

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th November 2021

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! Importantly, nearly all the children spent time outdoors walking, playing, scooting or biking. Being outdoors improves our mood and wellbeing, and I know when I walk Molly, I feel so much better after! Molly does too.

We have had a wonderful week in school – there has been lots of interesting activities in lessons. In YR – The Three Bears made a visit: three beds, three chairs and three bowls! Walter made some lovely porridge! Y1 finished their history topic playing traditional playground games – they have learnt so much about toys! Y2 have been scientists this week – they know about all the different materials in their classroom. In Y3, there were strange footprints! Who left them? Y3 were introduced to their new book. Y4 investigated on how a toaster works – you now need to explain this to your family. Y5 opened Pandora's Box – they now know what that released into the world. Y6 looked at a primary source of children in trench linked to their history. From the source, they deduced lots of information about the time of day, the conditions etc.

We had some important visitors in school this week; they were very complementary about the behaviour and attitudes of the children. The children said how proud they are of St Joseph's. Thank you to all the children – they make St Joseph's the special place it is. Every day they fill the school with fun and kindness – and lots of great learning! The children look so smart in their winter uniform.

Attendance and punctuality

Please make sure you arrive on time for the start of the school day.

Parking

Park and drop off in the designated car parks. A couple of families have dropped children off on the road outside school. This is putting other children at risk.

Reading Scheme Books

To improve reading fluency, children need to read regularly – preferably every day. Please ensure reading records and books read are returned so new books can be allocated. Independent readers need to still read to an adult at home and comments made in their reading record/planner.

Westgate Path – will be closed the w/c 8th of November for tarmacking. Please use the Clitheroe entrance. Gates will be open from 8:40am.

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



School Open Day

10 November

Please contact school for further information www.stjosephsotley.org

ST JOSEPH'S OPEN DAY/EVENING

Wednesday 10th November 2021
9.30am – 11.30am and 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Wednesday 10th November 2021
6–7pm

ST JOSEPH'S OTLEY

*All for raising
money for our
wonderful school*



Cinema

FILM TBC

MOVIE

N I G H T

Friday November 19th

Tickets £2.50 or multiple siblings £5

*Ticket includes Drink. Tuckshop available for
popcorn and sweets*



KEY INFORMATION

DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Masses</u>	
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.	Thursday 11th Nov at 11am	Y3
		Friday 12th Nov at 11am	Y5
		Wednesday 24th Nov at 2pm	KS1

CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you would like to purchase your child's Christmas cards, please return your slip and monies by **Wednesday 10th November.**

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

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



SPORT

Tuesday 9th November	Y5 Boys Football	All Saints
Tuesday 9th November	Y5/Y6 Girls Football	All Saints
Friday 19th November		
Saturday 20th November	Cross Country	Wharfe Meadows, Otley

POPPY APPEAL



We will sell poppies and other memorabilia to raise money for The British Legion until Friday 12th November.

Please give generously!

Poppy (at least) 20p

Eraser £0.50

Rulers £1

Pencil 50p

Sharpener 50p

Reflectors £1

Bracelets £1

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Thank you.

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly Father,

I can trust you, Lord

I know you love me, Lord.

Lord, please help others to trust you, too.

I understand you made the world; I trust you for it and thank you for it.

It is like your love, a shield around me; I trust you and thank you for it.

Father, I know I can trust you.

By Natalia Y4

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](#)

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP WITH TRUST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

On Thursday morning, Year 6 joined in a collective worship with children from Year 6 at SS Peter and Paul's primary School via Zoom. The theme was hope and during this time Year 6 were given the opportunity to do some "Bible journaling" where they could draw or write things that came into their heads as they read the Bible passage from Isaiah.

"This was really memorable and fun as we had the opportunity to share collective worship with another school and do different activities that we don't normally get to do." said Esther. Next week, our Year 6 class will be leading the Collective Worship for the Year 6 class in SS Peter & Paul's School.

On Thursday, Year 5 will also be joining a Collective Worship via Zoom with Holy Name Cookridge.

CONFIRMATION

At the Confirmation meeting yesterday, the Confirmation candidates were given a form for them to complete by Thursday 18th November. They need to decide who they would like their sponsor to be and what their chosen saint name is.

ALL SAINTS DAY

On 1st November, it is "All Saints Day". This year it was celebrated in Church last Sunday.

As a school, we all gathered in the hall to celebrate this special day. We thought about our different class saints but also remembered that we are all called to be saints.

We listened to a quote from Pope Francis who said, "Saints are not 'supermen' who are born perfect, but rather they are ordinary people who followed God with all of their hearts."

VIRTUE—THANKFULNESS

This week, was our final week where we focused on "Thankfulness" in our Collective Worship.

During this time, we have encouraged our children to think about all the gifts that they have been given by God and reminded them to thank him for everything that he does for us. We have also talked about the importance of saying "Thank you" to the people in our lives who help us.

Y2 FRIDAY COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Well done to Year 2 who led our Collective Worship this morning with the theme of "Diwali". We were all very impressed with how well they all read.



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, Reception have been reading the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We then sequenced the story and enjoyed acting it out in our Three Bears Cottage role play area. The children enjoyed learning a song about Goldilocks. Ask your child if they can perform it for you!

In Maths, we have been continuing our learning about 1,2 and 3. We have been focusing on the composition of the numbers and comparing each number. Noah said, "I know that 3 is more than 2," and Stas said, "You can make 3 using 2 and 1."

In RE, we have been learning about how we are all a part of God's family. We thought carefully about our own families and how they are important to us. We also discussed how we are a part of the St Joseph's family.

In Art, we made firework pictures using chalk and black card. We talked about being safe at a bonfire and how we might celebrate with our families.

On Friday afternoon, we enjoyed doing firework pictures and meeting up with our buddies.



YEAR 1 NEWS

At the start of the week, Miss Hulbert told the children they will be zooming a live performance of their poetry for a group of older people in a care home in Otley as part of Poetry Together. Additionally, we started our new book 'The Magic Porridge Pot' and the children made wonderful predictions about what they think will happen in the story.

In Maths, Year 1 have started addition using the part-whole model and lots of concrete resources. We also started measurement and thought about which objects are shorter and which are longer.

We had our last History lesson learning about playground games that the children's grandparents played when they were at school. We had fun playing the games, trying to jump in the long skipping rope and playing with hula-hoops. Thank you to grandmas and grandads who sent information into school.

In RE, we concluded our learning about Noah's Ark with children explaining why God put a rainbow in the sky and saying what they hope for. We also started learning about the Annunciation and thought about why Mary was chosen and why she trusted God.

Music was very noisy with children attempting to play percussion instruments to the beat. In Art, we learned about primary colours, mixed colours and then used these colours to create firework art. Some children created their pictures using ICT.



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 'Snow Child' and we all enjoyed listening to it and making predictions about what will happen.

In Maths, we have continued to work hard with adding a 2-digit and 1-digit numbers. We are getting good at making groups of ten ones and exchanging them for one ten. We use base ten to help us with this and began to practise recording it in our books.

In Science, we have started a new topic. This half term we are learning about materials and why they are chosen to make different things. We started by looking at the different properties and worked in groups to label items in our classroom.

In RE, we all thought very carefully about Big Questions that only God might have the answer to. We thoughtfully shared our ideas and wondered a lot of interesting things. When we asked why Mrs Holmes was born, Eric thought that God's plan for her was to be a teacher.



YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English, we have started our new story *The First Drawing*. The children found some small footprints and a selection of cave drawings scattered around the classroom. The children thought about who may have left the mysterious footprints behind - could it be the first caveman? The children are really looking forward to starting their new history topic on the Stone Age.

In Science, we drew careful observational drawings of a mixture of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. We used our new scientific vocabulary to describe our observations.

In Maths, Year 3 recapped adding 2 digit numbers using the expanded column method. We used practical resources to support us when exchanging.

In Geography we finished our topic by creating posters identifying characteristics of the 3 main climate zones tropical, polar and temperate.



YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in English we have started our new class text, "Until I Met Dudley". We discussed how different inventions work and created questions containing modal verbs about them. Our homework this week is all about inventions too!

In Maths, we have focused on efficient methods of subtraction. We have looked at how the size of the difference can affect whether the column method or just counting on is most useful. We have also started to look at estimation to check our answers.

In RE, we have focused on the meaning of trust, and used thesauruses to find synonyms for trust. We created 'wordifications' to show the vocabulary we found, and then wrote our own prayers about trusting in God.

We were also busy preparing for our Class Mass. Thank you to all those who were able to attend, and well done to the children for reading so clearly and behaving so reverently in church.



YEAR 5 NEWS

Year 5 have had a fantastic week back at school after half term. In English, we have started reading Greek Myths and this week focused on "Pandora's Box". Each child was given their own Pandora's Box and like Pandora told not to look inside it which some of them found very hard. We read some of the myth and then had a go at writing what happened when Pandora opened the box. I have been very impressed with some of the vocabulary that the children have used.

In Maths, we have started out "Statistics" unit. This week, we have looked at different types of charts, interpreting line graphs and drawing line graphs.

In Science, we have started our new topic about "Properties of Materials". To begin this topic, the children carried out different tests on a range of materials to investigate their magnetism, hardness, transparency and flexibility.

This week in PE with Mrs Fenton-Green, we recapped the difference between badminton and tennis and practised some of our shots that we learnt when we were in Year 4. Next Wednesday afternoon, we will be going to a Dodgeball Festival at PHGS so please ensure that children wear their PE kits with suitable footwear and have a coat with them.

YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have continued to develop our understanding and use of the formal method of long division. We really need to work on our timetables at home. Miss Choma has given us the challenge of going on Times Table Rockstars at least 3 times a week for 10 minutes.

In English, we have started our new book all about the life of Anne Frank. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about her life before she moved to Amsterdam. We wrote sentences about her life using colons and semi-colons. We can't wait to show off our new skills in our longer pieces of writing.

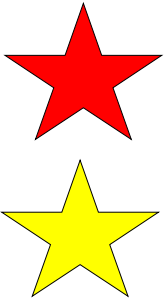
In RE, we discussed the gifts of the Holy Spirit which we receive when we are confirmed. We wrote a reflective prayer on how we can incorporate those gifts into our daily lives. On Thursday, we celebrated our first class mass of the year linked to Saint Therese of Lisieux.

In Science, we looked at the work of Charles Darwin with reference to the 'Peppered Moth'. His influential work helped us to understand 'Natural Selection' which is a key feature of Evolution.



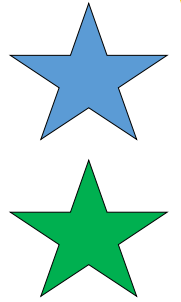


HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS



FOR EARNING THE MOST HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK

SUNSHINE AWARD

WALTER (YR), JOSHUA (Y1), FREDDIE (Y2),
MAX (Y3), EMME (Y4), EVA (Y5), EVA (Y6)



RE AWARD

STANISLAW (YR), LILLIE-ROSE (Y1), ERIC (Y2),
RUBY (Y3), REUBEN (Y4), ELLIE (Y5), DANIEL (Y6)



VIRTUE AWARD

GRACE (YR), DECLAN (Y1), JOEY (Y2),
ALEXA (Y3), JACOB (Y4), ZACHARY (Y5), AGNES (Y6)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance
18/10/21 - 21/10/21

Rec	87.05%
Y1	91.67%
Y2	95.32%
Y3	90.87%
Y4	92.50%
Y5	96.67%
Y6	97.31%



Attendance Matters

