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# NEWSLETTER

Sharing the precious moments we spend together at St. Joseph's...

I would just like to say a very big 'Thankyou' to all our families at home who have provided home learning and support for their child/ren since 5th January. You have been amazing! We know how hard this has been for families and the staff and I really appreciate everything you have done. Families were asked to stay home if possible and you have helped reduce the spread of the virus. Safety is everyone's priority. We miss all the children so much and know they miss being with their friends too. I personally cannot wait to see our school be full once again. We hope this will be soon. I also thank the children and staff in school who have worked so hard in this difficult time. The staff have provided learning for all our pupils using new methods and technologies in which training has been undertaken in a very short space of time. For now, it's half term and I want you all to have a safe and very well-earned break; share some family time together. I hope it's filled with fun and laughter. We will continue to stay in touch and when the guidance changes I will be in touch. My very best wishes to you all. Stay safe and take care.

Mrs Wood

## Church News

It has been wonderful to see 13 children complete the programme of Reconciliation this term. They have embraced the use of MS Teams with the catechists in the Parish. When lockdowns ends, each child will be invited to make the Act of Reconciliation in the Parish with Father Firth at a weekend Mass. Thank you to the Parish catechists for delivering these sessions and thank you to the families for supporting their child through family catechesis.

**Save the date: 6th March-parents meeting for Confirmation in Year 6.**



## We ♥ Reading!

Thanks to the Co-op Local Community Fund (<https://causes.coop.co.uk>), St Joseph's have received a generous donation that will enable us to develop a wonderful outdoor reading area that will promote reading for pleasure during playtimes and lunchtimes. Our special book shed is already in place, ready for children to visit as soon as it is possible to do so. We also hope that this initiative will provide opportunities for parents to share and exchange books too so please keep a look out for more information.

## Stay Healthy

### Helpline numbers

\*You can contact the below numbers if you have concerns over your child's mental health

**CAMHS** - Children's mental health services available for telephone support & face to face if required

\*Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm \*Preston 01772 777344 \*Chorley South Ribble 01772 644644\*

**Samaritans** - 116 123

**Hopeline UK** - suicide prevention helpline for children - 0800 068 4141 text 07860039967

**Childline** - 0800 1111

**Youngminds** - Crisis messenger - if urgent text YM to 85258



*'With Jesus at the centre of all we do and say'*

The level of work provides a good mix of tasks my son can do on his own, but also tasks which stretch him too where he needs out support.

Thank you so much for everything you're doing, I know it's not easy at all!

**Our staff have appreciated all of your supportive messages and feedback, and this has helped us to develop our teaching to meet families individual needs...**

Your praise yesterday, along with this video will work wonders not just for him but the girls too. I see clearly why he enjoys being in your class. He's very complimentary of you. My daughter hopes to become a KS1 teacher so your passing her teaching methods and guidance too. You're doing a fabulous job!

Hello Mrs Wood we are ok, its a hard time for all of us but we're doing fine. The children are missing friends and all the teachers, they try really hard with all the work, they know that they can always ask the teacher for help if they are struggling with some school work. Take care and stay safe.

My child is loving this Roald Dahl topic and is asking to log on first thing every morning!

Thank you for your hard work and resilience during difficult times!

Just wanted to say thank you for everything you're doing to keep the children learning. It is very much appreciated. I love the videos you are doing and I think the daily catch ups are great too.

I was very touched by a lovely message from Miss Gill & later another from Mrs Dixon. My son didn't understand his fractions yesterday, we couldn't help him so he felt inadequate & his spirit was very low. I sent an honest message to Miss Gill & she came to the rescue with a message full of praise for him & all the children in fact which I read at the dinner table yesterday. He now understands help is there if he asks for it.

I have asked my daughter about her work and she says she is enjoying it. She is being challenged with the extra Maths she gets and says she does have to think about it. She is really enjoying the English work and loving the theme of Macbeth. I do keep a check and she is doing a full day's work every day. She also loves the morning Teams meetings and I think that this regular interaction is what will help them get through this extended lockdown better.

**We know it has been hard for you too but want you all to know we are always here for you.**

He's doing really well, enjoying the work. He has asked for more challenging maths, think he was getting the Yr 4 and 5 last time. The amount of work is good, he does all the online work and with TTRS, read theory and reading it fills up his day.

**They've enjoyed the work this afternoon, I told them you're really impressed with their work and they were really happy. Thank you so much for your help!**

I feel for you teachers with all the adjustments it can't be easy.

Thank you for all the work you are sending for the children and for all the lovely feedback. I struggled to motivate her yesterday but getting feedback helps encourage her.

Mrs D,  
Thanks again for a great week of learning.  
Hope you have a lovely weekend!

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Home learning working quite good for me. The teachers sending clear instructions and respond very quickly.

You're a star★

Mrs Honeyman did an amazing job today teaching the children coding. My daughter enjoyed this session and it was great for them to have a virtual lesson with as much normality as is possible at the moment. Thank you to you and all the teachers for their support.

We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone for all your hard work, perseverance and faith during challenging times.

Thanks for all the work and support you have given. She seems much happier these past couple of weeks. She has been very independent!

Morning!  
Thank you for all the work you are setting. My child is really enjoying it and is able to do most of it now independently. This is working well for us as a family ...and I can also do my own

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Hello good afternoon. Hope you are well, your family and school staff are well. I am really happy with the work and structure. Miss Gill is a great asset. Thank you for all your hard work providing the work and support. Keep safe and see you soon.

Mrs Dixon is doing some videos too which he really likes and it mixes it up too. The feedback on the work is fantastic too and done so quickly. It really motivates him. I'm really happy with the home learning and so far we're finding it as manageable as it can be whilst we're both still working.

Don't forget, we are all in this together, as one big St Joseph's family!

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I think we are both very grateful that you are his teacher as I think the lessons and support have been very good.

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ASPIRING  
CHEFS AND  
BAKERS!

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OUTDOOR  
& INDOOR  
EXERCISE!

CREATIVITY!

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ONE BIG  
TEAM!



SCIENCE,  
MATHS  
& MORE!



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# DIARY DATES

Please refer to the calendar on our school website.

25 February 6pm—Quiz Night

6th March 4pm—Confirmation

4th March—World Book Day

26th March—Class Photos TBC

**31st March School Closes at 1.30pm for Easter and re-opens 12th April at 8.55am.**

**School holidays:** available online at: [www.st-josephs-barlick.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs-barlick.lancs.sch.uk)



## BASC

Our wraparound care continues to operate (with shorter hours for vulnerable and

keyworker children) but please make sure you make bookings a week in advance for Breakfast & After School Club via ParentPay. Please let Mrs Beech know if you are interested in accessing these clubs and we will provide you with the details you need to register. **Please look out for the new rear pathway that will provide safe access to the BASC door at the back of the hall. Work on this will commence during the half term break.**

If you have any queries regarding items on the newsletter please get in touch with Mrs Wood or Mrs De Carteret via Class Dojo or the school office.



# Let's Localise Quiz



We are working with LetsLocalise to strengthen our links with the local community, local organisations and businesses and

this will bring extra help to our school. The support of our parent community is crucial for this and we would therefore LOVE you to sign up at <https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/>. We are very excited to be hosting our first quiz on **25th February at 6pm**. It's free! This is our first event and NEED your support so let's share some family and community fun and join in together! More information to follow!

## West Craven Food Bank

West Craven Foodbank need your donations now more than ever. We cannot accept donations into school at this present time but there are a number of local drop off places, which include; Barnoldswick Coop, Barlic bites and most Churches.

Please ensure food items are in date and the foodbank also require; Soap, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant.

If you or someone you know needs to make a referral complete a referral form which can be found on their website at <https://wcravenfoodbank.org/need-support/> and email it to at [wcravenfood@gmail.com](mailto:wcravenfood@gmail.com) or call 07415 186651.



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