



St Joseph's PTSC

NEWSLETTER CHRISTMAS 2023

This Term...

In **October**, we held a Bun Sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support which raised **£365.70** for this really important charity.



In **November**, we came together to remember Rachel Kilbourne, one year after she died from a rare undiagnosed heart condition. **£667** was raised at the event for the charity CRY - Cardiac Risk in the Young, and the PTSC were proud to be able to support with teas, coffees, mince pies and other baked treats!

And, in **December**, our Christmas Film Club saw some of our older pupils join us for a festive evening watching 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'. Thank you in particular to Sally & Anthony Daly for donating the cookies! Together, we raised **£291** for our school.



Fabulous Fireworks

Our Fireworks Spectacular in November raised an amazing £1,595 for our school and our children with hundreds of people watching another incredible display on a chilly but dry Friday night.

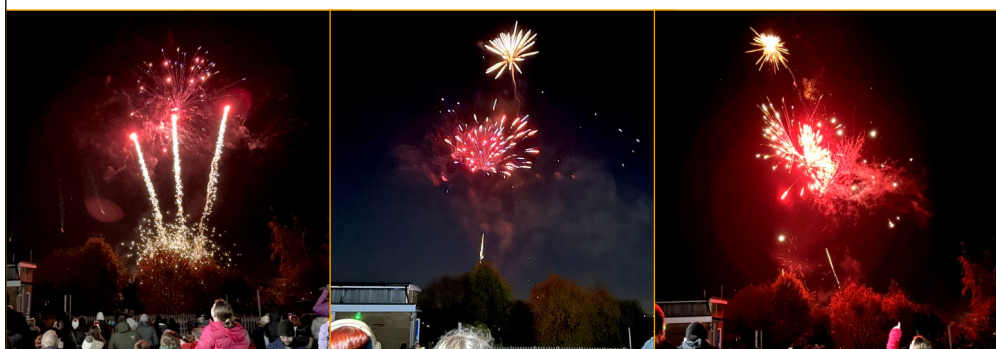
We want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone involved, including:

- ♥ Our fantastic firework team, led by John Bridgestock from **Bridge Property Services**, who spend so long designing the display, buying fireworks, and lighting up the sky.
- ♥ Our exceptional PTSC volunteer team who gave their time and energy to organise and run the event.
- ♥ Our great kitchen team – who made the pies, helped serve them and helped clear up.

♥ Our tremendous teachers and staff who were with us to help out and support so the event could take place.

♥ Our hugely generous individuals and companies who back the event through their generosity and kindness, including:

- **Kershaws** for supporting us with the fireworks,
- **Mr & Mrs Naylor** for donating the meat for the pies,
- Sam Edmondson at **Tesco Brighouse** for donating other ingredients for the pies,
- **One Stop** for donating bread rolls for the hot dogs and,
- Sam Massay at **Asda Huddersfield** in Bradley for donating more hot dogs and condiments.



Your support making a difference for our children and our school

The thousands of pounds you have kindly donated during this term (and every previous term) makes a huge difference to our children and our school community.

As well as the regular support including £50 for each class to spend on whatever they choose would support their learning, paying for class workshops, and magazine subscriptions, we are planning to support:

- Two new sheds for our nursery which will ensure the equipment they have is protected.
- New maths equipment to support numeracy across the school.
- Compost for our forest school supporting our efforts to be more green and promote learning outside the classroom.

Thank you for all your support that allows this, and so much more, to happen.

Perfect presents donated, chosen & wrapped at our Christmas Shop

We had a lovely festive morning with many of our pupils from Nursery all the way to Year 6 taking part in this year's Christmas Shop.

For £1 and a present donation, the children were able to choose a gift or gifts for loved ones which the PTSC team then wrapped for them ready to be put under the tree.

We hope you enjoy unwrapping them this Christmas, and the Shop raised **£663** for our school.

Getting into the festive spirit with our Christmas Discos

Just before the end of term, we held our annual Christmas Discos with dancing and festive fun.

With two events – one for our younger Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils, and one for our older Key Stage 2 pupils – everyone had a brilliant time with snacks, drinks, treats and gifts.

Thank you to all the school staff and PTSC volunteer team whose efforts allow us to hold these events.



Welcoming our new Reception class with our Teddy Bears' Picnic

We welcomed our new Reception class and their Year 6 Buddies to our Teddy Bear's Picnic in September.

As ever, it was a really lovely event which everyone enjoyed – a chance to bring a cuddly friend, enjoy a picnic and watch 'The Gruffalo' with their classmates and buddies.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



We hope you have a lovely and peaceful Christmas, and we can't wait to see you all in 2024!