

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th June 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Thank you for a super week in school – there has been lots of hard work and super behaviour. I have been very impressed with the lovely writing throughout school: Freddie and Evie (YR) – Freddie had written lots about what he had learnt in school and Evie wrote an amazing story about a sea creature who found its way back to the rockpool. Y1 have continued writing about the Queen who, in the animation they were watching, lost her hat! It blew away. They were great at using the past tense to describe what had happened. I received a beautifully presented invitation from Isla inviting me to Y5's Class Mass. It was a lovely mass: the children read and sang beautifully. Well done to the altar servers who served at their first mass. You would have never known it was their first time. On Monday, we celebrated Pentecost in school. The children have produced some wonderful artwork for the displays in the hall. They looked awesome in their Pentecostal colours.

Next year:

Staffing – I would like to welcome three new members of staff to the St Joseph's teaching team: Mrs Tremlett, Miss Grant (currently working in Y4) and Mrs Crosby.

Water bottles – From September, can you please make sure the bottles have a closable spout/sports top to prevent spillages. Please note it's water only. We would recommend that bottles brought into school are not made from the hard plastic – we have had a quite a few broken bottles after being dropped on the floor. The rubbery/flexible plastic seems to be more robust. The orange bottle is from [Decathlon](#) - with a sports top and a cover to keep the bottle clean. School will not be able to provide water bottles in September. It is important that your child has a named water bottle.



Book bags – please note that children should only bring the green book bags to school. Cloakroom space is too small to accommodate rucksacks.

Pencil cases – pencil cases due to space, must be flat, clear and no bigger than 15cm by 10cm. Children will be asked to take home pencil cases that are not flat or clear and larger than specified.

Have a lovely weekend, have fun and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

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

SPORTS UPDATE

Girls Cricket Festival

On Tuesday afternoon, 10 girls from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a cricket festival in the beautiful sunshine. There were 6 different activities which were led by the PHGS Sport Leaders and developed the children's fielding, batting and bowling skills. Otley CC are looking for new members to join their girls teams so if anyone is interested they train on Friday evenings. It is all soft ball cricket with Y3/4 at 5.30-6.15pm and Y5/6 at 6.30-7.30pm.



Otley League Football Match

On Thursday afternoon, children from Year 5 and Year 6 played in our latest league match against Ashfield School. Unfortunately, we lost 0-1 in a very close game with lots of chances for both teams. Thank you to everyone who came to watch us.

Our next league matches are on Monday 13th June at The Whartons School where we will be playing The Whartons and All Saints School.

UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

If you have old and unused school uniforms that are in good condition, please give them to the school office from Monday 13th June.

We will be collecting items of clean school uniform until Monday 20th June.

There will be a swap stall during Sports Day on Thursday 23rd June.

Come along and see if you might be able to swap and reuse the uniforms.

We will be selling the items for 50p each to raise vital funds for St Joseph's.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 13th June - Multi-Skills Festival
- 15th June - Y5 visit SMM
- 16th June - Y3 Ilkley Workshop
- 17th June - Father's Day Stall
- 18th June - Otley Carnival
- 21st June - Y2 Football Tournament
- 21st June - Y5/Y6 Rugby Festival
- 22nd June - Reception Explorer Afternoon
- 23rd June - Sports Day
- 23rd June - Y3/Y4 Girls Football
- 27th June - KS2 Fun Run
- 27th June - Y5 PHGS Experience Day
- 28th June - Y3 Football Match
- 29th June - SSPP Mass at 10:45am
- 1st July - School closed for Jubilee Bank Holiday
- 6th July - FOSJ Games Night!
- 7th July - End of Year Reports sent home
- 7th July - Y6 Rounders Festival
- 11th July - Under 11's Girl Football
- 20th July - Year 6 Leaver's Mass and Assembly
- 21st July - Year 6 Party
- 22nd July - End of term Mass and Picnic.

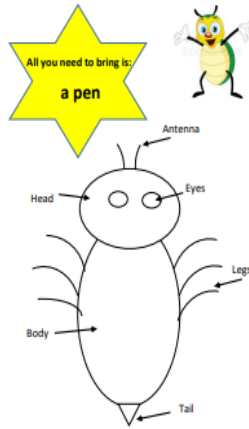


As a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn.







FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

UPCOMING EVENT - FOSJ BEETLE DRIVE/BINGO NIGHT!

For those that don't know, a Beetle Drive is a game played with pen, paper and dice in which players draw a beetle in parts. The part drawn is decided by the roll of a dice.



The rolls are:

-  for the body, of which there is one
-  for the head, of which there is one
-  for the tail, of which there are one
-  for a leg, of which there are six
-  for an antenna, of which there are two
-  for an eye, of which there are two

Several rounds are played at the Beetle Drive which is a great outing for all the family.

Please join us in helping to raise funds for our school at this fun family event.

Wednesday 6th July in the School Hall
3:30pm—6:00pm

- * Food and drink
- * Beetle Drive
- * Bingo
- * Interval Games

More information to follow

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

We raised an amazing **£607.41** profit on our Jubilee Celebration afternoon. Thank you to all the families for their generosity and thank you to our children and parent helpers for manning the stalls. We hope you all had a fantastic day!

FATHERS DAY STALL

FOSJ will be holding a Father's Day Stall on Friday 17th June. Children will be able to buy gifts for £1 per item (max 2 gifts per child)

PTA RAFFLE

We are happy to announce that we will be taking part in Big PTA Raffle again.

50% of every ticket sold goes to the FOSJ and gives you 12 chances to win up to £5,000 for just £3 (25p per draw). Three draws per day will take place between 18th and 21st July 2022, giving 12 lucky winners cause to celebrate this summer. Will you be a winner?

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/st-josephs-catholic-primary-schoolotley-ls21>

THERE ARE STILL SOME PRIZES WAITING TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



**TEXT REMINDERS HAVE BEEN SENT.
PLEASE COLLECT ON MONDAY –THANK YOU!**



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,

That my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I may love what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

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 - PENTECOST

On Monday morning, all the school gathered together to share our first Collective Worship of the new half term together.

Our focus was Pentecost and all the children looked very colourful in their red, yellow and orange clothes. The children listened to the story of Pentecost from the Book of Acts and thought about how the disciples would have felt at various points in the story. We also talked about Pentecost being the Church's birthday.

During the Collective Worship, we also presented the Year 6 children who made their Confirmation in November with their prayer books (these were previously out of print!)

VIRTUE

Our virtue for the start of this half term is honesty. Over the next few weeks, the children will be thinking about these statements:

I tell the truth.	I am honest about my words and actions.	My actions match my words.
I can be trusted.	I make promises I can keep.	I am true to myself and follow what I know to be right.

CLASS MASS

Well done to Year 4 and Year 5 who had their class Masses this week. Thank you to Father Lawrie for leading the Masses for us and to all the people who came to support the children.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

This week, the first group of altar servers completed their training - well done! Over the next weeks, children in Year 4 and Year 5 will complete their training.



Come, Holy Spirit,



fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.



CLASS NEWS

YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, we have been reading the story of 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson. We learnt about the structure of a story and then used our phonics to write a sentence to say what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story.

In Maths, we have been learning about sharing amounts equally. We learnt that in order for things to be shared equally, each person needs to have the same amount. We have also been recapping the composition of different numbers to 10.

In RE, we have started a new topic called 'The Church'. We learnt about how we call the church the family of God. We enjoyed talking about the families we are part of including our own family, the God's family and the St Joseph's family.

On Monday, we all wore red, yellow and orange to celebrate Pentecost. We learnt about how the Holy Spirit appeared to the disciples and then produced some lovely artwork for our class display in the hall.

YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE this week, we have been learning about Pentecost which is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is an important event in the liturgical calendar as it is the birthday of the Christian church. We reflected on the events that happened as the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' followers, arriving like a strong wind and looking like tongues of fire.

In Topic, we have been learning about human features and physical features. We have learnt that human features are made by humans and are those which humans have changed or influenced, these include: roads, bridges, walls buildings and statues. Physical features like seas, mountains and rivers are natural. They would be here even if there were no people around.

In English this week, we have been learning about verbs, we know that verbs are 'action' or 'state of being' words. When we want to put a regular verb in the simple past tense we can add 'ed'. We wrote sentences about what the Queen was doing during the Platinum Jubilee.

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.'

YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have been practising telling the time. We have recapped o'clock and half past and then moved on to quarter past and quarter to. We have used analogue clocks to help us. Please can you practise telling the time at home to help us with our time unit.

In English, we had a quick recap on how on how to use conjunctions. We then started to plan an a non-chronological report about pets. We had to find information about our chosen pet, thinking about what they eat, what they look, how to look after them and some interesting facts. We are looking forward writing our reports next week.

We enjoyed learning about Pentecost in RE. We shared lots of ideas about how the apostles felt whilst waiting for the Holy Spirit and then how they felt when it came to them. We wrote some reflective poems about Pentecost and some beautiful art work which showed the flames and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

We also enjoyed starting to learn about Sikhism. We learned about the 5 K's which are Kesh, Kanga, Kirpan, Kara and Kachera. When about what each item represents and their importance. We also found out that the creator of Sikhism was Guru Nanak.

We've had a very active week too! We all enjoyed the multi-skill festival at Prince Henry's and our behaviour was fabulous! We also enjoyed our first cricket session this week and we already have some great skills!



YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English we have been working on adverbs. The children enjoyed adverb acting games and had lots of good examples of adverbs to share.

In our Collective Worship this week we have been thinking about our Virtue of Honesty. We have talked about how honesty is linked to trust.

In Maths we have looked at using different Fractions to make a whole number and used both Unit and Non-Unit Fractions.

In Science the children have been learning more about pollination and the parts of a flower that produce pollen and turn into seeds. We played some pollination running games outside and then dissected flower heads in the classroom to look closely at the different parts.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have read a new book 'Shackleton's Journey'. We have written an application for a job vacancy on the ship, imagined taking part in the interviews and looked at the technical vocabulary of items aboard a ship to decide which are the most important items.

In Maths, we have looked at geometry. We are focusing on recognising and measuring acute, obtuse and right angles.

In history, we started a new topic 'Ancient Maya Civilisation'. We looked at the living conditions of the people, and constructed a timeline of their time period. We are looking forward to learning more about their architecture, cities and lifestyle.

In PE, we were very excited to be going swimming again. We visited Aireborough Leisure Centre and found that the swimming pool was the same size but much deeper! Well done to everyone for remembering their kit and trying their best to remember their swimming skills.

YEAR 5 NEWS

The highlight of Year 5's week was on Wednesday morning when Mr Wilce visited the class to deliver a workshop about diversity and celebrating our uniqueness which the children found really interesting and learnt a lot.

In English this week, Year 5 have been writing as if they attended a banquet held in honour of Beowulf's safe return home. In their writing, they have tried to use lots of adjectives, similes and prepositional phrases to describe the event.

In Maths, the children have continued to look at decimals and this week have focused on decimal sequences, multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.

On Tuesday in PE, the children started the Bambisanani Athletics Challenge. Bambisanani is a school in South Africa that St. Mary's Menston have formed links with and take students there. As part of the challenge, the children had to time how quickly they could run 50metres, 200metres and measure how far they could do a standing jump and a triple jump. Next week, we will complete the throwing challenges.

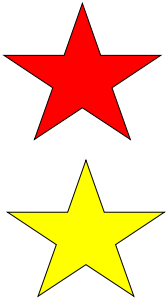
YEAR 6 NEWS

In English, we have been writing and editing lots this week. One of our favourite pieces of writing was about the jungle picture. We thought about different descriptive vocabulary to include in writing.

In PSHE, we discussed the importance of how to deal with stress in our lives. During the lesson, we sought out some of the ways that we feel when we are stressed. After this, we talked about so good strategies that we could use when we are feeling this way.

In RE, we created some wonderful pieces of artwork which depict Pentecost. We used pastels to create these; we thought about how to use the pastels effectively.

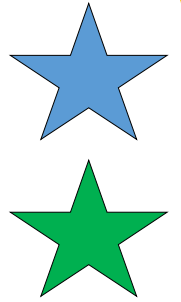
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

GRACE (YR), SCARLETT (Y1), ISAAC (Y2),
IAN (Y3), NEAVE (Y4), ARRON (Y5), MIA (Y6)



MATHS AWARD

THEO (YR), DECLAN (Y1), HARRY (Y2),
MAX (Y3), FINN (Y4), CHARLIE (Y5), JOSEPH (Y6)



VIRTUE AWARD

FRED (YR), ISAAC L (Y1), KADEN (Y2),
WILLIAM (Y3), IYLA (Y4), CAMERON (Y5), LEXIE (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