



It's lovely to be back!

It's wonderful to be back in school with the St Joseph's family, and I have enjoyed meeting our all new children and staff. Thank you so much for all the messages of support I have received during my time away, it really is appreciated.

We have a tremendously busy term coming up as we enter into the festive period. I am looking forward to our whole school trip to the pantomime, Cinderella, next month, and I know the children are already busy rehearsing their Christmas shows. We also have our Christmas Fair and Christmas Dinner to look forward to.

This week we are having an anti-bullying focus in school. We delivered an anti-bullying assembly and the theme this year is "Choose Respect". Teachers and children will be looking out for those who are demonstrating respectful behaviour and putting names forward for special recognition in Friday's Celebration Worship.

My door is always open and if there is anything you wish to talk to me about, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Mrs Scott, Headteacher

## Stacksteads Remembers

Congratulations to our wonderful Eagles and Year 6 children who attended the annual Stacksteads Remembrance Service at the Peace Garden on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. The children took part in the service and laid a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of the school. We are super proud of their impeccable behaviour at this important event.

We have also observed a 2-minute silence in school to mark Armistice Day on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you to all those who purchased poppies, wristbands, slapbands and more to support the work of the Royal British Legion.





# Christmas Fair

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm**

Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm in the school hall. There will be lots of stalls and games, and refreshments will also be on sale. We've heard that Father Christmas is also hoping to drop in.

Please bring lots of change and come and support our wonderful PTA who have worked hard to put this event together.

We will be holding non-uniform days on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November when we ask you to send in bottles and chocolates for the fair.

The money raised by our PTA goes towards events and activities for all the children at St Joseph's.



## Sacramental Programme Dates



Tues 12<sup>th</sup> November 3.00pm  
Parents' Meeting at St Peter's School

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am  
Mass at St Peter's Church

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> March 3.40pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Practice at St Peter's Church

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> March 6.00pm  
First Confessions at St Peter's Church  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June 3.40pm

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist Practice at St Peter's Church

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am  
First Communion at St Peter's Church

Sunday Mass – 20<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May  
all at St Peter's Church



Congratulations to our team of children who represented St Joseph's brilliantly at the Penathlon 10 Pin Bowling Festival at MFA Bowl in Burnley recently.

## Reading Matters!

Reading at home with your child is one of the most important things you can do to support their overall development at school. We send reading books home every day and would ask for your support in reading with them.

Reading also has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Reading at home builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves a child's sleeping patterns.



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## School Uniform Reminder

Thank you to all the parents who are making sure their child is coming to school in full uniform. Our uniform requirements are very clearly published on our website and are available from outside the school office.

Unfortunately, we have noticed an increase in non-compliances and would be grateful for your support in correcting these. In particular:

- Hairstyles should be appropriate for school and hair must be of a natural colour. No tramlines. No colours woven into braids. Long hair must be tied back.
- School trousers in black or dark grey may be worn but leggings are not appropriate, other than for PE.
- Black school shoes must be worn, trainers are only for PE.

If your child is struggling with uniform requirements because of sensory or medical issues, please do speak to Mrs Scott so that adjustments can be made.

Finally, don't forget to put your child's name in all of their clothing. Handwritten names are fine, there is no need for fancy labels unless you want to use them. Thank you for your support.

## Can you help us improve our outdoor play?

Do you have any unwanted toy cars, toy animals, figures, dolls and so on that you no longer want or your children have outgrown? If so, we would really welcome them in school for our outdoor provision.

Please bring any donations to the school office.



Thank you to all those parents who have already donated items to us, we really do appreciate it!

## Attendance

Overall attendance is improving across school, which is great news. Thank you for support with this.

Please remember we can always administer paracetamol in school for minor ailments.

We have, however, noticed an increase in the number of children arriving late for school. All children should be through the doors by 8.50am and anyone arriving after this time is late.

There are also quite a few children who are regularly collected late after the school day ends at 3.20pm. We appreciate traffic is sometimes an issue but you must call school if you are going to be late, as it is upsetting for children when they are left.



## Let's Celebrate!

If your child takes part in any extra-curricular activities, we would love to hear about them! We are always happy to shout out any awards they've got at our weekly Celebration Worship on Friday mornings.

So do let us know about any successes in dancing, football, rugby, swimming, martial arts, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and so on. The list is endless!

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