

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th September 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MR GILHOOLY

Dear parents/carers and friends of the school,

Well, I have been blown away by this week! Each and every child has returned to school well rested, happy and eager to learn. This includes my colleagues!

Year 1 have been getting to know their new learning environment; playing and communicating well with each other. They have also been busy collecting their lollypop sticks for completing activities which has put a huge smile on Mrs Harvey and Mrs Mulholland's faces.

Year 2 have been introduced to their new book for their writing sequence. I even managed to read to them on Wednesday and the class participated beautifully to the appropriate parts of the book. Mrs Holmes and Mrs Walsh said they have been a delight to welcome back into school.

Year 3 were busy beating the clock with their times tables. We certainly have some budding mathematicians! Miss Chappel, Mrs Armitage and Mrs Russell have been impressed with how quickly the children have hit the ground running in their learning.

Year 4's place value has been tested this week and it goes without saying that they are an eager bunch - all wanting to contribute towards their sessions throughout the week. Miss Pope, Mrs Tremlett and Mr Voller are super proud of what they have achieved so far.

Year 5 have been to North America... well on an atlas at least! Identifying different countries and their location within the continent. Who knew that Canada had the World's longest coastline? Miss Grant and Miss Walker have loved the level of engagement the children have shown in sessions.

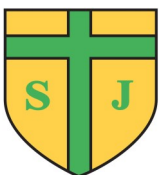
Year 6 have been setting their rules in their PSHCE session. Thinking carefully about what they expect in session and at break times. The children are really conscientious of how to treat their peers and others in and out of the school. Mrs Dowd-Postlethwaite and Mrs Kealey have not stopped smiling this week - long may it continue!

And of course, our Reception team - Mrs Georghiou, Mrs Dalton and Mrs Hart have worked tirelessly to get the classroom ready for our new Reception children starting next week. It looks amazing and the children are sure to be busy in their new environment. Both teachers have visited numerous new starters and have returned to school eager to share what they have learnt about each individual.

All this and who would know that we have had no internet for two days!

I would like to thank all my colleagues for showing such great devotion this week in educating our pupils; both academically and socially. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making myself and Mrs Georghiou so welcome. Your 'Hellos' and smiles each day go a long way. I hope you all enjoy the weekend (hopefully in the sunshine), and we all look forward to seeing you next week.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY



The Academy Council would like to announce that there is a vacancy for a parent governor.

If you wish to offer yourself as a candidate to become a parent governor you should complete the slip and return it to the headteacher by **Friday 15th September 2023**.

This is a great opportunity to be an active voice within the school community. A letter detailing the role and application process has been sent via email. If you did not receive this letter, then please contact School Office. Thank you.

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS AGM



Welcome to another year of fun! Friends of St. Josephs are looking forward to hosting lots of events throughout the school year - fun for all the families whilst raising important funds for the school. We are always looking for volunteers, and without **YOU** these events sadly won't be able to take place. Please see our Schedule of Events Poster for the year. If you can lend a hand, however small, please do get in touch!! You can email us at fosj@stjosephsotley.org.

Our first event is our Parent Meet & Greet together with our annual AGM on Thursday 14 September at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre! There will be free fizz and snacks for all. This is a great opportunity to meet new faces and also a time you can hear all about FOSJ and plans they have. It is also a chance to have your say! We look forward to seeing you then - here's to another fabulous year!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



The photographer will be in school on Thursday 28th September to take the children's individual photographs.

CURRICULUM EVENINGS

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| YR | Wednesday 20 th September | 5:30pm |
| Y1 | Wednesday 20 th September | 6:15pm |
| Y2 | Thursday 21 st September | 5:30pm |
| Y3 | Tuesday 19 th September | 5:30pm |
| Y4 | Wednesday 13 th September | 5:30pm |
| Y5 | Thursday 21 st September | 6:15pm |
| Y6 | Tuesday 12 th September | 5:30pm |



DATES FOR THE DIARY



- 11th September - Y3/Y4 Murton Park
- 14th September - FOSJ AGM at 6.30pm
- 15th September - Whole School Mass at 10am
- 16th September - Otley Folk Festival
- 20th September - Y6 Residential
- 28th September - Individual Photographs
- 5th October - National Poetry Day
- 20th October - Show Racism the Red Card
- 23rd October - Parents Evening
- 25th October - FOSJ Bake Sale
- 26th October - Parents Evening
- 27th October - Training Day

HALF TERM - RETURN TO SCHOOL 6TH NOVEMBER

SPORT

- Upcoming Football Fixtures against St Peter's and St Pauls, Yeadon:
 - Wednesday 20th September - Y4 boys' friendly match
 - Thursday 21st September - Y4 girls' friendly match

CALLING ALL FOOTBALL FANS - If you haven't already signed up to our fantasy football league, you can still join! Simply use the link below and you'll be added automatically after you've entered the game.

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/tnc65l>

League Code: tnc65l

HCPT 198 PRESENT

HCPT'S BBQ

Sunday 10 Sept

ALL INVITED

FROM 1PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE

TEA/ COFFEE/ JUICE AVAILABLE

RAFFLE/ 50 BOARD/ TOMBOLA

BRING YOUR OWN BOOZE

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Please indicate numbers by filling in form via QR Code

Or speak to Andrew Guzdek on 07947482108

Or any member of HCPT



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ★ THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER - PARENT MEET AND GREET & AGM
- ★ WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER - CAKE SALE
- ★ FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER- WREATH MAKING
- ★ DATE TO BE CONFIRMED - DISCO
- ★ SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE
- ★ FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY - RAINBOW RAFFLE
- ★ FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY- COCKTAIL MAKING EVENING
- ★ FRIDAY 8 MARCH - MOTHER'S DAY
- ★ FRIDAY 26 APRIL - QUIZ NIGHT
- ★ FRIDAY 17 MAY- GOLDEN TICKET EVENT
- ★ FRIDAY 14 JUNE- FATHER'S DAY
- ★ FRIDAY 28 JUNE - CAMPING TRIP

OTLEY FOLK FESTIVAL

On Saturday 16 September. The Otley Folk Festival will be running a Family Folk Day' at St Josephs School.

This will include a few concert spots by some of the festival artists, a childrens concert, Morris displays by some of our visiting sides and a French dance workshop and ceilidh. St Josephs was one of the festival venues 34 years ago at the first Otley Folk Festival so this is a nice addition to the festival weekend.

The Black Horse Hotel will be putting a bar on (for adults and children), and the festivities will start at 12.00noon and go on to 6.30pm.

Entry is free but we will have a few collecting tins for donations to the folk festival, any contributions will be gratefully received.

This is a family event not a creche, children will have to be accompanied by their parents.



This is a good way to get our children interested in live music and we hope you can come and help make it an enjoyable day out.

Otley Folk Festival



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Gracious God,
we come to you at the beginning of this academic year with our many feelings, expectations, nerves and hopes. Help us to remember, that you are always by our side to comfort and guide us.

Give us patience with ourselves as we adjust to the new school year and kindness to those around us as they also start a new journey.

We keep those who have left our community in our prayers and we pray that the new members of our school family feel supported and surrounded with love.

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>



VIRTUE - RESPECT

Our first virtue of this new school year is respect. This week, the children listened to Matthew's Gospel which says that in everything we do, we should treat people as to how we would like to be treated. We thought about how we would like to be treated and thought about what it means to treat others with respect.



It was lovely on Friday, for the whole school to come together for the first time for Collective Worship. This week, we reflected on our school mission statement. We talked about how we need to work together and help each other so that we all achieve our mission this year. Our School Saint, St Joseph, and God are also there to help us.

St Joseph is our patron saint and he inspires and guides us in our school mission:

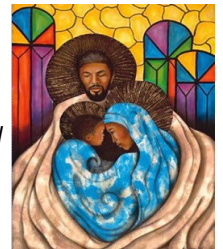
Each one of us is part of God's family and we are all special.

As God's children and family we love one another, pray together, play together and walk hand in hand with God.

God is our teacher and we are his gifts. He helps us learn together, work hard and do our best to make our world a better place.

With fun, laughter and friendship we celebrate God's love.

We respect and care for everyone and for God's wonderful world.



WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

There will be a whole Mass on Friday 15th September at 10am in Church to start the new school year. This will also be a good opportunity for the children to meet our new priest, Father Nicholas Hird, who started working in the Parish in the summer holidays. He is very welcome to our school community and we look forward to him leading us in our faith journeys.



SACRAMENT DATES

Confirmation classes for those children wishing to receive this Sacrament will start on Tuesday 3rd October in school from 3:30pm - 4:15pm. Letters will be sent out as soon as possible with further information, once we have all the details of the Celebration Mass.

CLASS MASS DATES

| Year Group | Date & Time |
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| Key Stage 1 (Year 2) | Wednesday 25 th October at 10am in Church |
| Year 3 | Thursday 9 th November at 10am in Church |
| Year 4 | Thursday 23 rd November at 10am in Church |
| Year 5 | Thursday 16 th November at 1:30pm in Church |
| Year 6 | Tuesday 3 rd October at 11am in Church |

CLASS PAGES

Year 1 - Mrs Mulholland and I have been so impressed with how quickly and sensibly Year 1 have settled into their new classroom. They have had great fun exploring the new environment and have particularly enjoyed playing with the play-doh, setting up the obstacle course and spending their money at Otley Market which is our role play area.

They have also used capital letters stickers to write their names, drawn pictures of God's beautiful world, sorted shapes and learnt about the different seasons in science.

In English, the children have enjoyed listening to "The Colour Monster" and came up with some fantastic words to describe school.



Year 2 - Year 2 have had an excellent start to this new school year!

In English, we are enjoying our new book 'A Squash and A Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson. We have been ordering the events in the story, drawing a story map and retold the story using actions.



In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of numbers to 50. We have looked at different ways to represent numbers using Numicon, Base Ten and Ten frames.

Year 3 - What a lovely first week back for Year Three!

In PSHE, we worked together to create a set of classroom rules after deciding what type of classroom environment we would like. We thought about how to treat everyone to show they are special and loved by God.

In English, we discovered cave paintings in the classroom and made predictions about our text, The First Drawing.

We are really excited to get started on all our new topics in our subjects next week, and especially for our trip on Monday!



Year 4 - What a fantastic week Year 4 have had, an absolutely brilliant start to the year. We have loved catching up with our friends we haven't seen over summer and sharing all about our holidays. We have shown our teachers our fantastic behaviour by listening attentively and contributing to lessons. We have had some interesting class discussions and have approached our learning with a great spirit, ready to do our best.



We are looking forward to our very exciting school trip next week and another brilliant week at school.

Well done Year 4 , keep it up!

Year 5 - The children have had a fantastic first week back at school and are all enthusiastic about learning lots of new things.

This week in Geography, we started our topic on North America, where the children identified the different countries within the continent, using an atlas to help them.

We have also started looking at our Chinese Art topic where the children analysed different pieces of art, explaining what they could see and offered their opinions.

We are all looking forward to having a super year in Year 5!



Year 6 - We've had a great start to Year 6. In PSHE, we began by recapping the school rules, what makes a good learner and being a caring friend.

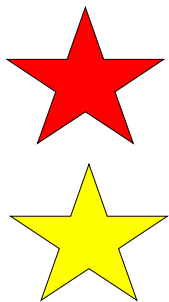
In Maths, we have developed our place value knowledge in numbers up to 10 million through playing some place value games.

In English, we started our new book of 'The Arrival' and a mysterious suitcase appeared in our classroom. We used



our prediction and inference skills to say what we thought would happen in the story. We can't wait to find out what happens.

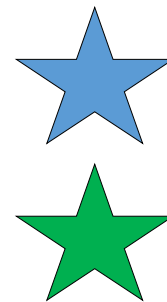
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

**RYKER (Y1), LUCAS (Y2), ADALINE (Y3),
SAM (Y4), IAN (Y5), ADDISON (Y6)**



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

DYLAN (Y4)



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

OTLEY PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

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SUPPORT, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE**

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