

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th December 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

It's now 16 days to Christmas! I hope you're all ready and prepared for the coming festive period. I have been off this week with flu and sadly missed the YR and KS1 production. Mark Beswick, Y1 Governor and parent said the children were brilliant and I certainly should be proud of them! Well done to everyone – children, staff and parents. The children have represented school at the Otley Christmas Tree Festival this week – again we have had lots of wonderful comments from the event organisers, parishioners and the parents who were able to attend. I would like to thank the staff for stepping into many roles this week as we have had a few staff absences. We are blessed with a great team of staff who go above and beyond!

It is a very busy time and lots of fun events have been/are planned. Staff and FOSJ are giving up a lot of extra time to run/support these events. We love to see as many families as we can at these events – as mentioned in previous newsletters, there is no obligation to attend. A thank you and being gracious to those who work hard for us goes a long way.

Have a wonderful weekend; the time we spend with people who are close to us is precious so enjoy quality time with family and friends. Be extra kind this weekend – St Therese of Lisieux said, "It's the small, everyday day kind gestures that make a difference to others; not a one off grand gesture."

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

SPORT

The final Cross Country race of 2022 takes place tomorrow at Cardinal Heenan. Children have been given information about parking and a Code of Conduct that was sent to us by the organisers. I look forward to seeing the children there at 9:45 tomorrow morning. Please make sure you wrap up warm!

Well done to Y6 who took part in a PHGS Benchball Festival on Wednesday morning, and Y5 who took part in a PHGS Badminton Festival on Thursday afternoon. Both classes represented the school well and demonstrated some excellent skills. The staff and students at Prince Henry's were very impressed with the teamwork and sportsmanship.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 12th-16th December - Y4 Swimming
- 14th December - Y5/Y6 Netball Tournament

OLAS CHILDREN'S MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

The children's Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady and All Saints will take place at 5.00pm.

If you would like your KS1 or KS2 child to participate in this very special mass either by reading or taking part in the nativity tableau, then please contact Denise Emmett on 07854969701 or email deniseemmett@live.co.uk by 13th December at the very latest.

Please note that there will be a practice in church straight after school on Friday 16th December 2022.

Thank you on behalf of the Children's Liturgy Group OLAS.

SCHOOL NEWS

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS



A massive Thank you for all those who attended the Wreath making Workshop last Friday. We raised over £300! It was fantastic to see everyone's creations.



Winter Wonderland is TOMORROW. Preparations are nearly complete. Please see the map attached. Money Tokens will be available to buy at the Front desk. More information on attached flyer.

We are so excited to welcome you in to school, there will be Father Christmas, Elfridges, external stalls and loads of FOSJ stalls. Please come along and support us and the school choir who will be performing at 2pm in the main hall.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to take part. We could not do this event without you and are so grateful.



WINTER WONDERLAND FAIR



FOSJ Christmas Raffle

Please purchase your raffle tickets at the Front Desk at the entrance to Winter Wonderland. The Raffle will be drawn at 3.30pm in the main hall. Good Luck!

1. Lights4Fun Christmas Window Decoration Bundle (worth £70)
2. £30 Boden Voucher
3. National Geographic Kids Magazine (1 year free subscription)
4. Little Corner of the World Afternoon Tea for two
5. Smirk Tooth Whitening Kit (worth £125)
6. £10 Toyland voucher
7. £10 Dots and Stripes voucher
8. £10 Farmfoods voucher
9. £10 Simon & Beck's Voucher
10. £10 Puffin Pottery Voucher
11. £10 Little Munchkins voucher
12. Free Trail with Treasure Trails
13. £10 Bondgate Bakery Voucher & Cake
14. £5 The Bookshop on the Square Voucher
15. £5 Maypole Fisheries Voucher
16. Sinclair's Notebook selection
17. Bottle of Prosecco donated by Dale Edlison (Otley)
18. Cross Stitch Kit by World of Cross Stitch
19. Brownies by Kats Cakes
20. Christmas Bauble by Crafts with Natalie
21. Hamleys Monopoly & Gonk donated by Ewe Move
22. Fudge by Jacqui's Fudge
23. Handmade Teddy by Annie's Gifts
24. Hair Turban by Peanutz Clothing



FOSJ Money Tokens

FOSJ Money tokens will be available to purchase via cash or card at the front welcome desk for £10. This allows your child to wander round the FOSJ stalls without handling any cash. Before participating on the stall, hand the token to the stall holder in order to make an X on each £1 spent.

Card machine only available at the Front Desk and Cafe. Stalls will accept FOSJ Money Tokens and cash only.

Money Tokens can not be used on external Stalls situated around the outside of the hall.



St Joseph's School Choir 2pm -2.30pm

Please gather in the main hall for a special performance from the School Choir



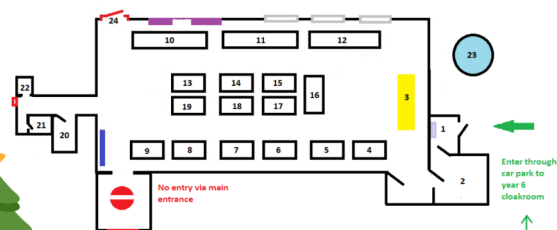
Elfridges

Children ONLY! Sneak into Elfridges to buy your grown up a Christmas present - don't worry, the Elves will wrap it for you so your grown up's can't peek!

WINTER WONDERLAND FAIR



1. Front of House and entrance
2. FOSJ Cafe
3. Choir Performing at 2pm & Raffle Draw at 3.30pm
4. Ewe Move
5. Jacqui's Fudge
6. Bears, Hares, Mice & Pobble Art
7. Soap and Gifts
8. Crocheted Gifts & Dog Bandanas
9. Peanutz Children's wear & Hand sewn Gifts
10. Kats Cakes, Brownies & Traybakes
11. Crafts by Natalie
12. Yorkshire Retailer Ltd
13. FOSJ Glitter Tattoos £1 & Face Gams £2
14. FOSJ Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake £1 & How many snowballs make the Snowman £1
15. FOSJ Cracker Challenge £1 & Bouncy Sprout £1
16. FOSJ Christmas Crafts £1
17. FOSJ Advent Money Tree £1
18. FOSJ Release the Elf! £1 & Find Rudolph's nose £1
19. FOSJ Booze or Lose £1
20. FOSJ Elfridges £3 or 2 gifts for £5
21. FOSJ Meet Father Christmas in the Grotto £3
22. Toilets (next to fire exit)
23. FOSJ Giant Snowglobe £3 for 5 minutes
24. Exit

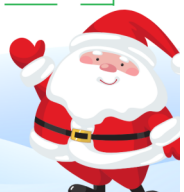


Thank You

A massive Thank you to all our volunteers and helpers. We could not have done this without you.

FOSJ Santa's Grotto

Don't forget to visit Father Christmas in the grotto! £3 per child and they receive a small treat!



Money Tokens can only be used for stalls with FOSJ listed in front

SCHOOL NEWS

EYFS AND KS1 PERFORMANCE

Wow! Well done to all the children in Year R for their wonderful performance of 'Shine Star Shine', and Y1 and Y2 for their fantastic performance of 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings.'

We are so proud of the children for learning all their lines, songs and dance routines for the show. Thank you to parents and carers for helping children with practising their lines and providing some brilliant costumes.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



This week, we had the opportunity to visit Otley's Christmas Tree Festival at Otley Parish Church.

Well done to all our children who sang Christmas Carols.

We enjoyed looking at the different trees, which have been decorated by local charities or community groups.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped walk to the festival, and to those families who came to watch the singing.

The children took the time to choose their favourite tree/charity and put a small donation into the buckets.



CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY!

A huge thank you to Mrs Robinson, and her fantastic catering team for a wonderful Christmas Dinner! Everybody looked fabulous in their colourful jumpers and hats, as we ate our dinner and listened to festive tunes.

Thank you to all the staff for helping serve dinner, with a big smile on their faces .



VICTORIAN FAYRE

Well done and thank you to all the children who took part in the Victorian Fayre last Sunday. The children sang beautifully.

Thank you to Miss Wilkinson and Mrs Shakespeare for all of her hard work preparing the children.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, God of peace,
We thank you for all the efforts that your spirit of peace
Kindles in our time.
Open our spirits and our hearts more
To all our brothers and sisters
Who are in need of our love,
So that more and more,
We can become children of peace.
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](http://www.olasotley.org/bulletin.html)



CONFIRMATION GROUP

On Tuesday morning, the children who received the sacrament of Confirmation were given a special Prayer Book from the Parish. We hope that the children are able to use it as their faith continues to grow.



MASS ON SUNDAY

Thank you to all the children who have volunteered to help at the Mass on Sunday morning. The children have been given their booklets today and we practised the Mass in church today. Please could the children arrive in Church for about 9:15am. Thank you.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Today, our Collective Worship was led by Year 4. The theme was about Saint Nicholas whose Feast Day was on the 6th December. They told the story of how Saint Nicholas helped three girls by putting money in their stockings so that they had enough money for our dowry and suggested ways that we could be generous too!



ADVENT APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has donated money for the hampers and for all the toys that have been given. These will be distributed to people in need in our local communities. Thank you so much for your generosity.



RECONCILIATION

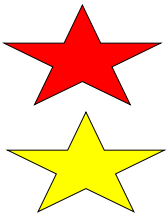
On Thursday, children from Year 4, 5 and 6 attended Reconciliation in the hall. The children reflected on their day to day lives and what they would like help with so that they are closer to God.

Prayer of the Week

O my God,
Because you are so good
I am very sorry that I have
sinned against you
And with the help of your
grace
I will not sin again.
Amen.

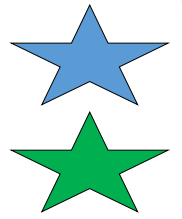


HOUSE OF THE WEEK



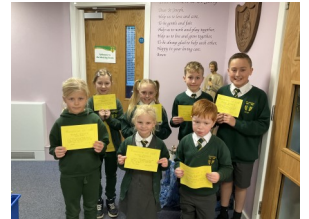
WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS



SUNSHINE AWARD

WILLIAM R (YR), ALL (Y1), HARRIET (Y2),
CHARLOTTE (Y3), JAKEY (Y4), OLIVIA C (Y5), LOGAN (Y6)



MATHS AWARD

EDITH (YR), JEMIMAH (Y1), SCARLETT (Y2),
JOSEPH C (Y3), MILLIE B (Y4), HEIDI (Y5), LUCIUS (Y6)



VIRTUE AWARD

GEORGIA (YR), FRED (Y1), CLEO (Y2),
LUCILLE (Y3), LOUIS (Y4), ADDISON (Y5), CHARLIE B (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

COUNSELLING SERVICE - Catholic Care are offering a free and confidential counselling service to members of our Catholic community. If you feel that you, a family member or friend might benefit from counselling support please contact us on 0113 3885400, 07739975008 or email counselling@catholic-care.org.uk

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