

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st October 2021

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Thank you for another super week in school – a big well done to all the children who have worked hard and definitely displayed our virtues of Respect and Courtesy around school. I have seen some super artwork in Y5 who were sketching houses to then use to block print. There was some excellent detail and skill. Y3 were learning all about precipitation - there is lots of that at the moment! Y1 had a great time on Tuesday when they visited the Toy Museum and Manor House Museum. They had a great day looking at toys from the past. I think the fair ground was a favourite of everyone. Y4 – I was impressed, again, by the super reading. India read an extract from Romeo and Juliette – brilliant reading skills. Y2 have created some great patterns in their artwork – they look amazing in the reading area. Reception joined us today for their first Celebration Assembly. Guess what – they all earned a certificate – for making a great start to life at St Joseph's. I agree! We had a visitor to school yesterday and he was very impressed by how attentive they were. Y6 celebrated the feast day of St Therese of Lisieux. They were able to give a very detailed account of her life. We could all learn from St Therese and her little ways. St Therese said, 'It's not the big grand gestures that people do but all the little ones they do every day that make difference to the lives of others.'

**Harvest donations** – thank you for your generous donations. The food will be sent to Otley Food Bank to support people in our community.

**Cross Country** – thank you to all the children and their families who attended the cross country at Middleton Park. It was a lovely morning; we (the children!) ran hard and achieved some impressive positions. It would be lovely to see more children joining, especially the Y3/4 girls – Heidi was all on her own. I know she would like some company.

**School Shoes** – can I remind parents/carers school shoes are black, leather type shoes and that trainers are for PE days.

**Punctuality** – school starts at 8:45am – we have some families who are dropping children off 15/20 mins late. It is important that all children are here for the start of the day.

Have a great weekend, relax, and enjoy the time with your family and friends.

From all the staff - be safe; be kind and be happy. God Bless

## ST JOSEPH'S OPEN DAY/EVENING

Wednesday 10th November 2021

9.30am – 11.30am and 1.30pm – 3.00pm



# School Open Day

10 November

Please contact school for further information [www.stjosephsotley.org](http://www.stjosephsotley.org)

Parents/Carers of children starting school in September 2022 are invited to come and see our school.

Staff will be available to answer any questions and visitors will be given a guided tour by our Year 6 Pupils.

We will also host an Open Evening on Wednesday 6th November between 6-7pm. Please sign up to attend this session by contacting Miss Wilkinson ([office@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:office@stjosephsotley.org) or 01943 463840). You will also have opportunity to meet members of staff and the Academy Council.

Please feel free to tell your family and friends about our wonderful open days. We look forward to meeting you!

# KEY INFORMATION

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
4th - Year 5 Saint Day 6th - Flu Immunisation 8th - Y3 Assembly 14th - KS2 Cross Country Event 15th - Black History Assembly 16th - LSAA Cross Country League 18th - Parents Evening 21st - Parents Evening 21st - Show Racism the Red Card 22nd - Training Day	5th - Y2 Assembly 10th - Y6 Visit from National Holocaust 12th - Y6 Assembly 15th - Anti-Bullying Week 16th - KS2 Science Festival 17th - KS2 Science Festival 18th - Y2 Science Festival 19th - Anti-Bullying Assembly 20th - LSAA Cross Country League 25th - EYFS Training Day 26th - Y5 Assembly 29th - YR/6 Height and Weight Measurements	9th - Christmas Dinner Day and Jumper Day 10th - Y4 Assembly 11th - LSAA Cross Country League 14th - Nativity (TBC) 16th - KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties 17th - Whole School Mass END OF TERM.



## Y7 SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2022, you should apply for a place as soon as possible. The deadline to apply is 31st October 2021.

If parents are applying to St Mary's Menston and feel that they should be in a specific category ie Baptised Catholic, then they are required to complete a Supplementary Information Form and provide the required evidence. Please click [here](#) for more information. Please note that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to complete all forms and supply evidence – reminders will not be sent.

Please see our dedicated page on the school website for more information.

## NATIONAL SMILE DAY

On Friday, we celebrate National Smile Day. We asked the children to think about 'What Makes Me Smile' and how we can make others smile.

World Smile Day encourages everyone to do an act of kindness which links in nicely with our school virtues.



BE THE  
REASON  
SOMEONE  
smiles  
TODAY.

## HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

We thank God for all the food and luxuries we have, and please pray for those in need.

Thank you to all the families who donated items - these will be distributed by members of the Church to people in the surrounding areas

'Plant smiles, grow laughter, harvest love'



# Calling all parents of St Joseph's



you can  
make  
friends  
and have  
fun!

we want

# YOU

The PTA needs your time,  
skills and ideas!

**Next meeting Mon 11th Oct 8pm  
Horse and Farrier Otley**

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O Saint Therese the little flower please pick me a rose from the heavenly garden and send it to me as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favours I now place with confidence in your hands.

Saint Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day.

Amen.

## OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### MASS TIMES

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions, Mass times have changed for Our Lady and All Saints Otley.

Please see bulletin for changes to Mass times

[Click here](#)

Please book a place for Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass - [book here](#)

## HARVEST CELEBRATION

Well done to Year 1 who led our first class assembly with the theme of Harvest. Everyone loved watching them sing and dance.

Thank you so much for all of the donations for the Otley Food Bank, we know they will be very much appreciated.



## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our statement for this week was, "I can laugh and have fun." We talked about how laughter is a good medicine and that it is important to have fun together.

This week, was the last week in Collective Worship that we looked at the virtue of respect and courtesy. Our new virtue until the end of half term will be, "Thankfulness".

Well done to the children who were awarded a Virtue Award:

**ELSIE (Y1), JUDE (Y2), AMELIE (Y3)  
DANIEL (Y4), ASA (Y5), ALISTAIR (Y6)**



## CONFIRMATION

Well done to all of the Year 6 children who came to the first Confirmation preparation session on Thursday.

The children have been given their Confirmation folders and each week they will receive the leaflets for the next meeting.



## CAFOD PRAYER FOR FAMILY FAST DAY

Walk beside us, Lord,  
in the cool of the day,  
in the garden you have created  
as our common home.

Walk beside us, Lord,  
as the cries of the forest  
pierce the dawn,  
and flames rip through  
our common home.

Grant us courage, Lord,  
as we walk beside all those  
who struggle to protect  
our common home.  
Grant us grace, Lord,  
to put the flourishing of all people  
and the wonder of your creation  
at the heart of all we do,  
as we strive to be guardians  
of our common home.

# CLASS NEWS



## YEAR R NEWS

In Phonics, we have learnt the sounds i,n,m and d. We have started learning to blend the sounds together to read simple words. We are doing really well! Very soon the children will get their own reading books to take home.

In Maths, we have been learning about matching and sorting. We read 'The Button Box' then enjoyed matching the buttons. We talked about why they are the same and why others are different. We discussed size, colour, shape and the amount of holes. Winter found two matching blue buttons and said, "These are the same because they are the same size, colour and have the same amount of holes in the middle." We also matched socks into pairs. We then went on to learn about sorting objects into groups. First we sorted buttons, then we sorted autumn treasures.

In Literacy, we read the story of Harry and The Dinosaurs go to School. We learnt about what a character is. We then drew pictures of our favourite characters from the story. We tried hard to hear some of the sounds in their name and had a go at writing them. We have also been busy doing lots of name writing practise. Please continue to practise this with your child at home.

On Friday, we went to assembly with the rest of the school. We watched Year 1 lead a wonderful Collective Worship and the whole class received the Sunshine Award for our hard work and brilliant attitude to school. Well done everyone!



## YEAR 1 NEWS

On Tuesday Y1 had a fantastic morning at Ilkley Toy Museum. There were so many interesting things to see, beautiful dolls, teddies a miniature moving fairground, clockwork trains and stunning dolls houses.

In the afternoon we went to Ilkley Manor where we played lots of old-fashioned games like marbles and kick the can.

In Maths, we have been looking at the properties of 2D shapes. We discussed sides and vertices. We have been practising our reasoning with missing numbers when finding one more and one less.

In RE, we reflected on all the wonderful things that God has given us and why we are so grateful. Declan wrote: 'Thank you God for giving us families to love.'

We wrote a recount in English of our exciting trip to the toy museum. We focused on writing in the past tense and included something interesting that we had learnt and our favourite part of the day.

We rounded off our busy week with our Harvest collective worship on Friday morning. Mrs Harvey commended Y1 for reading their lines beautifully and their wonderful singing. In the afternoon we met our Y5 buddies. We chose a book and spent time with our buddies doing some paired reading and being read to.

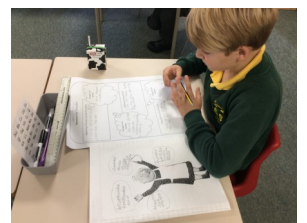


## YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we have been planning a diary entry. We have been imagining what the old lady in 'A Squash and a Squeeze' would write in her diary about her day. We used our previous work on thoughts, feeling and the use of adjectives to support us in our planning. We are looking forward to writing our diaries next week,

As part of our maths work, we have continued to compare numbers using the inequality signs  $<$   $>$ . We have also started to learn how to count in 3's and look for patterns to help us with this.

In our History work, we learnt about Robert Scott's fateful expedition to the Antarctic and his race to the South Pole. We found out that he encountered many problems and that was just on the boat journey there! We were disappointed for him when we found out that another explorer, Amundsen, had beaten Scott to reach the South Pole!



## YEAR 3 NEWS

This week, the children have started to play the Ukulele in our Music lesson. We have practised the correct way to hold the instrument and how to pick and strum the strings. We are looking forward to learning some new tunes!

In RE, we have been talking about being part of The Christian Family. We have found out about some of the many different things that people do in our Parish by looking at the Parish Bulletin. These activities include charity groups, long walks, First Aid, Zoom Meditation and Quiz nights.

In English, we began putting together ideas for writing our report 'The Magic of Tea'. We asked questions about tea to gather ideas for our report, before researching the location of different teas around the world. Did you know you can actually buy monkey-picked tea in China?

In Maths, we added two numbers together by first making 10. We used practical apparatus to support us before having a go without. Learning this method will help us in our mental arithmetic!



## YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, the children have written a letter to advise the farmers on how to protect themselves, as well as a diary entry from the perspective of Hogarth using fronted adverbials of time. On Thursday, we had a competition to find the most synonyms for the Iron Man's emotions - well done Joseph B, Stefan, Daniel and Joseph J for finding 45 synonyms in total!

In Maths, we have been ordering 4-digit numbers as well as rounding them to the nearest 1000. We have also introduced negative numbers for the first time, and drew diagrams to show how far below sea level different sea creatures were. The children have clearly been practising their arithmetic and times tables as we are seeing great improvements in class!

In Science, we learned the scientific definitions of melting and freezing, and heated chocolate to determine its melting point. We used scientific vocabulary to explain our conclusions, and found out that the melting/freezing point of gold is 1060°C.

In RE, we have reflected on the lives of the Bible figures we have studied so far, and created posters to retell their stories. We have also talked about how we are following the family tree of Jesus, through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and now Moses. Our next figure is David.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

In English this week, we started reading our new book, "Hidden Figures" which is about four American women who overcame prejudices to have very successful careers at NASA.

On Wednesday morning in ICT, the children practised writing and sending messages. They learnt that if the IP address is not correct then the message will not arrive at the correct destination.

On Thursday afternoon, the children enjoyed making monochrome prints in Art using printing ink and rollers.

However, the highlight of the week was this afternoon when the Year 5 children got to read and listen to their Year 1 buddies. We were so proud of the Year 5 children who were so gentle and kind to their buddies.



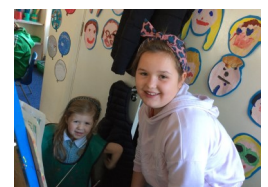
## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have focused on addition and subtraction reasoning and problem-solving questions. In groups, we worked in through a range of questions and answered them using a variety of representations such as bar models and formal methods.

In Guided Reading, we are currently enjoying reading "Over the Line". We have learnt lots of new vocabulary associated with being in the army and the war.

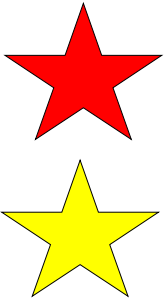
In Art, we had the opportunity to explore our art books using various techniques and mediums (pastels, colouring pencils and sketching pencils) to sketch our initial. We used different techniques of shading and sketching. At the end of the lesson, we wrote which was our favourite and our least favourite and why.

On Friday, we celebrated Saint Therese of Lisieux feast day as she is our class saint. We wrote a biography about her life and her devotion to God. In the afternoon, we decorated biscuits to make them look like flowers and created a flower with card and on each petal we wrote how we would show St Therese's 'little ways'.



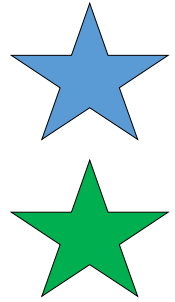


# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



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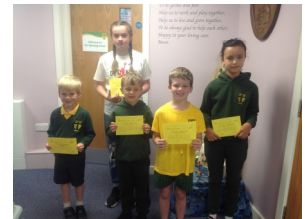
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FOR EARNING THE MOST HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK

### SUNSHINE AWARD

ALL YR CHILDREN(YR), WILLIAM P (Y1), ZACHARY (Y2), HENRY (Y3), BLONDIE (Y4), KIRSTY (Y5), TALLULAH (Y6)



### RE AWARD

EVIE (Y1), CORBEN (Y2), FINLAY (Y3)  
SKYLA (Y4), CHARLIE B (Y5), CIARA (Y6)



# SPORTING EVENTS



### Upcoming Events

14th October KS2 Cross Country

16th October LSAA Cross Country League

# ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance  
20/09/21 - 24/09/21

	This Week	Last Week
Rec	93.56%	95.49%
Y1	94.67%	97.32%
Y2	96.58%	95.30%
Y3	96.92%	93.08%
Y4	94%	96.67%
Y5	98.67%	100%
Y6	97.44%	92.44%



## Attendance Matters

