

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th June 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Another busy week in school and things are only going to get busier as always towards the end of term! There are lots of exciting activities planned – with a whole school trip to Scarborough in the last week. I can't wait; a great excuse to paddle in the sea, make sandcastles and eat sand sandwiches.

There were lots of super writing in school last week. Y2 were writing a piece of information text on the implements used to extinguish the Great Fire of London. Y1 led a super assembly on their thoughts and wishes for a better world. They compiled a lovely book with sketches to send to King Charles containing their ideas on how to preserve our beautiful world. I am sure he will be very impressed.

The weather is hot so please make sure you apply sun cream to your child/ren before school. The children can bring sun cream in to top up at break times. The children need to make sure they bring a hat and their water bottle.

Have a lovely week and enjoy the lovely, long summer days.

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

## SPORT

### Netball

Well done to our netball team who have had a busy week.

On Tuesday, we went to SS Peter & Paul's School to play a match which we won 8-4. Well done to all the members of the team for their valiant efforts and team work.

On Wednesday, we went to Mount St Mary's to play in a Catholic schools tournament where the standard was very high so although we didn't win we have qualified for a final at Cardinal Heenan on Thursday 6th July from 3:30-5:30. A massive thank you to all the parents who helped with transport & to Miss Dowd who came to the tournament.

### Future Fixtures

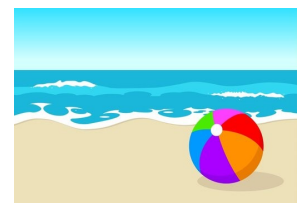
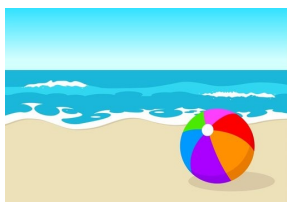
- Good luck to our Year 1 children who are playing football matches against Ss Peter & Paul's School after school today.
- Good luck to our Year 6 children who are playing in a cricket tournament on Monday.
- Letters have been given out regarding a girls & boys cricket match on Thursday 15th June at Otley Cricket Club
- Y6 rugby tournament on Tuesday 20th June 1pm-3pm @Hunslet ARLFC



## Date for the Diary

Whole School Trip to Scarborough

Wednesday 19th July 2023



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 12th June - Y5/Y6 Mixed Cricket Tournament
- 15th June - Y6 Vision, Height and Weight
- 15th June - Y5/Y6 Cricket Match
- 15th June - Y4 PE Transition Day at SMM
- 16th June - Father's Day Stall
- 17th June - Otley Carnival
- 20th June - Y6 Rugby Tournament
- 26th June - Health and Wellbeing Week
- 26th June - Y5 PHGS Experience Day
- 29th June - Sports Day @ 1.30pm
- 3rd July - KS2 Fun Run
- 6th July - Y3/Y4 Cricket Match

## ST JOSEPH'S OTLEY VACANCY - CLEANER

### FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023

The Governors are looking for an enthusiastic and friendly Cleaner to join our Catholic primary school at **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Otley**. The post holder will carry out duties such as cleaning designated areas within the school premises to ensure that they are kept in a clean and hygienic standard. Protective personal equipment is provided.

- **Monday to Friday, 14.5 hours per week, all year round (flexible core hours during the school holidays)**
- **Salary NJC Grade A1, Scale Point 2, £20,441 per annum**
- **Actual Salary £8,010 per annum, 25 days annual leave entitlement**



Visit [www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/vacancies](http://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/vacancies) for more information and application forms

**Closing Date: Friday 16 June 2023 at noon**  
**Interviews: Wednesday 21 June 2023**

## RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2023

We still have places in Reception for September 2023, so please share this with friends and family as we would love for more children to join the St Joseph's family.

Please note - we are an inclusive school and welcome all applications.



Please signpost people to our school website to get a feel for the school life and ethos.

Currently: We also have limited spaces in YR, Y1 and Y4.

Thank you!

## KS2 MUSIC LESSONS 2023—2024

Letters have been sent out regarding music lessons for the next school year.

These include lessons for guitar, brass, woodwind and violin.

To apply for brass, woodwind and violin—please complete the following [link](#)

To apply for guitar lessons, please complete a Roundhay application form which is available from the school office.

Please return your forms as soon as possible. Thank you.



## FOOTBALL CARDS

As the football season is about to end, we feel that it is time for children to stop bringing in their football cards for this term.

Well done to Man City for their win on Saturday, and a big well done to West Ham for their European win.

Hopefully, they have had long enough to do all their swapping!



## WELL DONE BRASS MUSICIANS

Well done to Frankie, Jack and Albert for achieving their Artforms Red Award (Level 1) in Brass.

The boys have been working very hard practising their instruments and learning to perform a number of musical pieces.





**LACA**  
the school food people



**SPORTS**

**DAY LUNCH**



Catering  
Leeds  
Feeding the Future

**Team Spirit Tortilla's**

Coated chicken in a tortilla wrap

**Cheer us on Cheesy Pizza (v)**

cheese and tomato sauce on a soft bread base

**Gold Medal Chips**

**Go For It Green Salad**

or

**Be the Best Baked Beans**

**Finishing Line Flapjack**

or

**Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt**



**ON** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
June

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God,  
Let us revel in summer and soak up the long days and warm sun.  
May our feet walk on sandy beaches and our heads rest on thick grass under blue skies.  
May we listen to and marvel at the singing of the birds and stop to watch the beauty all around us.  
May our breathing slow and our hearts open.  
God help us to be present to all that is around us so that we can be inspired to achieve our dreams.  
Amen

## OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### MASS TIMES

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

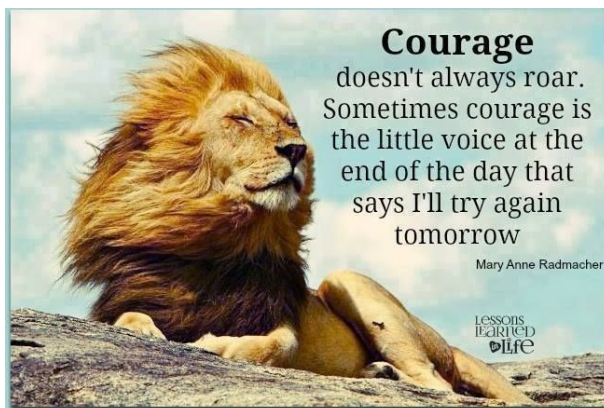
For updates, please check the weekly bulletin for up-to-date Mass times.



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

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, we started looking at our new virtue of courage. We thought about people who we think show courage and times when we have had to show courage. We then listened to the story of David showing courage to defeat Goliath. We talked about how our anxieties and worries can seem like giants. We explained that it is okay to be worried about things and that it is good to share our worries with people we trust.



## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

### O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY

O Sacrament Most Holy,  
O Sacrament Divine!  
All praise and all thanksgiving,  
be every moment  
Thine!  
Amen.



## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

On Thursday, the whole school came together to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi which the Church celebrates on Sunday. We started in Church where Year 6 led us in our reflections and Father Lawrie read the Gospel of John "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever."

We then processed behind Father Lawrie carrying the Monstrance to the school field whilst singing hymns. Year 4 children carried a flower to the altar and then Father Lawrie gave us a blessing before we ended our service prayers. Thank you to Father Lawrie and Year 6 for leading us in our worship.

*Most Holy and Almighty God,  
We thank you and praise you for giving us the most precious body and blood of Your only son, Jesus Christ.  
Through the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion we are able to nourish our bodies and souls.  
Amen*



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

# CLASS PAGES

## YEAR R NEWS

We've had a super week. We have enjoyed sharing everything we got up to over the half term; thank you for uploading your photos on to Tapestry, the children love to share them.

In literacy, we have been reading a new book, 'The Rainbow Fish'. We've thought about ways we can show kindness to our friends and have written sentences. We are having a real push on reading this half term so please keep practising at home.

In maths, we have been revisiting odd and even numbers. We've also started looking at building numbers to 20. This has been quite challenging so please practise at home. We are starting to understand that numbers are made up of a tens and ones. We've used large numicon and ten frames to help us to visualise this concept.

In RE, we have started our new topic, 'Church family'. We have drawn some beautiful pictures of our church and written the names of people who belong to the church family. We know that everyone is part of God's family.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE, we have been learning about Jesus' miracles. Jesus performed the miracle of *calming the storm* when he was at sea with his disciples. We acted out the story in the classroom and reflected on how important it is to have faith in our lives, especially, against the problems we are powerless to overcome.

This week, we have been making equal groups in Maths. We looked at making groups of two, three and four which helped us to make arrays. We used counters to help us make arrays and to understand the columns and rows within an array.

In English we have been ordering and retelling the story of Harry the Happy Mouse, who spreads happiness through his kind deeds. We thought about interesting ways to describe how the frog, mole and bat were helped by Harry.

We have begun a new unit in PE on tennis and this week we practised balancing the ball on the back of the racquet. We learnt about our forehand grip whilst bouncing the ball on the ground. We then gently bounced the ball on our racket up and down and moved side to side whilst bouncing the ball. We also competed in teams doing ball balancing exercises whilst walking up and down the playground.

On Friday, we had our class assembly on keeping the planet healthy. We sang about the importance of looking after Earth, we showed off our beautiful artwork that was sent to King Charles and shared a collective worship.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we have been writing about the different tools used to put out the Great Fire of London. We explained how each one worked and decided how effective they were. We then thought about the fire service today and worked hard to write in the present tense.

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of our multiplication and division facts. We found out that if we know  $6 \times 5 = 30$ , we also know  $5 \times 6 = 30$ ,  $30 \div 5 = 6$  and  $30 \div 6 = 5$ . We then practised answering multiplication and division word problems.

In RE, we have been learning about why the disciples became known as the apostles. We learnt about how the Holy Spirit came to them and gave them the courage and confidence to go out into the world to share the word of God. They were surprised to find that they were able to speak many languages to help do this important work.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we are revisiting the writing of newspaper reports. This time, the children are writing their reports on Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. They began by carefully planning the structure of their reports and the information each paragraph would contain, and then moved on to writing their eye-catching headlines and introductions.

In Maths, we started a new unit on time. The children worked on the Roman numerals for numbers 1 to 12, using the context of a clock face. The children labelled their own clock faces to show what the time would be when the minute hand points to each interval then practised setting the minute and hour hands on their own clocks to show the correct time.

In RE, the children have been reflecting on what it means to be a Christian. They discussed their understanding of what being a Christian involves and shared their ideas thoughtfully.

In DT, the children thought about the different reasons signs are illuminated and how they are illuminated. They will use their findings to help them create designs for their own light up signs in our new DT project.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

On Monday, we revised our knowledge of the continents and used an atlas to see where rainforests are located. We found out that tropical rainforests are north and south of the Equator, around the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.

At the start of the week in English, the children used the information that they had gathered before half term to write a persuasive letter to a logging company explaining why they should not cut down trees in the rainforests. The children tried to include some persuasive devices such as: power of three, emotive language, addressing the reader and rhetorical questions.

At the end of the week, we then looked at the front cover and blurb of our new book called "Christoph's Story" which is about a boy from Rwanda. The children used the Kids' National Geographic website to find out about this country.

Our focus in Maths this week, has been the position of coordinates on a grid. The children have been reading and plotting coordinates. They have also been translating coordinates and shapes as well as describing translation.

## YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths, we were looking at identifying and plotting points on a grid using the x and y axis as well as using coordinates. They spent time drawing coordinate graphs in their books and plotting different points onto their graphs to create different shapes.

In Science this week, the children have been investigating how water resistance works and making links with different examples of when water resistance is useful. We first identified the different forces that were acting on a boat in water, then we carried out our own experiment to test when water resistance is more present based on the shape of an object. They worked in pairs, moulding a piece of plasticine into 4 different shapes, testing how the surface area can impact the force of water resistance acting on the object by timing how long it took for the object to fall through the water and touch the bottom.

In RE, the children have been identifying the importance of The Lord's Prayer. They had several discussions as a class to interpret the meaning of each line and how these words can help us. The children then came up with their own versions of The Lord's Prayer, which were amazing to read!

## YEAR 6 NEWS

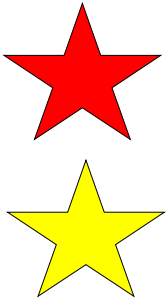
In English, we have been writing our newspaper report about the Three Little Pigs. We thought about how to engage the reader using rhetorical questions, parenthesis and emotive language.

In PE, we had Miss Jones from Prince Henry's teaching us rounders. We went through the rules of rounders and tips and tricks for playing. We really liked playing a whole class game.

We've started rehearsing for our end of year play - The Wizard of Oz! We've been busy auditioning for the parts and learning the songs. We will find out our parts on Monday.

On Thursday, we helped lead the Corpus Christi procession for the school with Father Lawrie. We read well and led the whole school around the field singing hymns.

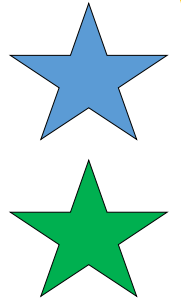
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

# EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



## SUNSHINE AWARD

SOPHIE (YR), ZARA (Y1), DARCEY (Y2), CHARLOTTE (Y3),  
MILLIE (Y4), SAM S (Y5), CHARLIE B AND EVA (Y6)



## RE AWARD

ELIZA (YR), WINTER (Y1), MARTHA (Y2)  
MARYSIA (Y3), JAMES (Y4), OLIVIA J (Y5), EVIE (Y6)



## VIRTUE AWARD

JACOB (YR), SAMMY (Y1), HARRIET (Y2)  
CAITLIN (Y3), CLOVER(Y4), SKYLA (Y5), CONNOR (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



# Otley Cycling Family Fun Day

Garnetts Field LS21 1AS

Police bike marking

between

10.30am and 12pm



10am -3pm



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023



Children aged 3-12 can improve their skills on our specially designed grass circuit.

Climbing Tower run by Herd Farm Activity Centre.

Adults can try out E bikes & E-cargo bikes, including child carrier on a flat field.

New: selection of adapted trikes to try out.

Activity tent 'Festival Sticker Art' for all ages.

Yorkshire Dales Ice Cream Van

Feel free to bring a packed lunch, plenty of space for a picnic!

Toilets and handwashing facilities on site.

**Free Entry!**

**Helmets are Compulsory.**