

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th November 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone, It has been lovely catching up with the children after the holiday; everyone seems to have had a great time and a good rest!

### Bridge Street Zebra Crossing and Road Safety

You may have heard that sadly, one of the children from school was knocked down on the crossing today. Fortunately, the child only suffered a small graze, however this could have been a lot more serious.

We will be liaising with the local police and councillors to arrange a meeting with parents to discuss the concerns. Thank you to all those who brought this to our attention and offered advice and support.

Today, we have been informed of a vacancy for a School Crossing Patrol Warden for St Joseph's. If you know anybody who would like to apply, please direct them to <https://www.otleytowncouncil.gov.uk/news/vacancy-school-crossing-patrol-warden-otley-st-josephs-primary/>

National Road Safety Week begins on 14th November. We will be working with Brake and learning about Road Safety in our PSHE lessons. We will also host our own Road Safety Quiz. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for more information.

### School Shoes

Can I remind parents/carers school shoes are black, leather type shoes and that trainers are for PE days

Have a wonderful weekend – if you are going to bonfire, have fun and enjoy the time together. From all the staff - be safe, be kind and be happy. God Bless

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE



Reception, present... "Shine Star Shine" On Wednesday 7th December at 1:30pm

Year 1 & Year 2 present... "Little Angel Gets Her Wings" On Wednesday 7th December at 2:15pm



**Each child will be allocated 2 tickets. We will hold a raffle to raise funds for FOSJ - £1 a strip. Card Payment available.**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 7th November - Odd Socks Day
- 9th November - KS2 Cross Country
- 9th November - Y4 Class Mass
- 11th November - Reception Welcome Service
- 15th November - Y1/Y2 Science Festival
- 16th November - Y3/Y4 Science Festival
- 17th November - Y5/Y6 Science Festival
- 17th November - Nursery Rhyme Day
- 25th November - Y5 Class Mass
- 25th November - FOSJ World Cup Event
- 28th November - EYFS Training Day
- 30th November - Y1 Class Trip
- 2nd December - FOSJ Christmas Wreath Making
- 2nd December - YR and Y6 Height and Weight
- 4th December - Victorian Fayre
- 8th December - Christmas Dinner Day
- 8th December - Christmas Disco
- 11th December - Winter Wonderland

Are you interested in becoming a School  
Crossing Patrol Warden in Leeds?

**VACANCY**

**School Crossing Patrol Warden**

Otley St Josephs Primary

5 hours a week

£9.90 hourly rate

39 Week Contract (Term Time Only)

Duties will include crossing pedestrians across the road safely

Full Uniform and PPE provided.

Full training given.

Option to join Local Government Pension Scheme

Subject to satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure Barring Services Request

**INTERESTED?**

**Call 01133782337 (using option 4)**



# SCHOOL NEWS

## FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS

### World Cup Event

The ENG V USA us match will be streamed in the school hall on Friday 25th November. Doors open at 6pm for a 7pm kick off. Freshly cooked pizza will be on sale - cash and card accepted. Beers and other refreshments on sale All welcome!

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT!** ⚽ However for catering requirements and risk assessment purposes, please obtain your ticket by either scanning the QR code on the poster or click <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/460737597557>

### Wreath Making Event

FOSJ is excited to announce that tickets are available NOW for the wreath making workshop! Friday 2nd December at 7:30pm. £20 per person with prosecco on arrival. The event is BYOB. All materials provided (apart from secateurs so please bring your own)

Please scan the QR code on the poster or click this link <https://pay.sumup.io/b2c/Q0MI2ZEA> to book your place. Your payment confirms your booking- you will not receive a physical ticket. Deadline for bookings is Friday 25th November at 10pm.

Finally, the Pumpkin sale raised £206! Massive congratulations to George Dunning who won the Harvest Photobooth competition. Your prize will be available from the school office.



## OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS YOUTH CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Would you like to do something really worthwhile on some of your Friday evenings 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Centre & make new friends at the same time as providing a very valuable space for year 6 pupils to meet with friends?

Please see letter attached to this week's email for more information.

Please note - An Our Lady & All Saints DBS is required and will be arranged for all volunteers

For more information, please contact: Sue O'Shea Youth Club Volunteer on 07973 854952 or Miss Wilkinson in the School office.

**WE NEED YOU!**



## ODD SOCK DAY

Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, Monday 7th November to help raise awareness around anti-bullying.

It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! We are asking children to wear a pair of odd socks with their normal uniform. We would like to see an array of colours and styles—the brighter, the better!



## SPORT

### Cross Country

Good luck to all the children taking part in the Cross Country on Wednesday at Wharfemeadows.

### Date for the Diary

The next Cross Country event will take place on Saturday 19th November.

### Y4 Netball

Well done to the Y4 children who took part in the Netball Event at PHGS. The children received their certificates on Friday during assembly.



# SCHOOL NEWS



## POPPY APPEAL

We will continue to sell poppies and other memorabilia to raise money for The British Legion until Friday 11th November .

Please give generously.

**Poppy 50p      Reflector £1      Zip Pull £1**

**Silicon Wristband £1      Snap Band £1.50**



## SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA



Please ensure that your child is symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school as this greatly reduces the risk of spreading infection. We will continue to encourage children to wash their hands frequently especially before eating. Thank you for your co-operation.

### REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from school, please contact the office in the morning to report the absence. If your child is absent for more than one day, the office need to be contacted on every day that your child is off school.

## DATE FOR THE DIARY - NURSERY RHYME DAY!

On **Friday 18th November**, we are asking the children to dress up as their favourite nursery rhyme characters to celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week.

Throughout the week, we will conduct Nursery Rhyme themed science experiments, create our own rhymes, and learn and perform nursery rhymes too.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you would like to purchase your child's Christmas cards, please return your slip and monies by Wednesday 9th November.



All cheques must be made payable to: 'The Friends of St Josephs'

Please note: FOSJ are unable to give change due to logistics.

## CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find some dates for the 'Christmas diary' listed below.

Who would believe that it is **just 7 weeks** until Christmas Dinner day! We will be donning our Christmas jumpers and hats once more as we celebrate together. If you are normally on packed lunches and would like a Christmas Dinner on this day (priced £2.45) then please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Please note that these events are subject to change and we will keep you updated as the weeks go on.

Friday 28th November	Christmas Craft Week
Sunday 4th December	Victorian Fayre
Wednesday 7th December	Y3 & Y5 Christmas Tree Festival
Wednesday 7th December	KS1 Nativity Performance
Thursday 8th December	YR & Y6 Christmas Tree Festival
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 8th December	School Disco
Friday 9th December	Y1, Y2 & Y4 Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday 10th December	Winter Wonderland
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 16th December	Christmas Carol Service

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Holy Mary, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint David, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint Patrick, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint George, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint Bernadette, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint Brigid, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint Francis, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint Therese of Lisieux, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint Joseph, PRAY FOR US

## OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### MASS TIMES

Saturday Morning: 10am  
Saturday Evening Vigil: 6:30pm  
Sunday Morning: 9:30am & 11:15am

For updates, please check the weekly bulletin for up-to-date Mass times.



<http://www.olasotley.org/bulletin.html>



## VIRTUE - PRAYER

This week, we started thinking about our new virtue which is prayer. Over the next few weeks, the children will think about what it means to be prayerful and we will encourage the children to:

- spend time with God
- listen to God
- rest in His presence
- tell God they love Him
- grow in friendship with God
- pray from the heart

## RULE OF LAW

Today in our Collective Worship, the children thought about one of the British Values which was: Rule of law. We talked about why we have laws and who helps to ensure that the laws are followed. We then reflected on our class rules and why it is important that we try to follow them. We listened to John's Gospel where Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, just as I have loved you." And that this is the most important rule of all.



## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place at the Cathedral at 7pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Please can all the children who are preparing for their Confirmation return their forms by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November with their chosen saint name and sponsors - thank you.

## ALL SAINTS MASS

On Tuesday, we celebrated All Saints Mass with the Parish in Church. Well done to all the children for their fabulous behaviour and lovely singing. Thank you to Year 6 and Father Lawrie for leading the Mass for us.

## Y4 CLASS MASS

Y4 Class Mass is taking place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10:45 in our classroom with the theme of Trust in God. Family and friends are very welcome to join and can come into school via the main office.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Christ be with me, Christ within me  
Christ behind me, Christ before me  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me  
Christ to comfort me and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me  
Christ be in quiet, Christ be in danger  
Christ be in hearts of all that love me  
Christ be in heart of friend or stranger.



# CLASS PAGES

## YEAR R NEWS

We have had an exciting week in Reception. On Monday, we came back to school to find a cottage which had been destroyed by someone. We looked for clues to find out who's cottage it was and who had made all the mess. We discovered that it was Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We wrote wanted posters to try and track down the pesky Goldilocks!



We have been looking at the number 1, 2 and 3 in depth in Maths and have been introduced to the number blocks. The children collected objects in groups of 1, 2 and 3 and demonstrated different ways of showing a number.

We have made some beautiful fireworks pictures using different methods of painting that we had not tried before including marble painting and blow painting.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have been focusing on addition. We have been introduced to the addition symbol + and we have begun to use this in our number sentences. We have used counters to visually represent addition in a variety of formats: bar model, in a number line and in a part-whole model.

In English this week, we were introduced to some clues: a little red cape, some furry ears and a tree. We had a think about what traditional tales these clues may be referring to? We made some predictions in our English books about characters and setting.

In RE this week, we reflected on the thoughts and feelings of Noah after God had asked him to build the ark: scared, worried apprehensive? We also wondered how Noah may have felt once the dove returned bearing an olive branch: relief, joy confusion.

In Art, we were thinking about celebrations in Diwali (the festival of light) and Bonfire Night. On black card and using fine tipped paint brushes, we made repeated patterns to make beautiful rangoli art and bright exploding fireworks.

In PE/Topic, we had the last lesson of our unit on toys from the past. We thought about the traditional games that children played during playtime in the past. This included: Dusty Bluebells, Duck, Duck Goose, What's the Time Mr Wolf and Double This, Double That.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we were very excited to hear from Ernie Arbuckle again. He was being very secretive though! He sent us some envelopes with some sections cut out. Inside was a cover for a book. We had to write down what we could see and ask questions about what we would like to find out. It was a great way to develop our prediction skills. We then had a big reveal to find out what the book was. It is called 'Winter's Child' and we all enjoyed listening to it and making predictions about what will happen.

In Maths, we have been practising using our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help us find number bonds to 100. If we know that  $4 + 6 = 10$ , we also know that  $40 + 60 = 100$ . We then moved on to look at how we can add 2 single digit numbers by making 10. For example, if we were calculating  $8 + 7$ , we could partition 7 into 2 and 5, We can then add 2 to 8 to make 10 then add on 5. We discussed how it is easier to add on to 10 because zero is a placeholder for the ones.

In RE we all thought very carefully about Big Questions that only God might have the answer to. such as 'What is Heaven like?'. We thoughtfully shared our ideas and wondered about a lot of interesting things. Adaline wondered, "How do we know how God feels?"



As a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn.

## YEAR 3 NEWS

In RE, we explored the feelings we have when we are chosen to do specific jobs in our class. We then considered how Mary felt when she was chosen to be the mother of God's son and why she said 'yes'.

In Maths, we have started to look at the column method for addition and subtraction. We learnt how to set out our calculations and the importance of working from ones to hundreds.

In Science, we discussed different soil types before we devised an experiment to test the permeability of the three main soil types; clay, sand and silt. We used careful measurements to gather and record data and, using this, we drew our own conclusions about soil permeability.

In English this week, Year Three completed their innovated stories of 'The Pied Piper'. They then began publishing them into story books, creating a front cover.

In PE, we took part in 5 a side Tag Rugby games. We implemented all the skills we'd learnt so far. Miss Chappel was super impressed at how well we used communication and teamwork skills.



## YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 had a good start to the week on Monday by receiving their class reward of a 20 minute party for achieving their class target - well done. They enjoyed playing pass the parcel, eating cake and having a drink.

On Thursday, this week Year 4 had a skipping workshop in the morning where they were able to practise lots of different types of skip ready for our skipping festival in the Spring Term. They learnt: double bounce, speed bounce, pretzel, side swing and cross over. I was really impressed with their skills and am sure that they will work hard between now and the festival to improve their skills.

In RE this week, we started our new topic of Trust in God. The children thought about times when they have had to trust other people and who we trust in our local community. We then thought about times when we need to trust in God and wrote prayers about this.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we are focusing on the Greek Myth 'Pandora's Box'. The children have been able to infer characters feelings from a text and have been able to further explain, using conjunctions, why Pandora was feeling and thinking the way she was when given the box from Zeus. Year 5 were then given their own Pandora' box and were not allowed to touch it for the whole lesson. The children were then given the choice as to whether they wanted to open their box, not knowing what is inside. From this activity the children were able to experience the same curiosity and guilt before and after she opened the box.

In Maths, the children are coming to the end of their addition and subtraction topic. This week we have been focusing on multi-step word problems that involve using more than one operation to find the answer. The children were able to identify the similarities and differences between the calculations to determine whether the answer was going to be greater than or less than without having to actually work out the calculation.

This week in RE, the children have been learning about the Creation Story within the Hindu faith as part of our multi-faith learning. They were able to draw comparisons between the Hindu creation story and the Catholic creation story. On top of this, they all produced lovely story boards to depict this story.



## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we continued working on long division - we must make sure we know our times tables and write them out when solving the calculation.

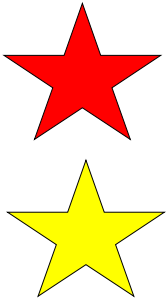
In RE, we looked at the five pillars of Islam. We discussed why Muslims must follow these to strengthen their faith and show respect for Allah and Muhammed (PBUH). We wrote explanations in the pillars to show what each one means.

In English, we looked at War poetry and analysed the figurative language used within it. We thought of metaphors, personification and oxymorons and used these within our own poems. Next week, we are going to create a Year 6 anthology of our poems.

In PE, Miss Dowd led a fitness bootcamp - everyone enjoyed taking part in the circuits even if it was a bit tough!



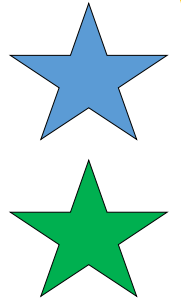
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

## ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



### SUNSHINE AWARD

ANNA (YR), MAISY (Y1), ISAAC B (Y2),  
HARRY (Y4), JOSEPH B (Y5), ISLA (Y6)



### RE AWARD

ARTHUR (YR), JUDE (Y1), ADALINE (Y2),  
MILLIE S (Y4), NATALIA (Y5), LUCIUS (Y6)



### VIRTUE AWARD

JACK (YR), AMELIA (Y1), MARTHA (Y2),  
BONNIE (Y4), BELLA (Y5), EVA (Y6)



### An Intercession to St Joseph

Dear St Joseph

Help us to love and care

To be gentle and fair

Help us to work and play together

Help us to live and grow together

To be always glad to help each other

Happy in your loving care

Amen



# World Cup



# LIVE

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**ENG v USA**

**Kick off 7pm -doors open at 6pm**

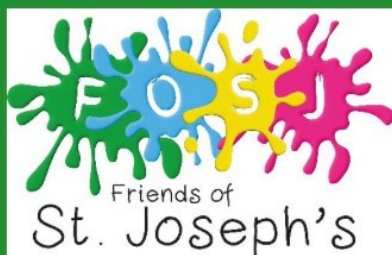
**Live streaming of the match in the school hall.**

**FREE EVENT: scan the QR code to get your ticket**



**Pizza, Beer and other refreshments on sale – cash and card accepted**

**All welcome**



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# Wreath Making



You are cordially invited to a...

## *Christmas Wreath Workshop*

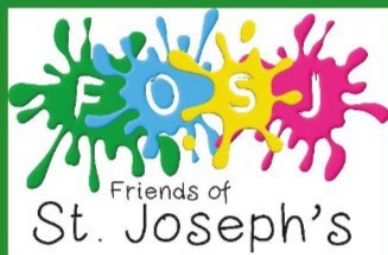
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

7.30pm @ St Joseph's

£20 (scan QR code to book)

*Glass of prosecco on arrival & BYOB*

*All materials provided but please bring  
your own secateurs*



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