

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th March 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

It has been a very busy week in school this week! I have made toast; been to the cross country finals; taught Y4; had lots of meetings and I am exhausted! The children have also had a busy week too – it has been assessment week and I am proud of the children's sensible and hardworking attitude. I have had informal chats with the class teachers because they are so pleased with the progress the children are making, they couldn't wait until our meetings next week! Well done everyone.

It is our first full year in school after two years and we are all adjusting well. Where possible, we are trying to fit in as much as we can. All I can say we are going to be very busy until we break up in July.

Lenten Charity Efforts - Our current Virtue is 'Charity' and we started the week making toast to raise money for the Good Shepherd Appeal. I would like to say big thank you to our fabulous mums/grandparents for helping on our first 'Toast Tuesday' of Lent. We also held our annual Faith Lunch on Friday. The KS2 children were very reflective as they watched an informative video from CAFOD and ate their basic lunch of sandwiches and fruit. It is very important to remember how lucky we are in terms of food, safety and education. Please pray for those who are not so fortunate.

Chickenpox cases – the number of cases in school is rising. Please see, <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/> for more information.

Otley Carnival - We are pleased to announce that Otley Carnival will be running again this year on Saturday 18th June. We will have more information from our Carnival Committee in the upcoming weeks. Please see the newsletter for more information.

Leeds Schools Game Cross Country Final at Temple Newsam on Tuesday. I would like to congratulate Alice and Ian who made it the cross country finals. They ran alongside a hundred other boys and girls from all the different authorities in West Yorkshire. They were a credit to the school.

Well done to all the children this week for their hard work, for making us smile and great behaviour.

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

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 15th March - Toast Tuesday
- 16th March - Y6 Residential
- 16th March - Climate Talk Assembly
- 17th March - Y1 St Patrick Feast Day
- 18th March - St Joseph's Day
- 18th March - KS1 Bun Sale
- 21st March - Climate Action Week
- 22nd March - Toast Tuesday
- 23rd March - KS1 Mass (Y1 leading)
- 25th March - Mothers' Day Stall
- 25th March - Y2 Assembly
- 25th March - Games Afternoon



KEY INFORMATION

CLIMATE ACTION TOPIC WEEK

We are having a Climate Action Week in school 21st -25th March 2022. During that week, we will focus our English, Maths, Science, Geography, Crafts and PSHE on the Climate Curriculum.

'Wear Green Day'

Monday 21st March is International Day of Forests and we will be having a special topic day celebrating trees and their benefits for the environment. It will be a Wear Green Day and all the children and staff are invited to wear green clothes and/or accessories. You could even make your own tree hat!

Climate Council

On Tuesday 22nd March, the Year 6 Climate Council members will be visiting all the classes showing their home-made PPT's and raising awareness of Climate Problems, Global Warming Solutions and how we can make a difference.

Earth Hour

Later in the week, we will have a St Joseph's 'Earth Hour' where all classes will switch off their lights and electrical devices for one hour. During that time, the children can do alternative activities such as discussions, art & crafts, reading books or board games.



PARENT EVENINGS

Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on:

Monday 28th March from 3:30pm to 6:30pm and Wednesday 30th March from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

The system will open to book appointments on Friday 11th March.

SPORT UPDATE

Year 5 & 6 Football Match - Well done to all the children who took part in the match against Bramhope. Bramhope were a strong team and unfortunately we lost the match 4-0 but the children kept going and enjoyed playing. The next match is Tuesday 22nd March at Pool.

Saturday Cross Country - Well done to all the children who took part in the final Saturday Cross Country race at the weekend. Thank you to all the parents who sacrificed their Saturday mornings to take the children to this event. It has been great to see the children take part and cheer on their peers in all the races this year. I know many children were disappointed it wasn't able to happen last year so I'm so pleased we've been able to participate in the races this season.



LEEDS LOCAL OFFER

Leeds Local Offer Live
Tuesday 15th March 2022 - 10am till 2pm (drop in)
Banqueting Hall, Leeds Civic Hall

Leeds Local Offer Live is a market place event that provides families with the opportunity to learn about services available to them. 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
So we can keep a track on numbers let us know if you plan to attend: www.tinyurl.com/LLOLive22

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Loving and compassionate God,
teach us to show love and mercy to each other.

As we begin our journey through Lent,
inspire us to be generous and kind.

Through our joy, patience and kindness,
may we help to build a better world.

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)



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, children from SS Peter and Paul's School led the Collective Worship for us on Wednesday with the theme of our virtue: **Charity**. This is our last week of this virtue and next week, we shall be thinking about forgiveness.

Our Statement this week was:

I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up hope.

The children shared with us all the different projects that they had made and how some of them had taken a long time and they had to persevere. We then listened to the story of Noah making the ark and how we would have had to persevere but he did and God was pleased with him. Just like God is pleased with us when we persevere and do his work for him.



RECONCILIATION

Our Year 3 children have completed their preparation classes and will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation next week, so we ask you to keep them all in our prayers



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

First Holy Communion preparation classes will begin next Wednesday (16th March). The classes will be held in school until 4pm. Please collect your child from the main office. Thank you.

CAFOD
Just one world

LENT FUNDRAISING

Well done to all the children who took part in the Faith Lunch today. The children all sat quietly and thought about those children less fortunate than ourselves.

The money that is raised from our Faith lunch and all of our Lent fundraising activities will be going to three different charities: The Good Shepherd Appeal; CAFOD and the Mini Vinnies have decided that they would like our third charity to be the DEC's Ukraine Appeal.



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

CLASS NEWS

YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, we have been learning about different people that help us. This week we have focused on the role of Police Officers. We thought carefully about the different jobs the police do and did some super writing!

In Maths, we have been learning about numbers 9 and 10. We practised representing the numbers on ten frames and part-whole models. We also sorted pictures according to those that represented 9 and those that represented 10. At the end of the week, we learnt about putting numbers in the correct order.

In RE, we began our new topic of 'Joy and Sorrow.' We learnt about the importance of being kind to each other. We thought of different acts of kindness we could do in the classroom this week. We have also been exploring the virtue 'Charity.' During our circle time, we reflected on the importance of loving thy neighbour as we love ourselves and how Charity is an act of love.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE, we have reflected on how we prepare spiritually throughout the forty days of Lent. We thought about the three traditional practices to be taken up with renewed vigour during this time: prayer, fasting and almsgiving and identified the different ways that we have been doing this CAFOD Faith lunch, Toast Tuesdays etc...

This week in Maths, we've been learning about position and direction. We practised our **clockwise** and **anti-clockwise quarter turns** by moving around the classroom.

In Topic, we have been learning about the palaeontologist Mary Anning who uncovered and discovered what turned out to be the first complete Ichthyosaur fossil to be found. This was an important discovery because **it challenged the way scientists had thought the natural world had developed**. The children had fun, drawing and making fossils and putting together dinosaur bones.

We enjoyed our PE lesson this week when we were able to use the PE apparatus in the hall. Using the climbing frame, low angled ladders, walking planks and gymnastics benches we practised our balancing skills and how to land appropriately.

After the fabulous buildings that Y1, designed and built out of recycling last week, we wrote about the materials we had used and who/what they were designed for.



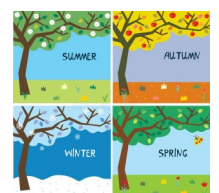
YEAR 2 NEWS

In English this week, we have been focusing on our grammar and punctuation. We have been practising using capital letters for proper nouns. We learnt that the days of the week and the months of the year are all proper nouns. Some of us are really good at knowing the months of the year. A few of us need a little more practice.

In Maths, we have continued to practise our division skills. We have developed our knowledge of dividing by 2, 5 and 10. We can now recognise any number which can be divided by 5 and 10 by looking at the final digit in the number. We are all looking forwards to starting a new maths topic next week.

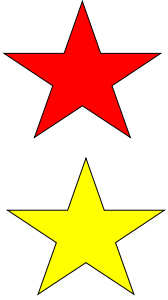
As part of our Geography work this week, we talked about the different seasons and which months are in which season. We went on a lovely walk around the grounds to look for the early signs of springtime.

In RE, we discussed each part of a Mass service and what we should do at each part, including the Offertory, Consecration and the readings. We then also found out about the different things we would find in a Catholic church and what they are used for or symbolise.

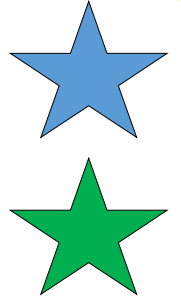




HOUSE OF THE WEEK



**HOUSE POINT ROLLOVER UNTIL
NEXT WEEK**



SUNSHINE AWARD

**STANISLAW (YR), BRODIE (Y1), CONNIE (Y2),
MILLIE B (Y3), NOAH (Y4), ANITA (Y5), VUYO (Y6)**

MATHS AWARD

**ELLIS (YR), JACK (Y1), LUCILLE (Y2),
JAKEY (Y3), BELLA (Y4), BLAKE (Y5), ALISTAIR (Y6)**

CHARITY AWARD

**NOAH (YR), PIPER (Y1), CAITLIN (Y2),
JACK (Y3), MOLLY (Y4), ISLA (Y5), CIARA (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