

## More News From St Joseph's School

### **Sporting Achievements**

As ever, sport remains high on our agenda and we continue to be very successful for our size. Particular achievements this year have included reaching the Lancashire finals in gymnastics for the second year running. We retained our small schools cross country champions shield this summer with our best ever results, coming first in the boys' and girls' teams and individual placings. We took part and achieved well in many other events including athletics and netball. Our extra-curricular sports teaching gives our children additional opportunities to participate in a range of sport and dance. At our end of year Sports' Day, our children's love of competing and sense of fair play was very evident.



### **St Joseph's Eco School**

Being an Eco school means putting environmental issues including world justice high on our agenda and this is an important part of our Jesuit identity. This year, our Eco Committee have led the school in many initiatives and events which our parents and villagers have supported with enthusiasm. In the spring term, after two years of hard work, St Joseph's became a "Fair trade" school. In the summer term, we applied for our green flag award which is awarded to leading Eco schools. Our Eco Committee had a rigorous interview and we were delighted to pass – we are now a green flag school. Our assessor's summary was:

*"This very small school has genuinely empowered the students to drive the Eco-School's work and I thoroughly enjoyed my visit, and was particularly pleased that some of the keenness demonstrated by the soon to leave year 6 children was already well in evidence amongst the younger children, whose enthusiasm was infectious. Well done and keep up the great work".*

### **Parental Support**

Parental support remains a very strong feature of St. Joseph's. This allows us to offer a wide range of opportunities for our children. Our Friends' Association organised a very successful Christmas raffle and also a village walk from St. John's. The many hundreds of pounds raised helped to fund new resources, including books, sports equipment and computers. Funding was also provided for leavers' gifts for Year 6 and refreshments were arranged for St Joseph's Day and Founder's Day. Many of our parents and friends gave many hours of time, in supporting curriculum work including guided reading, providing transport and supporting events. The continued success of our small school is very reliant on such support and we are very grateful that it is offered so generously.

### **Lawrence Greasley**

Lawrence Greasley, formerly of Longridge Road, died in August this year. The only son of George and Winifred Greasley, who built the bungalow Lawrence and his family lived in, Lawrence attended St. Joseph's School, and was a guild member of St. Peter's Club. Lawrence married his wife, May, in July 1955. They had two daughters, Susan and Julie, and Lawrence went on to become a proud grandfather and great-grandfather. On leaving school, Lawrence started an apprenticeship in painting and decorating - a trade he excelled in all his life. Stonyhurst College was to play a huge part in Lawrence's life. He worked there 48 years as a painter and decorator and made many close lifelong friends. He was well known for his meticulous work as many homes in Hurst Green can testify. The signature "L Greasley" can be found under many perfectly laid wallpapers in the village. Lawrence played football and cricket for Hurst Green and, when his playing days were behind him, remained a keen supporter of the village team. A few years ago, Lawrence and May moved to Longridge to be nearer their family. Lawrence was a very pleasant man whose wry observations and dry sense of humour made him a pleasure to get into conversation with. He will be remembered as good man who was hardworking and was liked and respected by all who knew him.

### **Dan Packer**

Dan moved to Warren Fold, Hurst Green with his wife Anne in 1984. Previously they had lived in Gisburn, where Dan was head of Gisburn Primary School for almost 20 years. Dan soon became involved in village life. He was a regular worshipper at St. John's Church, where he was a sidesman and helped to maintain the church yard. Dan was also a founder member of the Bowling Club and a faithful supporter of the Memorial Hall. As well as enjoying dancing, gardening and fishing in his spare time, he played snooker for St. Peter's Club. Dan and Anne had three children, Andrew, Alison and Rachael, and two grandchildren, Jodie and Shaun. He will be remembered as a pleasant and friendly man, who cared devotedly for his wife, and who contributed much to the life of his community.

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