



St Joseph's
PTSC

NEWSLETTER CHRISTMAS 2022

Welcome

I am not quite sure how, but we have reached the end of the first term and are approaching Christmas!

This is always the busiest term for the PTSC and this year has been no exception, but it has been brilliant to be able to return to a more normal year of events.

For me, our Fireworks Spectacular was a particular highlight with over 400 people joining us for the sell-out event which is always so well supported by businesses (thank you to Kershaws, Tesco & Lidl – *pictured below*) and the team who make it happen (particular thanks to John & Elaine).

I'm looking forward to finding out what my daughters have chosen for us from the Christmas Shop – I know many of you will be too! Despite the sometimes random choices made by our children, it's such a lovely day and a lovely event and I'm really proud we're able to give everyone the opportunity of buying special gifts.

I hope you have a lovely Christmas and a very peaceful New Year.

Helen Fleming
PTSC Chair



Fireworks Spectacular goes off with a bang!

We couldn't have asked for a better night of weather for our Fireworks Spectacular.

Hundreds of you joined us on Friday, 4 November for the return of our ever popular event with an amazing 20-minute display of colour, light and sound alongside tasty food and lots of fun.

We raised **over £934** which will be spent supporting our children and our School.

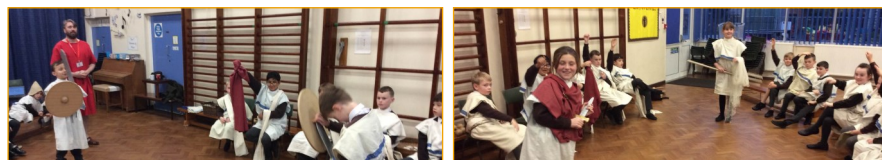
Thank you to everyone involved in making the event such a success:

- our catering team, teachers and school staff for supporting the event.
- our PTSC team who organised the evening, ran the stalls and kept everything running smoothly.
- our local businesses who supported us with fireworks, food and drink including John & Elaine from Bridge Property Services, Kershaw's Garden Centre, Tesco in Brighouse and Hipperholme, and Lidl in Brighouse

Finally, thank you to YOU – for being with us, for supporting the event and making the evening so special. We're already counting down to 2023!



How your support helps our children & our School



The money you give to the PTSC and raised at our events goes directly to supporting your children in our School.

We continually talk to the teachers and staff about where the investment would have the most impact – we've recently funded workshops, such as the Roman Workshop for Year 4 (*pictured above*), and we pay for coaches for the Year 5 & 6 Residentials to reduce the costs for parents.

From the projector in the school hall, to artificial grass in the playgrounds and equipment for fun and learning, your efforts have contributed a huge amount over the years.

We are hugely grateful for the support you show, particularly as we were unable to fundraise for so long during the pandemic and at a time when we know everyone is facing huge pressures. Thank you!



Counting down to Christmas

Our **Christmas Market** was back – and we hope you got some brilliant presents, gorgeous gifts and much more. We had an amazing range of stalls and present ideas and we want to thank all the small businesses, groups and individuals – including our own PTSC team – who were part of the event which raised a brilliant **£385**.

We hosted our **Christmas Shop** in School where children donate and then can buy presents for family and friends and have them wrapped by an incredible volunteer team.

Towards the end of term, we invited pupils to our **Christmas Discos**. We held two events – one for reception and key stage 1, and one for key stage 2. They were brilliant, glittery evenings full of dancing, games and festive fun.

Thank you to everyone involved in this year's events getting ready for Christmas!



Also this term...

We welcomed our new Reception pupils and their Year 6 Buddies (plus their furry friends) to our **Buddies Teddy Bear's Picnic**. It was a lovely event bringing the new arrivals into the main school together with those entering their final year. Pictured here are some of our Reception children and their Buddies enjoying the Picnic.

Parents and friends joined us for a **Coffee Morning** as part of Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Plenty of tea, coffee and cake was consumed and money raised for the charity. Cakes leftover didn't go to waste and were sold at playtime. In total, we made **£393**.



Keep up-to-date

We're currently planning our events and activities for next term so please join the St Joseph's PTSC Group on Facebook for updates on our news & events

<< Just scan the code or go to www.facebook.com/groups/stjosephsptsc

Get involved

As a parent/carer, you are automatically part of the PTSC and we would love it if you wanted to be more involved. We meet regularly in School – look out for the date of the next meeting on the website.