



# St Joseph's PTSC

## NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

## Welcome & Thank You

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of another academic year!

As we prepare to break up for the summer holidays, we wanted to update you on what we have been doing and say a huge thank you to each and every one of you for your support of our events.

I also want to pay tribute and say thank you to the PTSC team. Nothing which we do would happen without the dedication of our parents, carers, wider family and friends who give their time and energy voluntarily to make a difference to the life of St Joseph's, and all our children in every class.

Please take a few minutes to read this newsletter, see what we have done and how that money has supported our school, and I look forward to seeing you all for events, shops, activities and much more in 2023/24.

**Helen Fleming**, PTSC Chair



# Summer Fayre raises £1,942

**Our Summer Fayre is always a highlight in the school calendar – and this year was no exception.**

Hundreds of you came along (despite the less than summery weather!) on Saturday 1 July and we had a brilliant time and raised a lot of money to support our pupils.

From inflatable fun to guessing the teachers from their baby photos, taking chances on our tombolas to face painting and glitter tattoos.

There was also the return of the ever popular St Joseph's Bake Off with some brilliant cakes and biscuits

from budding bakers, young and not so young, judged by our very own Paul and Prue, Mrs Hodges and Mrs Bonner!

Congratulations to our winners, Theo, Grace and Harmony in the children's category and three Rachels (all different Rachels!) in the adult category.

The grand total raised across all the stalls, raffles, sales & activities was a huge **£1,942.48**.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along on the day, and to our brilliant team and St Joseph's

teachers and staff who give up their time to help make the event such a success.

We would like to say a particular thank you to:

- every business & individual who donated to our Summer Raffle.
- Tesco Express Hipperholme for donating Hot Dogs & Bread.
- ASDA Huddersfield for donating 30 tins of Hot Dogs.
- James & Emma Penn for the football challenge prizes.
- Bridge Property Services for donating prizes for our stalls.



# How your support supports our children and our school



## SUPPORT FOR EACH CLASS

We give each class £50 each year to spend on whatever they think would support their class in the best way



## HEADSPACE ROOM

The PTSC are funding new storage for the RE resources in the Headspace Room, the home of our class masses



## MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

We subscribe to This Week Junior, a weekly magazine to help children understand the world



## CLASS WORKSHOPS

Class teachers can request funding for special workshops supporting learning across the curriculum



## MUSIC TRAIL

Your support allowed us to buy artificial grass for the KS1 music trail so it could be used all year round



## THE TRIM TRAILS

The Playground Trim Trails were made possible as a result of PTSC funds and your support



## RESIDENTIAL COACHES

We pay for coach travel for our Y5 & Y6 Residentials to make them as affordable as possible for everyone

## ► Stay up-to-date

If you're always missing those letters that end up deep in your child's bag, there are lots of ways to ensure you know what is happening across our school and our PTSC.



Just scan this QR code or go to [www.stjosephsptsc.org.uk](http://www.stjosephsptsc.org.uk) for diary dates, letters & news



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## ► Tell us what you think

Go to [www.stjosephsptsc.org.uk/survey](http://www.stjosephsptsc.org.uk/survey)

As a parent, carer or family member, you are automatically part of the PTSC and we would love it if you wanted to be more involved. We meet regularly in School - please check the website for meeting dates in 2023/2024.

We would also really like to get your opinion on what the PTSC do for the school and, more importantly - any ideas and suggestions you may have for making our PTSC even more successful next year!

Please click the QR code on the right, or go to [www.stjosephsptsc.org.uk/survey](http://www.stjosephsptsc.org.uk/survey) before 31 July 2023 - it will only take a few minutes to complete.

Thank you for your time and support.



# Coming together to Remember Rachel

Earlier this month, we came together as a school community to remember one of our own – Rachel Kilbourne.

Rachel, an amazing mum, wife, daughter, sister and friend to so many, died last December from a rare undiagnosed heart condition.

She was a big part of our St Joseph's family, and St Joseph's is a big part of hers, so we were proud to be able to hold a special day to raise money in her memory, for a charity chosen by her family and our school.

Our pupils came in bright coloured non-uniform and her family, friends and colleagues joined us for a very special coffee morning in school.

You can still send any donations online at [www.stjosephsptsc.org.uk/rachel](http://www.stjosephsptsc.org.uk/rachel) and we send our thanks for your kindness and support.



## Hampers galore for Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle was a huge success thanks to your generosity putting together over a dozen prizes including beautiful themed hampers from each class's donations.



We sold hundreds of tickets, had a great Celebration Assembly when the raffle was drawn, and raised a brilliant **£687**.



## Thank You to Rachel & Kathleen

The end of the school year sees us saying goodbye to some more key members of our PTSC as their children leave St Joseph's.

Please join us in saying thank you to **Rachel Fitzpatrick** and **Kathleen Priestley** for their incredible contribution to our school community over many years.

We will miss them both but they will, of course, continue to be part of our St Joseph's family and we hope to see them back at events in the future.

## Mother's & Father's Day Shops

We held our annual Mother's & Father's Day Shops in March and June so our children could buy a loved one a special gift.

These are always some of our favourite events and we're grateful for your support with donations and paying £1 for the gifts.

The Mother's Day Shop in March raised **£315**.

The Father's Day Shop in June raised **£265**.

## Buddies Craft Event

In the final weeks of term, we held our Buddies Craft Event for our Reception children and their Year 6 Buddies.

It is always a lovely event where our Buddies spend time together during our Y6 pupils last few days in school.

They created keepsakes for each other which we are sure will be treasured for a long time.



## Film Club

We held another Film Club in March where our Reception, Year 1 & 2 children enjoyed a screening of 'Hop' and our Years 3-6 children watched 'Honey, I Shrunk the Kids'.

We raised an amazing **£288** and had a brilliant Friday evening.