



Newsletter 4th December 2020



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With love we grow!

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
27/11/20	Riley P	Will B	Isaac U	Matilda H	Jacob C	Ruby F	Iris G

"Always know in your heart that God is by your side. Let us never lose hope!" Pope Francis

Goodbye and Good Luck - we are sad to say 'Goodbye' to Miss Davies who is leaving us today to make a new start in Cheshire, where she is diversifying her skills and using them in the NHS. She will be missed by staff and pupils alike but we wish her all the very best and hope she comes back to see us when she is visiting Chorley.

Holiday List - Please see holiday list sent out today via email. This information is also available on our school website.

Adlington Carnival Committee - are holding a competition for all children to participate, for a chance to win a prize. The age categories are; ★ up to 4 years, ★ 5 - 8 years & ★ 9 -12 years

How to enter.....

Draw a Christmas picture on a paper or card etc, with as many crafts, pencils, felt tips, crayons.....

Get a parent to take a picture and post it below in your age category. Closing date for entry is the 13th December at 8pm. Have fun & be as creative as you like.

Please click the link & thank you for your help and support. <https://fb.me/e/32w39pgrp>

School Spider App - If anyone has still not managed to download and access the new School Spider App and would like some assistance, please contact the school office. (Please remember that your username is your name in lower case with no spaces i.e. 'fredflintstone', click reset password/forgotten password and use the email address registered with school).

Parents Evening Tuesday 8th December - If anyone is having difficulty booking an appointment please contact school. 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 and we will make alternative arrangements.

Personal Hygiene - We would like to remind parents and carers as part of your normal hygiene routines please check your child/ren regularly for headlice and treat accordingly.

EU Settlement Scheme - We have been asked to inform parents/families about this service which provides immigration status to those who need it as the UK leaves the EU. It is important that anyone who needs to apply, applies. Full guidance on how to apply is available at

<https://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus> .This service will be looking for reasons to grant access, not reasons to refuse.

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.

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

School - @stjosephsander2

Reception - @EYFSwithMissS

Year 1 - @Year1withMsG1

Year 2 - @Year2withMissJ1

Year 3 - @Year3MrsP

Year 4 - @year4withmissd

Year 5 - @Year5withMrM1

Year 6 - @Year6WithMrsC1



Christmas

Derian House Christmas Flumps - These are available within each class at a cost of £2 each. A new batch of elves arrived and they are looking for someone to take them home so they are not left 'on the shelf'. Please help us to raise money for Derain House by purchasing a flump, an elf (or two). Please send the correct money as we do not have any change in school and all monies are placed directly into the Derian House collection tubs.

Christmas Hampers - These will be raffled off by each class. You will be able to buy virtual tickets via Eduspot at a cost of £1 each. This will show as a £5 payment but you can pay as many £1 instalments as you like up to £5.

Christmas Dinner & PTFA Sponsored Santa Dash - EYFS & KS1 - Thursday 10th December, **KS2** - Friday 11th December. If your KS2 child is not having a Christmas dinner you will need to provide a packed lunch as usual. Santa Dash payments can be made via Eduspot up to £20, additional sponsorship can be sent into school in a named envelope and dropped at the office.

The Christmas Joy Project and Chorley Buddies - Thank you so much to those who have donated to the 'Christmas Toy Appeal', your generosity will bring a smile to many children's faces over Christmas time. Also Chorley Buddies and the SVP want to ensure there is nobody 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 below.

There are two ways to refer

- Email the details to chorleybuddies@hotmail.com (If you are referring someone else, you MUST have their permission to share their contact details)
- Call Chorley Buddies on 01257 542367

If you would like to help by phoning someone who may be lonely, please email or phone as above to volunteer.

Christmas Cards between Children - Any Christmas cards that the children wish to send to each other can be placed in the Christmas letterbox in their classroom. The last date for posting will be Friday 11th December and cards will be distributed the following week.

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 or contact them on your behalf.

School Christmas Tree - The tree is up and looking lovely as the children are decorating it with their acts of kindness. The funds raised from their "Christmas Wishes" will then be sent to CAFOD. Children are continuing to do their daily 'Acts of Kindness' in school and the school community.

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.