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NEWSLETTER

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

I would like to wish you and all your family a very Happy Easter! This term has certainly not been what we expected. Having all the children back in from 8th March has been the best! We still may not be able to do all the usual things we would normally do at Easter and we all dream of hugs with distant family members, meals out and holidays! However, we are really pleased that we have all remained in school with no 'bubble' closures. Thank you to you all for supporting school in making this happen. Through following the Government guidance and working together we have kept our children and staff away from Coronavirus and safe. Let's hope the sun will shine over Easter and we can enjoy some time with our family in the Barlick/Earby countryside!

Take care everyone and stay safe.

Mrs Wood



Church & Faith News

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross 10.45am (St Patrick's) Solemn Liturgy 3.00pm (St. Joseph's)
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil 6.30pm
Easter Sunday	Mass 9.00am (St Patrick's) Mass 10.30am (St Joseph's)

Thank you Canon
Firth for leading
Stations of the
Cross via MS
Teams in school!

Booking is essential for Holy Thursday, Good Friday (3.00pm not Stations) and the Easter Masses. Please sign on the lists or telephone Fr. Firth. **Easter ceremonies** will be cut to a minimum e.g. no feet washing, processions or veneration of the cross. No service of light at the Easter Vigil etc.

Thirteen children in Year 3 have made the Act of Reconciliation. They all completed the sacramental programme on MS Teams with the Parish catechists. Thank you to the families who have supported their child on this journey of faith.

We will hopefully have a Confirmation picture soon. Seventeen children are presently completing the sacramental programme for Confirmation. Again, they completed the sacramental programme on MS Teams with the Parish catechists. We look forward to them making their Confirmation with Canon Firth soon. Coming up.. On 8th May we will be starting the programme for First Holy Communion. This will be a large group from Years 4 and 5. A very big 'Thankyou' to our Parish catechists of St. Joseph's Parish who lead these programmes, even during a pandemic! We are extremely grateful to their support and dedication.



Reconciliation 2021



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



We are thrilled to introduce Miss Foster who will join our team and lead our wonderful wrap-around care after Easter. Normal timings will resume:

Breakfast Club 7.45-8.55am

After School Club 3.15-6.00pm



Please make sure you make bookings a week in advance via ParentPay to avoid any disappointment. Please also let Mrs Beech know if you are interested in accessing these clubs and we will provide you with all the details you need to register for the clubs!

DIARY DATES

WEDS 31ST MARCH

SCHOOL CLOSSES for Easter. Classes 1 & 4 collect at 1.20pm, Classes 2 & 5 at 1.25pm and Class 3 at 1.30pm please.

MON 12TH APRIL

SCHOOL REOPENS with usual drop-off time slots.

MON 26TH & WEDS 28TH APRIL

Parent's Evenings

Please refer to the calendar and school holiday dates on our school website:
www.st-josephs-barlick.lancs.sch.uk

If you have any queries regarding items on the newsletter please get in touch with Mrs Wood (Head Teacher) or Mrs De Carteret (Deputy Head)



LetsLocalise

Bringing Schools and Local Communities Closer

A huge thank you for all your contributions to our Easter Fundraiser. We were simply overwhelmed by the bottle and chocolate donations on non-uniform day and these made fantastic prizes for the Bingo game hosted by LetsLocalise. We sold lots of tickets for the event which took place online and had us all eagerly clicking numbers in the hope of a Full House! The event raised £290 for school and we hope you had great fun too! Your support



was absolutely amazing! Please save Thursday 29th April 6.30pm on your calendar for the next event—our Spring Raffle!

UNIFORM UPDATES

You may have spotted the Year 6 children wearing their Leaver's Hoodies on their way to and from school and also in the playground. They are very happy with the limited edition "Lockdown" design for 2021 and each chose their own favourite colour. The summer uniform is encouraged after Easter as the days become (hopefully) warmer next term. Sports kits will still be worn on designated PE days but there has been some exciting discussions with the children about a new, very stylish, St Joseph's sports top that may become an option in the near future! Watch this space!



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



We have all been very excited about the new outdoor gym!



We have been making the most of fine weather in the wonderful outside space all around school.



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



We all enjoyed St Joseph's Book Day and the online sessions with author, Dan Worsley. What fun we had!

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



I like to read in school every day because it helps me get better...

I am happy to see **EVERYONE** back in school again!

Being back is great because I like doing English (especially debates) and I love seeing my friends.

I enjoy art and English in school but I especially like being with all my friends again!

It is nice to be back in school because I can see all my friends again.

I feel so happy because I like to go to school!

I like to go to school and hug my mum when I go in!

It's nice to be back at school because you get smart at new things!

School is **AMAZING!**

I feel happy because I like to go to school.

It is good to see Father Firth on our screen!

It's **AMAZING** because we get to see our teachers again!

Best thing **EVER!**

AMAZING!

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

I like it because I am back with my friends and I liked non-uniform day and World Book Day together!

I am happy because I like to care for other people....

School is fun, it is better than being home schooled!

School is **FUN!**

It's amazing because we are back with everyone!

There is new gym equipment and we can play on it!

I feel happy to be back in school so I can see my friends and teacher.

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