

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th February 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Life is very busy at the moment. I have talked waterproof membranes, screeding, door frames, doors, flooring, and kitchen units! Unfortunately, there was a lot more damage to the classrooms than we first anticipated. We are hoping the YR and Y1 classrooms will be operational the second week back after half term. The difficulty is coordinating all the different work people. Fingers crossed all goes to plan.

There has been some super work this work – beautiful writing from Halle, YR, Anthony, Y3, Samuel Y5 and Sam, Y6

Y2 have created some amazing clay pumpkins based on the artist Yayoi Kusama. I was invited to go and be part of one their pieces of artwork which was a very enjoyable experience. Also, I was very impressed with how well they worked together to produce some great maps.

Y6 completed their Bikeability training this week; the instructors were extremely complementary about the children's behaviour, good listening and commitment to successfully complete the training. Well done. Miss Dowd said she was very proud of Y6 – they are working very hard despite having to use the hall.

Parking

The road leading to school, outside the Parish Centre and Otley Clinic is not to be used as parking for **parents or family** members who are dropping off or picking children up. This presents a danger to the children and their family. An increasing of number of parents are parking on the road/pavement to drop off/pick children up. The road has double yellow lines – no parking for a reason. Parents/Carers must use designated carparks (Westgate and Beach Hill which are a 2min walk from either drop off/pick up point). Badges are available from the office – you can ask for extra badges for family members.

Have a wonderful half term – time to recharge our batteries; have a wonderful time and remember to have lots of fresh air and lots and lots of fun!

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



INSPIRATION TREE - MULTI-ACTIVITY & LEGO WORKSHOP FEBRUARY HALF TERM



Inspiration Tree are offering Multi-Activity courses and LEGO workshop this half term at The Whartons, Otley

The courses are £17 per day from 9am-3pm. There is an option for an extended day if required.

Please look at the attached flyer for further information. To make a booking please go to www.inspiration-tree.com.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 20th February - Dogs Trust Visit
- 21st February - Pancake Day Activities
- 21st February - Bishop Cup Football
- 22nd February - Ash Wednesday Mass
- 24th February - Author Visit
- 27th February - Reading Week
- 28th February - Toast Tuesday
- 1st March - YR Saint Day
- 2nd March - World Book Day
- 3rd March - Faith Lunch

NEWS

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

GOLDEN TICKETS

Golden Ticket excitement spread through the school this week. What a thrill it was to see the children pick their own chocolate bar in school. We loved hearing how families came together to see if their bar had that special golden ticket inside. Massive congratulations to all the winners.

With Arundel Travel and Wharfedale Mumbler sponsoring the event, Dotty Print Ilkley printing out the chocolate sleeves our outgoings were very low! This means we have raised over £700 profit for this event. The support from these local businesses have been incredible and we are forever grateful. The positive feedback and comments from parents have not gone unnoticed and thank you so much for your support.



FOSJ SOCIAL

FOSJ would like to invite you to a social on Wednesday 8th March at the Horse and Farrier. Arrive anytime from 7.30pm. We will be discussing upcoming events like the Camping trip, King's Coronation, and the Rainbow Run. Pop in for a drink or share some ideas; we would love to see you all.

SAVE THE DATE—CAMPING TRIP

FOSJ Camping Trip will be taking place on 30th June - 2nd July. We can't wait to make some brilliant family memories with you all.

COULD YOU BE THE NEXT FOSJ SECRETARY?

We are looking for a Secretary to join our team. Please email FOSJ@stjosephsotley.org for more information. Join our friendly relaxed team for the Summer Term.



REMINDER: PARENT PAY

Please can all parents/carers check their Parent Pay account and make any outstanding payments. There are payments due for after-school clubs, trips and dinner money.

Please could we ask that dinner money balances do not go over 2 weeks (£24.50) in arrears. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



WORLD BOOK DAY

On Friday 24th February, children's author Brian Beresford will be leading workshops for children. Children will be able to buy a signed copy of his book on the day.

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. We would like to invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character or as a 'word' as we take part in a host of book related activities.



SCHOOL GAMES AWARD - GOLD!

This half term, we received our Gold School Games Badge in the post for the last academic year. This is recognition for all of the extra-curricular opportunities we provide for our children at school.

A massive thank you to all of our children who took part in the different sporting activities and a massive thank you to all the grown ups who helped provide transport.

CROSS COUNTRY - The last Saturday morning Cross Country race will take place on Saturday 11th March at Woodhouse Grove. Letters will be sent out after half term.

FOOTBALL - Good luck to the football who will be taking place in the Bishop Cup after half term on 21st February. Letters have been given out today.



ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, OTLEY

PRESENTS



FEATURING

YEAR 4, YEAR 5, YEAR 2, YEAR 3, YEAR
5, YEAR 6

08:00 13th February 2023 - 18:00 19th February 2023
(Between 08:00 and 18:00 daily)

* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE *
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE * THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL *
ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES *

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of mercy,
We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria following the recent earthquakes.
We mourn the death and destruction and pray for those who have died and those who grieve.
We hold in our hearts those who are injured, and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes.
Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster.
Grant those affected courage and resilience as they rebuild their lives and communities.
Lord, bring them all comfort, strength and renewed hope.
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

Thank you to Year 5 who led our worship for us this morning about St Valentine and love. They told us about the legend of Saint Valentine and how he helped people get married when it was made illegal in Ancient Rome. They also told us that we do not necessarily need to show our love by buying presents for the people we love but instead we can make things, give compliments and try to help them. We also listened to Paul's words on love in 1 Corinthians. We hope you all have a lovely St Valentine's Day!

VIRTUE

Love Thy Neighbour - For the past few weeks, we have been thinking about how we can Love Thy Neighbour in our Collective Worship.

This week, we listened to Jesus' words in Matthew's Gospel when he is asked what is the greatest commandment and he answers: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And the second greatest Commandment is Love your neighbour as yourself."

Mrs Russell then found a fun song for us all to listen to called "Compassion - a recipe for life" which was to the theme of the Bare Necessities. Here is the link if you want to listen to it: <https://youtu.be/PxTvliokPm4>

Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy,
it does not boast,
it is not proud.

It is not rude,
it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects,
always trusts, always hopes,
always perseveres.
Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This week, we were able to set a date with Father Lawrie for First Holy Communion which will be on Saturday 13th May at 10am. We will be sending letters out with further information in due course.



RECONCILIATION

A reminder that Reconciliation classes will start on the first Wednesday after half term. Children will need collecting at 4pm from the office. If you have not already returned your child's form, please do so before the meetings start. Thank you.



Prayer of the Week

Morning Prayer

Oh my God, you love me.
You're with me night and day.
I want to love you always;
in all I do and say.
I'll try to please you Father.
Bless me through the day.
Amen

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

CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

What a fantastic week we've had in Reception! Year 6 kindly let us borrow their classroom whilst we are waiting for ours to be ready for us and we have all adapted really well.



In literacy this week, we have read the book Winnie the Witch in Winter. Winnie doesn't like the cold weather very much. We wrote about all the things we see during winter time. We talked about potions we would make if we were witches or wizards and made some outside with colourful water and lots of things from nature.

In maths, we have been focussing on numbers 6, 7 and 8. We have been sorting objects by amount and making sure we are counting 1:1 when checking amounts. We have also been introduced to the concept of a part- part- whole model. We used our number blocks to split wholes in to 2 parts e.g. six can be split in to two parts of 2 and 4. Continue to work on this at home using physical resources.

We have been doing lots of Valentine themed activities too. We have been talking about people we love and people who love us and how we can show love. On Friday, we made cards, painted roses and even decorated biscuits.

It has also been children's mental health week, we talked about our feelings and things that make us feel happy and sad. We came up with ideas about how we can make ourselves feel better if we are feeling sad. We made some special breathing wands to help us take some deep breaths when we are feeling cross or sad and we loved making them.

YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE this week, Inspired by the Radiant Light series of paintings by Elizabeth Wang, Y1 produced their own artwork depicting Jesus as the Light of the World using an array of colours using water colours. We also wrote our own prayers with this as our premise.

In PSHE, with the help of a friendly dinosaur called Pantosaurus we discussed PANTS. This is a simple and clever acronym which helps to teach children the underwear rule: **privates are private; always remember your body belongs to you; no means no; talk about secrets that upset you and speak up, someone can help.** We enjoyed singing 'The Pants Song.'

In Maths, we have been learning how to use the number line, which is a useful way to represent number in maths. We have been looking at one more than and one less than on the number line and estimating where to place numbers on empty number lines.

In English this week, we have been writing a recount of all the things Sunny did when he went to visit his family. He had a very busy week which included: eating scorpions, getting covered in itchy termites and eating plenty of eggs.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have been learning about division. We have been busy practising grouping and sharing objects. We have discovered that if we know our multiplication facts, it will help us with our division. We now know that division is the inverse of multiplication.

In English, we have been practising our editing skills. We looked at an extract and had to look carefully to see if there were any capital letters and full stops missing. We found quite a few! As part of our reading work, we enjoyed reading the story 'Prince Cinders' by Babbette Cole. We then made lots of comparisons to the story Cinderella. Mrs Holmes wonders if we can find any other stories which are similar and make comparisons.

As part of our work, in Art, about Yayoi Kusama, we all enjoyed having our very own 'Obliteration Room'. We had a white table with place settings and we were let loose with dots! We could stick them anywhere we liked in the white area. Even Miss Choma came to join us in our art installation.

In Geography, we became cartographers! We used our street map designs to create large versions to use with BeeBots. This linked perfectly with our Computing work about programming. The BeeBots needed programming carefully to find their way round our town maps.



YEAR 3 NEWS

As part of Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, the children discussed and shared ways to stay safe online, and some of the dangers to look out for too. They also discussed the qualities of a great listener and someone they might go to if they had an issue online. Using these qualities, they created their own Super Hero listeners!



In English, year three have been writing their own version of our class text 'Leon and the Place Between'. This week, the children enjoyed performing their stories to the class dressed as the magician from the story, Abdul Kazam.

In Computing, the children used desktop publishing software to start creating an invitation for a child's party. They edited text and selected different font styles, images and colours to suit the audience the invitation was intended for.

In RE, we have looked at why Jesus taught using parables and tried to understand the meaning of the parables of the Sower and the forgiving father.

YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have continued to read some of our book, "The Matchbox Diary" and have found out some of the things that the Grandpa put in the matchboxes and why. We looked at one picture in detail and wrote sentences about it describing the colour, what could be heard and what was happening.

In Maths, we finished our unit on multiplication and division but we will continue to practise our multiplying and dividing methods throughout the rest of the year. Our new topic is length and perimeter. So far, we have looked at the measurements used, when we would use different measurements and we have converted km to m and vice versa.

As part of **Children's Mental Health Week**, we considered how and to who we are connected, and the impact on our lives of those young people who champion an individual's rights, for example, Malala Yousafzai and Jazz Jennings.

In ICT, the topic of **Safer Internet Day** led us to think about what we can do to keep ourselves safe when using and accessing the ever growing and sometimes confusing sphere of the digital world.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths this week, Year 5 have been working super hard with our new topic of multiplication and division. They have been introduced to two new methods of working out multiplying two numbers together, These are the area model and the column method. The children have been able to partition numbers and carry out multistep calculations in order to find the sum of a calculation. Keep up the great work!



In Art this week, the children have been looking at Freda Kahlo, learning about how she became a famous artist. As a class we spent time analysing different pieces of her art work, identifying similarities and differences between them. The children then went off independently to analyse a piece of her work, using key questions to help such as what they like and dislike about the painting; why Freda might have painted it and what it tells us about her as a person.

This week has been children's mental health week which theme was all about connecting with others. We spent time as a class understanding how people can connect with others and why it is important to do so and how it can help us and our mental health. The children came up with some fantastic ideas. The lesson ended with a game of bingo which allowed the children to ask others different questions to try and connect and find out more about their classmates.

YEAR 6 NEWS

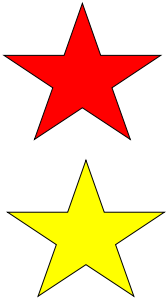
In Maths, we looked at converting between miles and kilometres and imperial measures. We used double number lines to show our working out and aid our comparison.

In English, we developed our notes on orangutans and created some well-structured compound and complex sentences. We thought about how these sentences could be linked through cohesion.

During our Computing session, we used Scratch to programme a variables in a catching game. We loved creating the algorithms and changing the sprites.

Throughout the week, we have taken part in Bikeability where we have developed our cycling skills and some of even used these skills when cycling on the road. We have really enjoyed this!

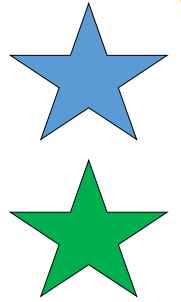
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

BOLTON

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

WILLOW (YR), GRACE (Y1), WILLIAM P (Y2)
ERIC (Y3), JAMES (Y4), HEIDI (Y5), WILL (Y6)



ENGLISH AWARD

PENELOPE (YR), OTTILIE (Y1), ROSE (Y2)
JACK (Y3), HARRY (Y4), NOAH (Y5), APRAMEYA (Y6)



VIRTUE AWARD

WILLIAM S (YR), ORLA (Y1), LILLIE-ROSE (Y2)
ISAAC (Y3), ANNA (Y4), EMME (Y5), LUCAS (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



Leeds Local Offer Live

**Tuesday 28th March 2023
10am till 2pm (drop in)
Pudsey Civic Hall, LS28 5TA**

Leeds Local Offer Live is a market place event that provides families with the opportunity to find out about services available to them in Leeds.

At this years event we will be holding an hours workshop for families
“Supporting SEND in Leeds at every stage”

You can book onto the workshop when confirming your attendance at the event.

Book your place to attend the event at <https://tinyurl.com/LLOLive23>

The Leeds Local Offer provides information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families in a single place.

It shows families what they can expect from a range of local agencies including education, health and social care.

The Leeds Local Offer can be found at www.leedslocaloffer.org.uk

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