

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th January 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

It was lovely to welcome all the children back after the Christmas holiday. Speaking to the children, they have obviously had a wonderful holiday and received some lovely gifts. The staff would like to say thank you for all the cards and generous gifts received.

Everybody has been working really hard and getting back into the swing of things. Some lovely writing from Year 1, and some fabulous propaganda artwork from Year 6. Thank you to all those who joined us today at Mass. It was lovely to receive a message from one of the parishioners who said that the children are a credit to the school.

We can't wait to watch Jack and the Beanstalk on Monday afternoon. What a wonderful way to start the New Year.

Have a wonderful weekend; have fun and enjoy time together.

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

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## ASSEMBLIES

<u>YR</u>	<u>Y1</u>	<u>Y2</u>	<u>Y3</u>	<u>Y4</u>	<u>Y5</u>	<u>Y6</u>
24.03.23	03.02.23	17.03.23	24.02.23	03.03.23	10.03.22	27.01.22
Spring	Number Day	Mother's Day	Fairtrade	CAFOD	St Valentines	Holocaust Memorial Day

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 9th January - Jack and the Beanstalk
  - 9th January - Y5 Be Creative Day
  - 11th January - Y3 Ice Skating (12 children)
  - 13th January - KS2 Bun Sale
  - 17th January - Whole School Photographs
  - 18th January - Online Safety Evening for Parents
  - 18th January - Y5/Y6 Girls Football
- 27th January - KS1 Bun Sale
  - 1st February - Y4 Saint Day
  - 2nd February - Athlete Visit
  - 3rd February - Number Day
  - w/c 6th February - Y6 Bikeability
  - 9th February - Y3 Gymnastics
  - w/c 13th February - HALF TERM!

# SCHOOL NEWS

## FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS

Happy New Year everyone and thank you for all of your help and support last term!

Depending on interest we are looking for some volunteers from each year group to help organise a summer weekend family camping trip. So far we've narrowed down the options to two very local, affordable campsites but need help picking one and organising the event.

At this stage we just need to know two things:

1. Would your family be interested in attending (how many people)
2. Would you be interested in helping to organise the event?

If you could please feedback to your class reps or let Tom Hatley know asap (contact number 07793756713).

This is a fully inclusive event, but it would be great to have some Dads help organise this one! Subject to interest, the first planning meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th January in Otley (venue tbc with the option to join the meeting via Zoom as well).

If anyone has any questions please call or message Tom.

Thanks for taking the time to read and reply. I know back to school is a busy week!

Tom Hatley (Winter & Willows Dad - Y1 & R) and the FOSJ Team

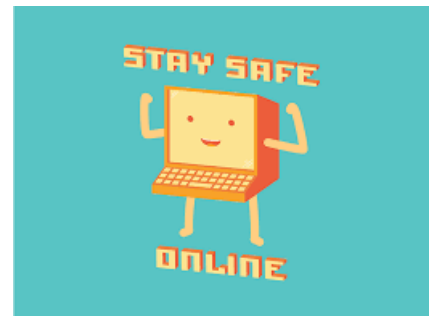


## ONLINE SAFETY EVENING FOR PARENTS

Miss Choma and Miss Wilkinson will host an online safety evening for parents on Wednesday 18th January at 5pm. Our IT technician Mr Scott will be available to answer questions about parental controls and devices. If you would like to attend, please email [office@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:office@stjosephsotley.org)

Please speak with to your child(ren) about their online activity and remind young people of their digital citizenship responsibilities and to look after themselves and others.

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. For more information, visit <https://www.stjosephsotley.org/online-safety>



## REMINDERS

- **IMPORTANT:** Children MUST bring a water bottle to school each day as school does not have any spare
- All children need to bring a coat to school with them
- No nuts allowed
- Hair must be tied back
- Jewellery should not be worn—this includes chains/bracelets and earrings other than studs.
- Children **MUST** wear the correct P.E Uniform. In particular, sports leggings are not allowed.
- If you have any spare, clean underwear, please bring into school for accidents. **ALL YEAR GROUPS!**



## JACK AND THE BEANSTALK—MONDAY 9TH JANUARY

On Monday, M&M Theatrical Productions are bringing Jack and the Beanstalk to St Joseph's.

Thank you to Friends of St Joseph's for paying for this fantastic event.



## CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos will be taken on Wednesday 18th January. Full school uniform please.

We ask all children to bring a pair of silly socks to wear for their photo. If your child has any fancy hairbands then bring them along too.

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:

Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

## 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>



## PRAYER FOR POPE BENEDICT

God our Father,  
lover of life,

hear the prayers we raise to you

with faith in the Risen Lord for Pope Emeritus Benedict

and for the needs of the Church and our world.

Grant us a share in fellowship with you in the heavenly Jerusalem,  
where sorrow and tears will be no more.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen



## Epiphany Mass

Thank you to Year 4 for leading our Mass today to celebrate the Epiphany. Thank you also to Father Michael who said the Mass for us and to the organist for playing the music.

## Father Lawrie

Father Lawrie's operation before Christmas went well and he is now recovering at home. We wish him a speedy recovery. Please keep him in your prayers.



## Virtue

At the start of this half term, our virtue will be 'Friendship'. This week, the children listened to the Toy Story Theme tune "You've Got a Friend in Me" and thought about what makes a good friend.



We then listened to some of Paul's Letter to the Colossians which talked about the importance of showing compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience to everyone but most of all we should show love.

## Sacraments Update

Letters have been given out to children in Year 3 this week about Reconciliation.

Additionally, we are still waiting to find out the date for Otley Show before we decide on a date for First Holy Communion. If anyone has any "inside information" as to when this is happening, please let us know!



# CLASS PAGES

## YEAR R NEWS

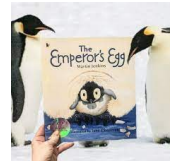
We need to wrap up warm in Reception as we start our new topic; Wonderful Winter!

In Literacy, we have read the book *The Emperor's Egg* and we have learnt lots of facts about Emperor penguins. Edith said, "The penguins dive down deep and catch fish and squid." Eliza learned, "The penguins slide on their bellies on the ice." We have thought about what it is like in Antarctica- very cold and icy and have written sentences too. We've made penguins in our workshop area and given the penguins hair cuts to develop our scissor skills.

In Maths, we have been focusing on one more and one less. We are starting to subitise (know the value of a group of objects without counting). Practice with your children at home asking them to check the amount by counting one to one.

In RE, we have heard the story of Jesus being lost and found at the temple. We have thought about Jesus as a young boy and thought he would be quite like us! We think he would enjoy some of the same games as us.

In phonics, we have learned some tricky new digraphs (sh, th, ng, nk). Please practice these at home along with the tricky words.



## YEAR 1 NEWS

We have been learning about the Epiphany in RE and its significance within the story of Christ's birth. We wrote about the long journey made by the 3 Kings and the special gifts they took to visit baby Jesus.

This week in Maths, we have been learning about mass and weight. We have learnt that when each side of a balance scale is the same height, the mass on each side is equal. When one end is tipped lower, the mass of that object is heavier and vice versa. We practised placing objects on the balance scale to see which objects were heavier or lighter.

In Science, we have been learning about the properties of materials and how to describe them. We have learnt some very sophisticated scientific vocabulary: transparent, flexible, rigid and opaque. We made booklets to show our understanding of the various properties of wood, glass and wool.

In English, we have started a new book this week called *Coming Home* about a plucky robin who sets out on an epic journey to travel home. We have been thinking about all the ways we can describe the robin. We have used lots of adjectives for this.

In Art, we have come to the end of our unit on mark making. Using lots of different media to print with (with a variety of textures-sponges, bubble wrap and Lego), we created lots of interesting designs.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we are enjoying our new text 'Orion and the Dark'. We started by looking at a word cloud with words taken from the blurb and made predictions about what we thought the book might be about. We then discovered Orion, the boy in the story, is scared of lots of different things. We used commas in a list when writing the different things he was scared of.

In Math, we have started our topic about shape. We practised recognising both 2D and 3D shapes. We then practiced counting the sides of 2D shapes. We found that drawing a line on each side of the shapes was an effective method of doing this so that we didn't lose count or re-count any of the sides again.

We started our Art topic based on the artist Yayoi Kusama. We have enjoyed finding out about Yayoi's life and looking at her paintings, sculptures and installations. We discovered that they all have one thing in common... DOTS!

We created our information pages about Yayoi Kusama in our sketchbooks. Thank you to William P for bring in his book about Yayoi Kusama and well done to Lexi for creating her own piece of art inspired by the artist.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we immersed ourselves in a circus setting to help us write some amazing setting descriptions. The children worked hard to use adjectives and even some similes in their writing! We then had a go at spotting the different word classes in the text before looking at how we could improve sentences by using more ambitious vocabulary and adding adverbial phrases.

In Maths, the children looked at multiplication and division using arrays. Using this knowledge, we moved onto looking at multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

In Science, we learnt about light sources and identified them in a group of objects. We sorted them into natural and artificial light sources before recording them in a table. We learnt that, whilst it may look like one, the moon is not a light source!

In PE, our balance and core strength were put to the test in gymnastics. Combining a variety of balances, we worked in pairs to put together some very accomplished routines. Great work, Year 3!

## YEAR 4 NEWS

In English this week, we started by reading a biography about Julius Caesar. We looked at the features of a biography and picked out key facts about Julius Caesar. Yesterday, we used the internet to gather information about Boudica so that next week the children can write their own biographies about her. We also enjoyed listening to the Horrible Histories Boudica song.

This half term in Maths, we are continuing to look at multiplication and division. On Wednesday, the children used counters to find the factors for different numbers. We also found out about perfect numbers. The children were really confident on Thursday when our focus was multiplying 2-digit numbers by 10.

In RE this week, we reflected on all the activities we did in Advent to prepare for Christmas and how these link to the Nativity story.

## YEAR 5 NEWS

In English this week, we have started looking at narrative poetry. The children made predictions about 'The Listener's' poem by Walter de La Mare. We have spent time examining the meaning of words within the poem that we are unfamiliar with and used our dictionary skills to search for the correct definition. We did an activity called palette picker - we looked at specific vocabulary and picked a colour to represent the words before explaining our reasoning.

In Maths this week, we have also started a new topic looking at fractions. This consisted of finding fractions equivalent to unit and non unit fractions as well as recognising equivalent fractions using their times table knowledge to help them. We have used a variety of different methods to help identify these equivalent fractions such as, fractions walls, bar models and number lines.

During PSHE, we discussed the dangers and consequences that plastic pollution can have on our environment. The children were able to look at different scenarios and identify where the plastic pollution had taken place and what impacts it can have on our oceans and wildlife. They created their own posters on why we should help reduce the amount of plastic used and what we can do to help.

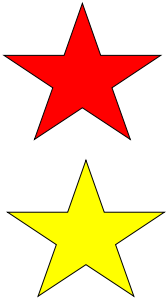
## YEAR 6 NEWS

In English, we looked at writing a letter of complaint. We began by analysing the features of a letter including key vocabulary. We can't wait to start writing our own. Additionally, we have been working on consolidating our grammar and punctuation knowledge (active and passive voice, subordinating conjunctions, colons) at the start of each lesson.

In Maths, we continued developing our knowledge of multiplying fractions by integers; we used numicon to visualise this. Then, we moved on to multiplying a fraction by another fraction with the use of pictorial representations.

During our History and Art lesson, we furthered our work on WW2. In History, we discussed the causes of hyperinflation and the problems it brought for many German citizens. We were then able to see how Hitler began to rise to power through joining the Nazi party and leading many speeches and movements, such as the Beer Hall Putsch. In our Art lesson, we discussed the use of propaganda posters and how they were used in WW2. We planned and started creating our own.

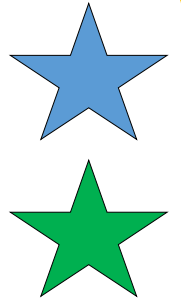
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

## ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



NO AWARDS DUE TO EPHIPHANY MASS



### 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

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