

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th October 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Thank you for another wonderful week in school – lots of hard work and certainly lots of laughter.

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

I have witnessed lots of this in school this week. It is lovely to see the Y6 and YR buddies spending time together. They are a great support to the children during their first year at school. Y5 and Y1 have buddied up this year who enjoy reading and sharing books together. Y3 reminded us of the importance of looking after our mental health as can affect how we feel and how well we learn. Having good mental health is very important to us: in school, we support our children's mental health through our PHSE curriculum, Circle Time, nurture groups, buddy system, staff, and Catholic Care. The children know they can always come and talk to any adult in school to discuss any worries or for just a chat! Sunday is Mental Health Day – a great day to spend some time doing the things you really enjoy and make you happy.

Covid cases: To keep parents/carers informed, you will receive an email notification of any positive cases in school. I would like to thank parents for their support in trying to keep covid cases to a minimum by keeping children at home and testing them before they return to school.

Parents Evening: Thank you to those who have signed up for a parents evening appointment. You can still book an appointment by contacting Miss Wilkinson in the school office.

Otley Foodbank were overwhelmed by the kind donations from the families of St Joseph's. They wanted to you all to know that these donations would help lots of other families in Otley who are struggling at the moment. Once again, a big thank you for your generosity.

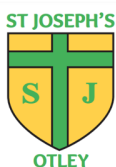
Enjoy the sun and have a great weekend to relax and enjoy time with your family and friends.

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

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 10th November between 6-7pm. Please sign up to attend this session by contacting Miss Wilkinson (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>
11th - FOSJ Meeting @ 8pm, Horse and Farrier 13th - YR Autumn Walk 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.

SPORT

On Thursday afternoon, some of our Key Stage Two children will be taking part in a Cross Country race at Wharfe Meadows. Hopefully, the sun will shine and the children will have a fun afternoon racing around the course. We still have a few spaces left for any girls in Year 3 or Year 4. Good luck to everyone.

Congratulations to Charlotte Rawstron, a past pupil now at St. Mary's, who has been selected to run for Great Britain under 20s in the World Mountain Running Championships in Thailand in February 2022. Charlotte's first running race was the Cross Country Race at Wharfe Meadows that some of our children in KS2 are taking part in this week.



CURRICULUM EVENINGS POWERPOINTS

Curriculum Information Evening PowerPoints which give an overview of the school year, and the Curriculum Newsletters are now available on the school website.

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

On **Thursday 21st October**, we are asking children and staff to wear red to raise awareness about racism within society. We would like children to wear red—this could be as simple as red socks/headband, or you can dress head-to-toe in red clothes. The important message is about acceptance and celebrating diversity.

**SHOW
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CARD**

Wear Red Day is a national day of action which encourages schools, businesses and individuals to wear red to highlight of the work carried out by the 'Show Racism the Red Card' team. The campaign delivers anti-racism education for young people & adults, and continues to challenge racism in the UK.

LEGO WORKSHOP - OCTOBER HALF TERM

Inspiration Tree have organised LEGO workshop at St Joseph's on **Wednesday 27th October** from 9am-3pm for just £17. There is an option for an extended day if required.

The LEGO workshops explore science, technology, architecture, engineering and art concepts using LEGO® bricks. The possibilities are limited only by their imagination. The workshop will fire up your child's imagination and spark creativity in the form of inspired play following one of our many themed LEGO builds coupled with our magical delivery.

To make a booking please go to www.inspiration-tree.com.

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Inspiring & Creative Arts & Sports Courses

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord make Me an instrument of Your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness joy.
O Divine master grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand.
To be loved. as to love
For it's in giving that we receive
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born...
To eternal life.

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](#)

VIRTUE

This week, we looked at our new virtue in our collective worship which is Thankfulness. Over the next few weeks, we will be encouraging the children to:

Say thank you to God.

Take time to appreciate the awe and wonder in God's creation.

Show God that we are thankful to Him by cherishing the gifts of His creation.

Be thankful for all the gifts in us and around us.

Count our blessings every day and remember to praise God for them.

Know that all we have is a gift from God.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Well done to Year 3 who led the Collective Worship today. The theme was Mental Health as it is Mental Health Day on Sunday 10th October. Year 3 reminded us that we are all special and all unique. We recognise that ***we are all equal*** despite our individual differences.

Dear Lord,

In this week when we think about mental health, help us to remember that though we are all different.

We are all special in our own way. We all have our own unique gifts that God gave us.

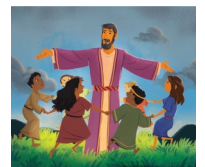
Let us be thankful for our uniqueness and celebrate the variety in our world. Let us pray that those who judge others because they are afraid of that difference, come to open their eyes and understand that we are all God's children.

We know that we are equal and that God loves and cares for each one of us. Amen.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

October is the month on the Rosary and this week the children found out about the Rosary and learnt about Rosary beads.

Next Thursday, we are very lucky as each class will be visited by Father Lawrie and some Year 6 children who will say the Rosary with them. The children are very welcome to bring their own Rosary Beads in with them if they would like to on Thursday (please don't send any in which are too precious).

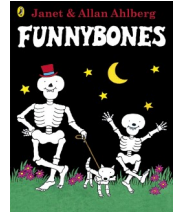


CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

In English, we have been reading the story 'Funny Bones'. We talked about the purpose of our skeleton and looked at the different bones in the body. We then labelled some of the parts of the body using the phonics sounds we have learnt so far.



In Maths, we have been learning about comparing. We compared size, mass and capacity. We also compared different amounts. We learnt that when comparing amounts a group can have more items, fewer items or the same amount as other sets.

In RE, we learnt about the wonderful world that God created for us. We went outside to look at some of the things he made and thought carefully about what we would like to thank God for. On Tuesday, we had our music lesson with Mrs James. We enjoyed singing lots of songs that involved pitch matching.

Next week, we will be focusing on the season of Autumn. We are looking forward to going on an Autumn Walk to see what treasures we can find!

YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE this week, we wrote Harvest prayers thanking God for all that he gives us. We thought about those who don't have enough to eat and all those responsible for gathering the food we eat.

This week in Maths, we have been comparing numbers. We have been learning how to use the greater than symbol $>$ the less/fewer than symbol $<$ and the $=$ symbol. We have been using practical resources to help us find different ways of comparing numbers.

In Science, we have been thinking about the weather. We have been keeping a weather log this week and have made entries for mornings and afternoons.

In English, we have started a new unit on traditional tales. We have listened to some traditional tales and have started to recognise some of the themes and conventions. We thought about some of the ways we could describe the wolf and used some interesting adjectives

In Music this week, we have been learning about tempo. We practised banging a drum whilst we sang a song together. Mrs James was very impressed with our timing. We listened to the Radetzky March by Johann Strauss and used claves to tap the beat of the song.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, the children have written some fabulous diary entries written from the viewpoint of the old lady in 'A Squash and a Squeeze'. They have worked extremely hard to include lots of detail and description of the characters thoughts and feelings.

In Maths we have now started our new topic on addition and subtraction. We have started by focusing on fact families and knowing that a part plus a part makes a whole and whole subtract a part makes a part. We have been using part whole models and bar models to support us with our learning,

As part of our Science work this week, we have been on a minibeast hunt and thought about the microhabitats they live in. We found lots of woodlice in dark, damp woody places and spiders in cool dark dry places. We discussed why this might be. We then moved on to look at where animals (including humans) food comes from. We discussed the processes food needs to go through in order to get to our plate. We followed the humble potato from the field to factory to finally becoming a bag of crisps in the supermarket!

As part of our RE work about 'Chosen People', we have enjoyed listening to the story of Moses. We used drama to act out the part of the story when Moses was a baby. We then learnt about how God chose Moses to free the Israelites from slavery. We discovered that the story of Moses is a sad story, a happy story and a powerful story all in one!



YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in PSHE, we have been exploring 'Wonderful Me!'. Although we are all unique, we also have a lot of similarities. This has helped us prepare for our World Mental Health Day Assembly.

In music, the children are continuing to play the ukulele. They have been finding out the names of the parts of the ukulele and they have practised plucking the strings and learning new tunes.

In English, we learnt about Fair Trade, focussing on tea plantations. We studied a diary entry from a tea plantation worker and wrote a discussion on what we think about fair trade.

In Maths, we continued addition and subtraction with Miss Chappel, subtracting from 3-digit numbers. We then practised subtracting multiples of 10 from a 3 digit number, using our place value knowledge to support us.

In History we started our learning on Black History Month. We were introduced to our focus 'Floella Benjamin', learning about her life and why she is an influential figure.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have been discussing the descriptive language Ted Hughes uses as we read further into 'The Iron Man'. The children have created their own original characters who will have a suspense narrative written about them next week.

In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting 1s, 10s, 100s, and 1000s using place value counters to visualise what is happening in the sum. We have also been practising our times tables - next week we will be adding our 8s as well.

In Science, we have investigated the changing states of water. The children observed water vapour evaporating from a kettle and then condensing on a plate and predicted whether salt would make ice melt faster.

In RE, we have looked at Moses and the 10 plagues of Egypt. We thought about why the plagues were sent, and what God's plan was for Moses and the Israelites.

We also created some lovely designs for our printed Christmas cards based on our class novel, 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' - look out for them nearer Christmas time!



YEAR 5 NEWS

On Monday, Year 5 celebrated our Class Saint's Feast Day. The children looked wonderful in their different animal themed clothes. In the morning, the children learnt about the life of Saint Francis and created super posters about him. Then in the afternoon, the children decorated biscuits with an animal theme and made animal bookmarks.

In English this week, we have continued to read "The Hidden Figures" and have learnt about segregation in America. The children have written thoughtful letters to a court judge persuading him to end segregation and have also written letters offering advice to children on how to cope with prejudices.

On Thursday afternoon, over half the class took part in a cricket festival at Leeds Mods Cricket Club. The children took part in cricket coaching activities and then put their skills to the test in game situations. All the children bowled, batted and fielded brilliantly but more importantly they all had lots of fun. Thank you to all the parents who provided support and Mrs Dovernor who supported a group.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In English, we have written a diary from the perspective of the little girl from 'The Arrival'. We used interesting vocabulary to engage the reader.

In Maths, we recapped long multiplication using area model and column multiplication. We found this tricky at first, so we used concrete and pictorial representations alongside the abstract.

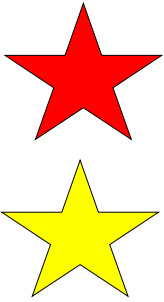
In Science, we learnt about inherited characteristics through looking at Mr Men and Little Miss characters. We combined a Mr Men and a Little Miss characteristic to create an offspring and thought about what shared characteristics they would have.

In RE, we looked at Bible stories which showed qualities of good discipleship. Next week, we will think about how we can be a good disciple by using the qualities in our own lives.

On Friday, we spent time with our buddies on the field playing games, reading books and getting to know each other better.

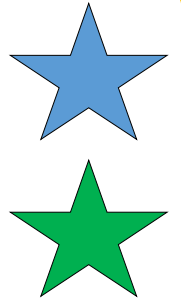


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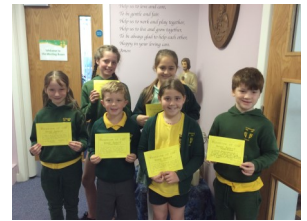
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FOR EARNING THE MOST HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK

SUNSHINE AWARD

AMELIA (YR), RONNIE (Y1), FRANKIE (Y2),
ANNA (Y3), OLIVIA (Y4), AMELIA (Y5), CORA (Y6)



ENGLISH AWARD

DAISY (YR), BEATRICE (Y1), KADEN (Y2),
JACK (Y3), NATALIA (Y4), PHILIPPA (Y5), ELLA (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	97.78%	93.56%
Y1	97.32%	94.67%
Y2	94.48%	96.58%
Y3	93.75%	96.92%
Y4	97.33%	94%
Y5	100.0%	98.67%
Y6	95.65%	97.44%



Attendance Matters

