



# St Anne's and St Joseph's RC Primary School



## NEWSLETTER 03-12-21

### *This Week...*

*We have started our countdown to Christmas! On Monday evening, the teachers stayed behind to put up the decorations in the hall that the children had made that afternoon. Unfortunately, none of us could find where we located our tree decorations so we had to have a quick trip to the shops to replace them.*

*Today, we rounded off the week with Father coming to school to join us for a short service and some singing of hymns to bless the tree in the roundabout outside school. A beautiful service bringing together the children and the community. Thank you Father Francis! We will get some pictures onto social media ASAP.*

*Have a wonderful weekend  
Miss Mulcock*

### *Faith...*

*Luke 21: 25 – 28, 34 – 36 “Stand tall, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.”*



*In this first week of Advent, children learnt that Jesus will come back again, and we must be ready to meet Him! Through the story of a father and son team overcoming challenges despite disability, children learnt about the importance of standing tall and responding to difficulties with strength and courage.*

*Please take a look at the short video to see what the types of things CARITAS do with the money that you donated for fundraising on spotty day. [CARITAS Video](#)*



### EYFS/KS1...

We are well underway with our Nativity practice and we cannot wait to record our performance and share it with you all! We also enjoyed making paper chains to decorate our school hall. We are all feeling very festive and excited! We have started our painting topic in art and we have been making thoughtful decisions about media choices to use in our mosaic work. Today we enjoyed listening to Christmas music whilst painting a mosaic Nativity scene. In our science lessons, in relation to materials, we have discussed the work of John McAdam and his tarmac invention.



### LKS2...

We began our week with some fabulous decorations in the school hall. The children enjoyed beginning the week by being creative and getting into the festive spirit. We also enjoyed our visits to Oswaldtwistle Mills where we walked through the time tunnel, saw old weaving machines, a cottage scene and enhanced our learning with more information about the Walmsley and Hargreaves families and their impact on the cotton industry in our area. Year 4 have also been reading newspaper reports and I think we have some budding journalists amongst us!



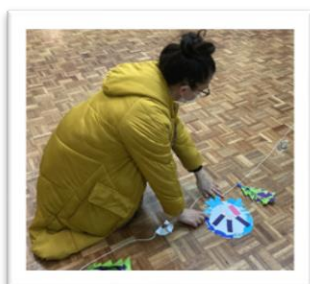
### UKS2...

We started the week making Christmas decorations for the school hall. Now that they have been put up, school is looking very festive as we begin the season of Advent. We have also been preparing for the music concert by choosing and practising a Christmas song. The children in Willow Class were debating in RE about whether they think it would be better to have the coming of the Messiah to look forward to or better not to know. Rowan Class were visited by Miss Dykes from Mount Carmel who came as part of the enrichment programme to do some Spanish lessons with our Year 5 pupils. They did some work on the alphabet, focusing on pronunciation and they practised by playing games and singing songs. Miss Dykes was amazed at how much our pupils already knew from the Spanish lessons they've already had!



### Enrichment Activities...

This week we began our week by decorating the school hall and filling it with beautiful artwork created by the pupils in school. We ended our week with the blessing of the Christmas tree outside school. Thank you to everyone who joined us in this special celebration.



On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, some of our Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in a Kurling event at Hyndburn Academy. They worked really well in their team and represented our school beautifully. Well done!



Attendance/Punctuality...

## Attendance Matters



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**90% Attendance may sound good but it is the same as missing 4 weeks each school year.**

We are asking for the support of all parents in improving attendance levels, as we believe that this is one of the main ways in which our children will be happy at school and achieve their full potential.

As a school, we are constantly working to improve our attendance. Below are some of the ways in which we will work with parents to achieve this.

- We will contact you if your child is absent from school and we have had no explanation from you. So please contact us if you know your child is too unwell to attend school
- We will ask you to attend a meeting with the headteacher if your child's attendance is not satisfactory.
- We will request support from the Local Authority where we have concerns about attendance.
- We may involve the school nurse if we feel the need to resolve medical absences.
- We will recognise and reward those pupils who attend regularly and punctually.

**We all need to work together!** Don't be afraid to contact school about issues affecting your child's attendance. Good communication between parents and school is vital.

