher and will be limited to 5 minute slots as usual. If you are unable to make this time please email [admin@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk) and we will make alternative arrangements

**PTFA Colouring Competition** - All entries have been received and judging has taken place- the winners are KS1 George T (Y2) and Junior F (Y5) - Well done!. The standards were really high and we definitely have some budding artists amongst us. Well done to everyone who entered.

**Flu Vaccinations** - All children who wanted a vaccination have received it today. If your child was absent from school today and booked a vaccine, the health team will return to give them their vaccination.

**Christmas Dinner & Santa Dash** - KS1 - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, KS2 - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Bookings for these have now closed. If your KS2 child is not having a Christmas dinner you will need to provide a packed lunch as usual. Christmas jumpers and own clothes can be worn on the day that your child is having Christmas dinner and they will also be taking part in the PTFA sponsored 'Santa Dash' on the above days respectively .

**Road Safety** - Please see separate flyers about 'Safe Parking Around Schools' and 'Keeping your Child Safe on our Roads'. Please may we remind parents who use Rothwell Road for drop-off and collection to be mindful of our residents and respect that this is their home, please do not park in, or obstruct their allocated parking area.

**Caring Community** - We have been contacted by some organisations including the Local Authority, who are wanting to help families in need, in particular in the run up to, and over Christmas. If you feel that you need some help or support, be it financially or with providing some 'special gifts' or food parcels, please contact school in confidence and we will pass your details on.

**The Christmas Joy Project and Chorley Buddies** - As per the letter emailed this week, we are joining with a cluster of Catholic schools in the area and the St Vincent de Paul Society to collect new toys for distribution to families in the Chorley area. We have placed a red plastic box outside of the main office for any donations to be dropped off. Please do not wrap them, the deadline for donations is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to those who have already donated. Also Chorley Buddies and the SVP conferences want to ensure we have no one lonely this Christmas. If you know anyone who would benefit from receiving a call and a friendly chat, please with their consent pass on their details as per the attached flyer.

**Outdoor PE Kits** - If you have struggled to source a suitable non-branded outdoor PE kit which is of one dark colour ie. navy blue, black or grey, please contact our uniform stockists (please see the bottom of the newsletter) to purchase these.

**PTFA Facebook page** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/655572207957899/?ref=share>

**Twitter Accounts** - As well as a school Twitter account, each class has their own Twitter account. Each class will be tweeting at least weekly so make sure you are up to date and keep on top of what the children are doing in class and give you the opportunity for the children to tell you about their school day. Please see list below of our class twitter accounts

Whole school - @stjosephsander2

Reception - @EYF5withMissS

Year 1 - @Year1withMsG1

Year 2 - @Year2withMissJ1

Year 3 - @Year3MrsP

Year 4 - @year4withmissd

Year 5 - @Year5MrM1

Year 6 - @Year6WithMrsC1

### **Covid Related Information**

**Track & Trace** - If any member of your household is contacted by track & trace and told to self-isolate please advise school as soon as possible. If anyone subsequently develops symptoms please contact school.

**Home Learning/Isolating during Covid** - If your child is required to be off school due to coronavirus symptoms or self isolating, the links to for home learning for the school curriculum are now available on the class pages on our school website and can be accessed here <https://www.st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk/classes>. For whole class closure details will be sent at the time.

**Child Ill?** - Please see the guidance information on our website.