

St Joseph's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to another school year!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back for the start of another school year at St Joseph's. I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us this year – it has been lovely to start to get to know the children as they embark on their primary school journey with us.

We will have lots of opportunities for parents and families to get involved in the life of the school, and we are looking forward to strengthening our relationships with parents even further this year. There will be a Welcome Mass for new starts at 10.30am on Wednesday 17th September, parents/carers are invited.

This term we will be having an emphasis on reading and homework. Both these aspects are vitally important to help your child embed what they have learned in school and we would really appreciate your help and support with this. Children should be reading to an adult regularly at home. Homework will be sent home weekly and children should be encouraged to return it on time every week.

We have lots to look forward to this year. Information about clubs will be sent home soon. Please remember that my door is always open and if there is anything you would like to discuss, do get in touch. You can also arrange to see your child's class teacher at any time, either through the school office or when you see them on the door.



Mrs Scott, Headteacher

School Website

www.stjosephsbacup.co.uk



You can find lots of useful information on our school website, including term dates, who's who, policies and more. Individual class pages will be updated over the coming weeks.

Follow us on Facebook



Our Facebook page is where we share daily news and updates about life at St Joseph's – make sure you're following us for the latest news straight to your mobile.



Pupil Leaders

Congratulations to all of our pupil leaders who were successful in getting special roles in school. They all put forward some amazing applications and we know they will all do a fantastic job in their extra responsibilities this year.



Head Boy
George



Head Girl
Tiger



Deputy Head Boy
Joshua



Deputy Head Girl
Olivia



Office Helper
Olivia



Office Helper
Calleigh

We will be recruiting for new Year 4 Caritas Ambassadors and Year 5 Prayer Leaders this term.

Staff News

This term we have welcomed some new members of staff to our team. Miss Makin has joined us as Flamingoes Class Teacher on Thursdays and Fridays, and Miss Alston is our new Teaching Assistant in Robins Class. We also have Mrs Prestage and Miss Spencer supporting children in Robins Class.



Miss Makin



Miss Alston



Mrs Prestage



Miss Spencer

Congratulations are also due to Miss Barry and her partner who are expecting their first baby in February!



Attendance

Thank you to all our families who have helped us make a great start to the year in terms of attendance and punctuality. Every minute matters when it comes to school attendance and the evidence shows that children who are in school and on time every day make better progress.

A reminder that our doors open at 8.40am and all children need to be in school by the time the doors close at 8.50am. Children arriving after this time are late and will get a late mark on their attendance record.



This term we have a new Golden Ticket incentive for attendance. Children will mark their ticket on a Friday if they have been in school every day that week and at the end of the half term, everyone with a full ticket will get a special treat.

A reminder that Calpol can be given in school for minor ailments such as coughs and colds. This can be arranged through the school office.

If your child is too ill to come to school, you must telephone the school office before 8.50am with the reason for their absence. The office can be very busy at this time so if nobody is able to answer the phone, please do leave a message as this will be picked up.

The school day finishes at 3.20pm and all children should be collected at this time unless they have been booked into Star Kids After School Club. Children in Ducklings Class and Flamingoes Class must be collected from outside their classroom doors, Penguins Class from the hall doors, and Robins Class and Eagles Class from the green doors. Children in Year 5 and 6 may walk home with parental permission.

God wants me to be the best me I can be.

SENDCo



Ms Toomey is continuing this year as our SENDCo, and is in school on Tuesdays. If you need to contact her you can do this through the school office.

mini MEDICS

Children in Penguins Class and Eagles Class have been learning some essential first aid and life saving skills this week with Mini Medics.



These amazing sessions were funded by our wonderful PTA, which shows just one of the ways your amazing support at PTA events can enhance the experiences we are able to provide in school!

Celebration Worship

Fridays at 9am in the school hall



Calling all young

adventurers!

BEAVERS

6-8 year olds

✉ 5throssendalebeavers@gmail.com

CUBS

8-10.5 year olds

✉ 5throssendalecubs@gmail.com



SCOUTS

10.5-14 year olds

✉ 5throssendalescouts@gmail.com



The 5th Rossendale Scout Group has spaces for new young people, and we are looking for adult volunteers too. If you enjoy learning new skills, going on adventures and making friends, then get in touch to join us.

Find out more about what Scouts get up to here



Join Us For the Parade on

Free Family Event!

Saturday 18th October 6PM



GLOBE ARTS STUDIOS, TOLL BAR MILL, STACKSTEADS

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