



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th September 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

A big welcome back – it has been lovely catching up with the children and parents/carers this week. The children are well rested and seem to have had a wonderful summer break. They have quickly settled back into school routines; their behaviour has been wonderful. Well done everyone – keep up the great work.

Zones of Regulation (known as The SJO Zones)

You may have heard your child come home and talk about Blue Zone, Green Zone, Yellow Zone, Red Zone and Purple Zone. The SJO Zones have been introduced to help the children identify and manage their feelings and emotions. I have attached two leaflets explaining the Zones and the Zones Toolkit in more detail and how parents can support this at home. Class teachers will discuss this at the Curriculum Evening but if you would like to speak to me, then please arrange an appointment through the office.

Behaviour Policy – over the coming weeks we will be changing the Behaviour Policy to reflect the new SJO Zones. We will consult the children and parents over the proposed changes and ask for feedback. The changes will be gradually introduced over the Autumn Term.

Reminders:

Punctuality: well done to all the children who arrived on time this week! Remember gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am. It's important the children are on time for the start of the school day, so they do not miss out on morning tasks/ daily information.

Absence: Please ring or email to let us know if your child is going to be absent as soon as possible.

Parking: Parents must use designated carparks (Westgate and Beach Hill). Badges are available from the office. The road leading to school, outside the Parish Centre and Otley Clinic are not to be used as parking for **parents or family** members who are dropping off or picking children up.

Snacks for break: fresh/dried fruit

Water bottles: Water only in water bottles

The staff are tired; I feel tired, so I am sure the children do too. Have a wonderful weekend together.

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

QUEEN ELIZABETH

On Thursday evening, we heard the sad news that our Queen had passed away.

We talked about this with the children this morning in our Collective Worship and talked about how she is now hopefully at peace in heaven.

We thank God for her relentless dedication to our country and countries across the world.

We pray that she may rest in peace in heaven and that her family will be comforted by love.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS AGM

The Friends of St Joseph's AGM meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th September at the Parish Centre at 7pm.

BYOB - however snacks will be provided.

We would love to see as many people there as possible. All welcome!

Finally, a massive thank you from FOSJ to Steve Riley (Rose's Dad Yr2) who helped design the brand new FOSJ logo. Steve gave us his time to help us and we are so grateful. We hope you all love the new logo as much as we do!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



The photographer will be in school on Thursday 29th September to take the children's individual photographs.

NUT FREE SCHOOL



Polite reminder that due to allergies, St Joseph's is a nut free school. Unfortunately, if your child is found with a nuts, the product will have to be confiscated.

BREAK TIME SNACKS

Additionally, please note that children should only be bringing fruit as a snack at playtimes. We are currently seeing an assortment of inappropriate snacks on the playground. If your child brings something other than fruit, we will ask them to put it back in their bag to take home. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The nasal influenza vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception -Year 6. If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school on Thursday 6th October please follow this link to complete an online consent form;

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=139355&Type=FLU>

The link will close on 19th September. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397 (option 7 ext 2)

SPORT

Cross Country Update

This week, I received an email with the dates so far for the cross country league which are as follows:

RACE 1: Saturday 1st October 10am at Middleton Park

RACE 2: Saturday 15th October 10am at Wharfe Meadows

RACE 3: Saturday 19th November (time & venue TBC)

RACE 4 & RACE 5: TBC

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 14th September - FOSJ AGM
- 15th September - FOSJ Doughnut Sale
- 19th September - Mini Vinnie Induction
- 19th—21st September - Y6 Residential
- 20th September - FOSJ Rainbow Non-Uniform Day
- 28th September - Mini Vinnie Mass
- 29th September - Individual Photographs
- 30th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 6th October - Flu Vaccinations



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A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.

Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us.

Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open our hearts and minds to new friends and new people around us.

Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our work and courage to accept new opportunities.

Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!

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 - LOVE FOR LEARNING

Over the summer holidays, we received a new virtue for the start of the school year from the Diocese which was: Love for

- are excited and enthusiastic to learn.
- enjoy learning.
- are open minded.
- give time to their learning.
- always search for the truth.
- know what they want to achieve.
- want to learn new things.

Learning. The children will show a love for learning when they:

In our Collective Worship on Thursday, the children listened to the verse below from the Bible and thought about how we can stay on God's path this year. Afterwards, they thought about what they would like to achieve this year.

Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.
Psalm 25:4



FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

In our assembly on Friday, the theme was **KINDNESS**. The children watched a short video which showed that when we are kind to others it makes our world a happier place to live and kindness spreads kindness. We talked about the ways we can be kind to others by: sharing, being helpful, being honest, being patient, being forgiving and being respectful. We listened to the words of Jesus in Mark 12: 31 "Love your neighbour as you love yourself."

CLASS PAGES

Year 1 - Y1 have made a great start to the school year and have really impressed us with their fantastic work ethic.

In Maths, we've practised our number formation.



In English, we thought about our wonderful adventures during the summer holiday and produced some fantastic writing. Miss Choma was very impressed with our work!

In RE, we've thought about all the wonder of the world that God created.

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 understand 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 introduced to the 'Zones of Regulation'.

We thought about the different emotions we might feel and created a wall display for our classroom. In English, we discussed traditional tales, thinking about the features and comparing them in readiness for beginning our class text next week! We are really excited to get started on all our new topics in our subjects next week.



Year 4 - I have really enjoyed hearing about your summer adventures and I have been really impressed with your behaviour and attitude to your work.

In Maths, we have started our topic of place value and have looked at representing and partitioning numbers. In RE, we found out about how the Bible is organised and have practised finding different Bible quotes. Today, something most unusual happened - Year 4 discovered that there was what looked like a robot's arm cordoned off! The children had lots of questions - maybe we'll find out more next week!



Year 5 - Year 5 have spent the week recapping and refreshing on certain topics within Maths and English, such as place value, identifying determiners and using expanded noun phrases which they have really enjoyed. They also loved exploring the new reading corner! We are looking forward to what the rest of our time together in Year 5 has to offer.



Year 6 - We've had a great start to Year 6. We started by recapping the school rules and what makes a good learner.

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

For English, we began some SPaG work on sentence types and what makes a good sentence. We created some fantastic sentences with lots of good vocabulary and grammar!

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

Is your child starting Year 6?

It's time to think about secondary school!



You can apply online until
31 October 2022 for a Year 7 place
in **September 2023**

Before you apply, find out more at
www.leeds.gov.uk/apply

- Learn about the admissions process
- Research schools so you can list your 5 preferences
- Read each school's admissions policy
- Understand where your child might be offered a place
- Check if your home address gives you priority

If you still have questions... join our Q&A sessions
on social media in September and October



Call us on
0113 222 4414

Watch our quick
guide to school
admissions



Autumn Term



Autumn Term Events 2022

Wednesday 14 th September	FOSJ AGM	All welcome. Venue TBC
Thursday 15 th September	Doughnut Sale	Doughnuts for sale at pick up 3-3.30pm. Cash and Card (inc. Apple payment) accepted. After school Club children will need money sent into school please, so they can still buy a doughnut.
Tuesday 20 th September	Rainbow Non- Uniform Day	Children to wear non- uniform in exchange for a donation in the colour of your class
Friday 7 th October	Rainbow Raffle Draw	Tickets for Rainbow Raffle Hampers will be sent home in book bags on Monday 26 th September. All entries to be sent in by Thursday 6 th October. Winners announced in assembly on Friday 7 th October.
Thursday 20 th October	Pumpkin Pick up	3.15pm onwards enjoy picking a pumpkin from our Pumpkin Pickup truck. Gingerbread and Hot Chocolate will be available. Cash and card accepted.
Friday 18 th November	Christmas Wreath Workshop	7pm in the school hall. Christmas Wreath Workshop including refreshments



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Friday 25 th November	World Cup Live England v USA	Live streaming of the World Cup football match. Pizza and Beer available. Cash and card accepted
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Disco	Key Stage 1: 3.30pm – 4.20pm Key Stage 2: 4.40-5.30pm
Saturday 10 th December	Winter Wonderland	10am – 2pm School Hall
ALL YEAR	Nearly New Uniform Collection Bin	FOSJ Nearly New Uniform collection bins will be situated on the playground all year round. Please deposit uniform into these bins at pick up.



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