



Thank you all for your ongoing support of life at St Joseph's.

As we approach the half way mark in the Autumn Term and the long dark evenings are here, it's still really important that homework is completed and home reading is done. This helps your child consolidate what they have learned in school and really does make a difference with their progression.

Now that the cold weather has properly arrived, your child needs appropriate clothing every day. We still have lots of children arriving without a coat and as the temperatures drop, they will also need hats and gloves. We also still have too many children arriving late for school. As a reminder, our free breakfast club opens at 8am, and the class doors are open from 8.40am. All children must be in school by the time the doors close at 8.50am to avoid being marked late.

Finally, please note that we will need to see proof of medical appointments in order to authorise these absences. Please try to arrange appointments outside of school time where possible, and children should not be taken out of school for parents' appointments unless in an absolute emergency.

My door is always open and if there is anything you would like to discuss, do get in touch.

*Mrs Scott, Headteacher*



## Stacksteads Remembers

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who represented the school impeccably and laid a wreath at the Remembrance Service at the peace garden earlier this month.



## Panto trip

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December



REMINDER: payments and consents need to be completed through ParentPay by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November at the latest please.



## LANCASHIRE DAY

**THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

We will be celebrating Lancashire Day in school. The children will be taking part in a range of history and geography activities to help them learn more about Lancashire's heritage, landmarks and local culture.

To add to the celebration the day will be non-uniform and children are invited to wear something red, or if they wish a red rose to represent Lancashire. We would also like them to bring a picture of their favourite place in Lancashire or a Lancashire place with a special memory. This could be a photograph, drawing or printed image. Children will be given the chance to share this during the day.



Congratulations to the latest groups of children who have represented St Joseph's at the recent Rossendale Schools Sports Partnership competitions. As always, you did us proud!




East Lancashire "This Girl Can" multi-sports event at Roefield Leisure Centre, Clitheroe

**Celebration**

**Worship**

Fridays at 9am in the school hall



**PTA News**

Our Spooky Discos and pumpkin competition raised a total of **£277.55!** Thank you to everyone who supported these events.




Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling at Disco Bowl, Burnley

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## Anchor of Hope

We were delighted to welcome the Anchor of Hope to St Joseph's last week. The Anchor was brought to us by Prayer Leaders from our sister school, St Peter's, Newchurch.



The Anchor is part of the Salford Diocese Holy Year of Jubilee celebrations, and is one of three which were specially blessed by Bishop John, before embarking on a journey around all schools in the Salford Diocese area.



The children from St Peter's joined us in a special worship. The Anchor will soon continue its journey onwards to St Mary's, Bacup.



## Christmas Events

Here is a quick round up of all the Christmas events happening in school in December.

### Christmas-themed Feel Good Friday

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm

### Robins Class Christmas Stay and Play

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm

### Snow White Pantomime Blackburn Empire

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December Afternoon  
NB We will be returning to school later than normal at approximately 4.00pm.

### Christmas Shows – tickets available to purchase through ParentPay at £2 per ticket

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am or 5.00pm  
Year 1&2 – Knock, Knock! The Nativity

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am or 2.00pm  
Nursery & Reception – The Twinkly Nativity

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am or 5.00pm  
Year 3&4 – Lights Camel Action 2, The Sequin

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am or 5.00pm  
Year 5&6 – The Magical Christmas Jigsaw

### Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

### PTA Christmas Fair

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm

### Christmas Dinner

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December



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