



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th February 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Well done for another great week in school – the children have been working hard and have produced some super work. Looking through some English books this week, I am very pleased with the standard of presentation in the books and the massive effort some children have made to improve their handwriting - keep up the good work. There is always a positive and industrious atmosphere in the classrooms (until Miss Choma comes in and disturbs everyone!).

### **Reading Scheme Books**

To improve reading fluency, children need to read regularly – preferably every day. Please ensure reading records and books read are returned so new books can be allocated. Independent readers need to still read to an adult at home and comments made in their reading record/planner.

### **Punctuality**

Reminder - school starts at 8:45am – please ensure your child/ren arrive on time.

### **Water bottles**

Reminder – we are having a number of spillages from some bottles as they do not have a closable spout/sports top. School water bottles need to have a closable spout or sports top. Children should only have water in their bottles.

Have a wonderful weekend; have fun and enjoy time together.

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

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

14th February - Y6 Bikeability  
16th February - Y5/Y6 Football Match  
18th February - Y3 St Bernadette Feast Day  
18th February - Y5 Mass

### HALF TERM

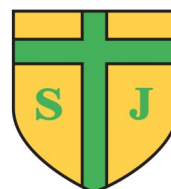
1st March - YR St David Feast Day  
2nd March - Ash Wednesday Mass  
3rd March - World Book Day  
4th March - Y1 Assembly  
5th March - LSAA Cross Country  
10th March - Y3 Mass  
11th March - Y5 Assembly  
11th March - CAFOD Fasting Day  
17th March - Y1 St Patrick Feast Day  
21st March - Climate Action Week

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

The Academy Council would like to announce that there is a vacancy for a parent governor. As a parent of a child at the school you are entitled to stand as a candidate and vote in any election.

Please note that you are also not eligible to be governor if you fulfil any of the disqualification criteria listed on the attached eligibility form. This is a great opportunity to be an active voice within the school community.

A letter detailing the role and application process has been sent via email.



If you did not receive this letter, then please contact School Office.  
Thank you.

# KEY INFORMATION

## LENT DATES FOR THE DIARY

A letter will be sent home next week with more details.

- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Ash Wednesday Mass
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March – KS2 Bun Sale
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Start of Toast Tuesdays
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Faith Lunch
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – St Joseph's Day
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – KS1 Bun Sale
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Games Afternoon
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Egg Raffle
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Whole School Mass

## INSPIRATION TREE: LEGO WORKSHOP FEBRUARY HALF TERM COURSE

**Whartons Primary, Otley – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February – 9am-3pm**

Inspiration Tree have organised LEGO workshop for £17 days from 9am-3pm. There is an option for an extended day if required. The LEGO workshops explore science, technology, architecture, engineering and art concepts using LEGO® bricks.

The possibilities are limited only by their imagination. The workshop will fire up your child's imagination and spark creativity in the form of inspired play following one of our many themed LEGO builds coupled with our magical delivery.



Please look at the attached flyer for further information.

To make a booking please go to [www.inspiration-tree.com](http://www.inspiration-tree.com).

## PE UPDATE

**Year 4/5 Dodgeball Festival** - On Thursday afternoon, a group of Year 4 children went to Ralph Thoresby Secondary School to take part in a Dodgeball Festival. They had great fun and showed some super dodgeball skills. They only lost one match during the event which was to the eventual winners of the festival and finished third overall. Well done Archie, Primrose, Finn, Austin, Molly, Daniel, Joseph, Niamh and Charlie. Thank you to all of the grown-ups for providing transport and for cheering us on.

**Y6 Football Match** - The football match against Bramhope Primary School that was due to take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February has been postponed to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Letters have been given out today.

**Cross Country** - On Tuesday, several of our children took part in the Leeds Cross Country Final at Temple Newsam. They all did brilliantly and some of them have now qualified for the West Yorkshire Final which will take place next month. Well done Alice, Ian, Fin, Austin and Agnes. Thank you to all the grown-ups for giving up their afternoon to take the children to the venue.

Finally, congratulations to past St Joseph's pupils, Ned and Charlotte who have qualified for the Schools National Cross Country Final which will take place in Kent in March 2022. What a wonderful achievement!



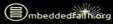
*As a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn.*

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

### **ACT OF HOPE**

O Lord God,  
I hope by your grace  
for the pardon of all my sins  
and after life here  
to gain eternal happiness  
because you have promised it  
who are infinitely powerful,  
faithful, kind, and merciful.  
In this hope  
I intend to live and die.  
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

On Wednesday, all of our classes linked up with classes from SS Peter and Paul's and Holy Name School to lead the Collective Worship for them with the theme of our virtue: Simplicity. The children did a great job of preparing and leading the worship over Zoom and we received very positive feedback from the other schools. Next week, Holy Name will be leading the worship for us about our new virtue which will be love/charity.

This week our Statement for Collective Worship also linked into our work on Simplicity as it was: I try to appreciate the beauty and the wonder in the world around me. The children were given time to think about all the beauty in the world and Year 5 used pictures of their favourite aspects of nature to draw beautiful pictures in Art.

## Y4 ASSEMBLY

Well done to Year 4 who led a super Collective Worship this morning with the theme of music. They told us about some inspirational musicians and about Saint Cecilia who is Patron Saint of music. Some of the children then performed music for us on their guitars or flutes and the whole class led us in singing "We don't talk about Bruno" which brought a smile to everyone's face! Thank you Year 4.



## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Dear Lord, when we look at the sky you have made,  
We wonder how big it all is;  
The moon and the stars shining there;  
How far away can they be?

And we feel so small  
Standing here on the ground;  
And the sky is so vast,  
So high up above

But you make us great,  
Make us all just like you.  
You give us your world,  
Let us give it your love. Amen



# CLASS NEWS

## YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, we have been learning about questions. We thought about questions that we could ask Bob, the main character from our story 'The Man on the Moon.' We came up with lots of wonderful questions.

In Maths, we have continued to focus on the number 8 and have also been learning about finding one more and one less than a number.

As part of focus on the season of Winter, we carried out an experiment to find out what happens when water freezes. We made lots of ice and enjoyed watching it melt in the classroom.

On Thursday afternoon, we enjoyed doing some baking. We made star biscuits as part of our space theme. They were yummy! Next week, we are going to write instructions to show other classes how we made them.

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we have been thinking about the things we can do to make sure we feel happy in school. We also enjoyed doing some meditation.



## YEAR 1 NEWS

Marley the Meerkat has been on all sorts of exciting adventures during the past week in Year 1 and in English the children have been writing a recount of who he has been with and what he has been up to.

This week in Maths, we have continued to look at different techniques for subtraction. We have now started to look at different representations of subtraction when crossing 10, to help us with this we used practical resources including a rekenrek (an arithmetic rack) ten frames, part-whole models and number lines.

In Art, we have been printing our initials and numbers with pieces of Lego. We had to think carefully about how we arranged the letters on to the base (in reverse) so they would print correctly.

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 in soft pastels. We also wrote our own prayers with this as our premise.

On Friday, we enjoyed a KS1 Mass led by Year 2. The children sang and listened wonderfully - we were incredibly proud of the children's responses to the different parts of the Mass.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

In English this week, we have been focusing on different aspects of grammar and punctuation. We have been working hard to use capital letters when they are needed and ending sentences with full stops, exclamation marks and question marks. We used our knowledge of punctuation to correct a piece of writing.

In Maths, we have continued to develop our skills when multiplying numbers. We have focused on using arrays to help us think about repeated addition calculations and then matching the correct multiplication calculation.

As part of our Geography work, we have continued to look at the different continents. We planned out journey lines which crossed many continents and oceans. We then started to think about the features of each continent. We discussed the difference between human and physical features. Each group focused on a different continent and sorted to pictures of the different features, deciding whether they were human or physical.

On Friday, Year 2 led a beautiful Mass for KS1. The focus of the Mass was 'The Good News' linked to our RE topic. All children read beautifully and we were very proud them for their impeccable behaviour and grown-up attitude to worship.



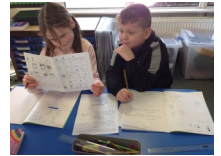
## YEAR 3 NEWS

In Maths, we have been working on dividing 2 digit by 1 digit numbers. The children have used part-whole models and place value grids to partition numbers in different ways when sharing and dividing.

In English, we have been imagining a different character in the Tear Thief Story. We have talked about The Happiness Collector and been acting out all the different smiles, grins, giggles, laughs, chortles and chuckles that need collecting to give energy to the sun. The most valuable are the giggles of babies! We then wrote our own stories all about how we met the Happiness Collector.

In PE, we learnt and practised the different types of rolls. We applied them to a sequence including different balances.

For Safer Internet Day, we had a quiz all about different gaming apps and how we stay safe online. We thought about having respectful relationships online and created a gaming introduction screen to display at the start of games, giving gamers tips to stay safe online.



## YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have been planning our own narratives based on the structure of Cinnamon. We now have a clear plan of the gist of each section of our story; the dialogue we are going to include, and features of Year 4 writing that will appear in the story. Next week will be our Big Write!

In Maths, we have been studying Area and solving lots of reasoning problems using our knowledge. The children are very confident about the difference between area and perimeter and calculating the area of simple shapes. .

In Science, we looked at the structure of a food chain. We used vocabulary including predator, prey, producer, consumer and apex predator, and sorted different animals and plants into food chains. Finally, we created our own food chain pyramid.

In RE, we reflected on the Offertory and thought about what gifts we can offer Jesus. We also looked at the Consecration and thought about why it is the most important part of Mass. We have also been busy this week leading a Collective Worship over Zoom with Year 4 classes from other schools, and with our Music Assembly. Thank you to all those who managed to attend over Zoom!



## YEAR 5 NEWS

The theme of Mental Health Week this year was "Growing Together". As part of this, Year 5 thought about how we grow emotionally as well as physically. We also thought about how we can support each other emotionally.

On Wednesday, we thought about Internet Safety Day. Our focus was thinking about how we can communicate with people online respectfully and what to do if people are disrespectful online.

In English, the children have been busy writing non-chronological reports about the Seven Summits of the World linking it to our Geography work. They have been thinking about the order of their sentences and including: modal verbs, subordinating conjunctions, fronted adverbials and relative clauses.

In Maths, we have started our work on fractions by looking at equivalent fractions, improper fractions, mixed numbers and number sequences involving fractions. We have been really impressed with the children's understanding of this topic so far!

Next Friday, it will be our class Mass in church at 10:45. Family and friends are very welcome to join us.



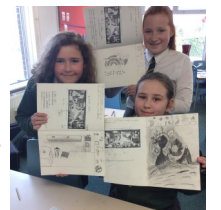
## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have converted metric measures for fluency and then had a go at answering reasoning questions. We need to continue practising converting measures so that we know them off by heart.

In PE, we have come to the end of our Basketball topic. During Monday's lesson, we played matches within our class. We enjoyed using our skills of dribbling, passing, marking and shooting.

In Art, we looked at Picasso's piece called Guernica. We discussed about the abstract art which uses shapes to convey a message. We had a go at creating our own pieces of art about us.

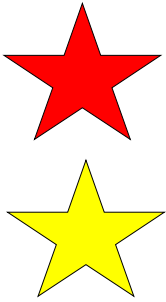
We have been completing assessment this week and both Mrs Kealey and I are very impressed with all the children; they should be so proud of the progress they've made in Year 6.







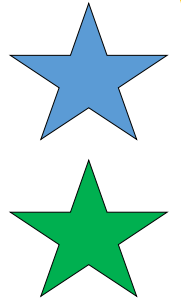
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

## ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING OVER 400 HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



### SUNSHINE AWARD

DAISY (YR), ALEXANDER (Y1), CAITLIN (Y2),  
RUBY (Y3), NATALIA C (Y4), CAMERON (Y5), DANIEL (Y6)

### MATHS AWARD

FRED (YR), CLEO (Y1), HARRY (Y2),  
JAKE (Y3), ADDISON (Y4), EVA (Y5), ABIGAIL (Y6)

### VIRTUE AWARD

LUNA (YR), WILLIAM P (Y1), SOFIA (Y2),  
BONNIE (Y3), JOSEPH J (Y4), CONNOR (Y5), MIA (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