

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th November 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Another busy week in school and we haven't even started all the planned Christmas activities and wonderful events organised by FOSJ. Well done to the cross country runners who ran in horrendous conditions on Wednesday. Despite this, we had some great results – Lucille, Y3, who came third and I know a lot of the children beat their PB. I do believe they probably brought half of Wharfe Meadows home on their legs! Thank you to the staff and parents who took the children; they were rather bedraggled when they returned.

Please check the Newsletter for upcoming events – there are lots of activities planned between now and the end of term. It is all very exciting; hopefully, there is something to appeal to all tastes and interests.

I have visited all the classes this week and have seen some super writing/reading. Year 6 have written some thought provoking war poems. During the month of November, we remember all the brave soldiers who gave their lives to fight for their country and our freedom. We discussed the futility of war in Y6 yesterday. There are no winners as war tears apart the lives of so many people and we should always try to solve conflict peacefully.

Can we please remember Father Lawrie and members of our school community in our prayers who are currently undergoing medical treatment. It can be a difficult and worrying time for their family and friends.

Have a wonderful weekend and the enjoy the special time with family and friends.

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



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE



Reception, present... "Shine Star Shine" On Wednesday 7th December at 1:30pm

Year 1 & Year 2 present... "Little Angel Gets Her Wings" On Wednesday 7th December at 2:15pm



Each child will be allocated 2 tickets. We will hold a raffle to raise funds for FOSJ - £1 a strip. Card Payment available.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 15th November - Y1/Y2 Science Festival
- 16th November - Y3/Y4 Science Festival
- 17th November - Y5/Y6 Science Festival
- 18th November - Nursery Rhyme Day
- 25th November - Y5 Class Mass
- 25th November - FOSJ World Cup Event
- 28th November - EYFS Training Day
- 30th November - Y1 Class Trip
- 2nd December - FOSJ Christmas Wreath Making
- 2nd December - YR and Y6 Height and Weight
- 4th December - Victorian Fayre
- 8th December - Christmas Dinner Day
- 8th December - Christmas Disco
- 11th December - Winter Wonderland

SCHOOL NEWS

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS



World Cup Event

The ENG V USA us match will be streamed in the school hall on Friday 25th November. Doors open at 6pm for a 7pm kick off. Freshly cooked pizza will be on sale - cash and card accepted. Beers and other refreshments on sale All welcome!



THIS IS A FREE EVENT! However for catering requirements and risk assessment purposes, please obtain your ticket by either scanning the QR code on the poster or click <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/460737597557>



Wreath Making Event

FOSJ is excited to announce that tickets are **NOW** available for the wreath making workshop! Friday 2nd December at 7:30pm. £20 per person with prosecco on arrival. The event is BYOB. All materials provided (apart from secateurs so please bring your own).



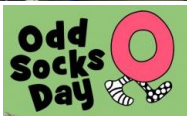
Please scan the QR code on the poster or click this link <https://pay.sumup.io/b2c/Q0MI2ZEA> to book your place. Your payment confirms your booking- you will not receive a physical ticket. Deadline for bookings is Friday 25th November at 10pm.

ODD SOCK DAY/ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

On Monday, we celebrated Odd Socks Day and all wore odd socks to express ourselves and celebrate what makes us all unique! Throughout the week, we have reflected on the theme 'Reach Out' and to remind everyone whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need.

Evie (Y2) came up with a great motto - "If we challenge it, we can change it!"

We know that all children have the right to be safe and listened to.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

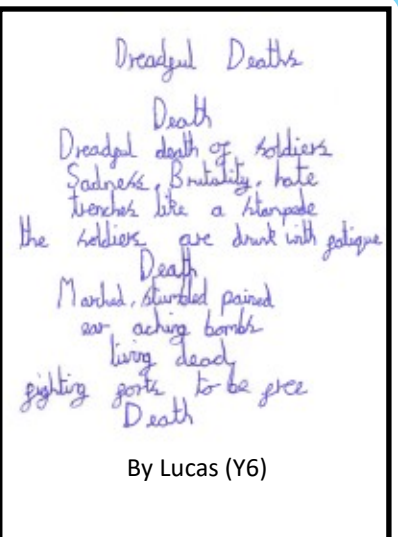
Last Friday, Year 6 led the whole school Collective Worship with the theme of Remembrance Sunday. Y6 reminded the school that since WW1 and WW2, there have been many other conflicts around the world. We need to pray for all those affected, and to pray for peace in all nations.

We held a 2 minute silence to show respect and said our own prayers for all the soldiers. Some of the children have written poems, and created beautiful artwork to commemorate this important piece of history.

POPPY APPEAL



Thank you to all those who purchased something from the British Legion Poppy Appeal. The charity provides financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces and their families.



SCHOOL NEWS

NURSERY RHYME DAY!

On **Friday 18th November**, we are asking the children to dress up as their favourite nursery rhyme characters to celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week.

There is a lot of inspiration on the internet for easy DIY costumes that you can make with items around the house.

Throughout the week, we will conduct nursery rhyme themed science experiments, create our own rhymes, and learn and perform nursery rhymes too.



SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA



Please ensure that your child is symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school as this greatly reduces the risk of spreading infection. We will continue to encourage children to wash their hands frequently especially before eating. Thank you for your co-operation.

REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from school, please contact the office in the morning to report the absence. If your child is absent for more than one day, the office need to be contacted on every day that your child is off school.

SPORT

Well done to all the children who took part in the cross country on Wednesday afternoon. Despite the weather, the children had great fun running in very muddy conditions and showed great determination.

A massive **THANK YOU** to Sofia' Mum, Millie's Dad and Iyla's Dad for walking with us in very wet weather! I apologise to all the grown ups at home were responsible for doing the washing this week- I hope you had some Vanish ready!



Cross Country at Cardinal Heenan Cancelled

Unfortunately, the organisers of the Cross Country League have taken the difficult decision to cancel the cross country on Saturday 19th November. This was after some of the volunteers suffered verbal abuse at the last race. I know that this would have not been any of our parents but please remember when attending children's sports events that most of the people are volunteers giving up their time to benefit our young people. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY

Who would believe that is **just 4 weeks** until Christmas Dinner day! We will be donning our Christmas jumpers and hats once more as we celebrate together. If you are normally on packed lunches and would like a Christmas Dinner on this day (priced £2.45) then please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Please note that these events are subject to change and we will keep you updated as the weeks go on.

Friday 28th November	Christmas Craft Week
Sunday 4th December	Victorian Fayre
Wednesday 7th December	Y3 & Y5 Christmas Tree Festival
Wednesday 7th December	KS1 Nativity Performance
Thursday 8th December	YR & Y6 Christmas Tree Festival
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 8th December	School Disco
Friday 9th December	Y1, Y2 & Y4 Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday 10th December	Winter Wonderland
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 16th December	Christmas Carol Service

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

I trust in God with all my heart,
And see the wonderful world of His art.

Today I will let go of the things on my mind,
And see that God will care for all mankind.

Sometimes it's hard to hear my mind and my soul,
But I trust in God whose actions are bold.

Time is plentiful, I will enjoy the peace
I will let go of worries that will now cease.

I trust in God with all of my heart
And see my world filled with his art.

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)



REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Year 6, Miss Dowd and Mrs Kealey for leading our remembrance service in assembly this morning. Year 6 shared some of the history of Remembrance Day and led a thoughtful Collective Worship which included bidding prayers and poems that the children had written. At the end of the Worship, we then held a one minute's silence as a school as well as having a 2 minute's silence at 11am today - At the rising of the sun and at its going down, we will remember them.

CONFIRMATION

A reminder that on Monday, the Confirmation Class will be taking place in the Church so that the candidates can practise what will happen at the Confirmation Mass on Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm. All children will need collecting from Church at 4:15 on Monday, parent's or sponsors are invited to come to Church from 4pm so that they know what will happen at the Mass too.

YEAR 4 MASS

Thank you to all the grown ups who were able to attend our Class Mass on Wednesday, it was so lovely to have so many people join us and it was extra special to be able to have it back in our classroom again. The children all behaved beautifully and did their parts with confidence - well done Year 4! Thank you to Father Lawrie for leading our worship for us.

VIRTUE - PRAYER

In our Collective Worships this week, we continued to think about the virtue of prayer.

This week, we listened to Matthew's Gospel which says, "When you say your prayers, promise him to try and do what he wants and he will give you everything you need as well."

The children were also introduced to Pope Francis Five Finger Prayer:



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen

Pope Francis' Five Finger Prayer

The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you, and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.

The center finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors, and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.

The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick, or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.

The thumb is the closest finger to you, so start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."



And finally we have our smallest finger, the pinkie. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs in the proper perspective and be able to pray for yourself in a better way.

CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

We have had a lovely week in Reception. On Friday afternoon, we had a very special service to officially welcome us to the St Joseph's family. Our year 6 buddies presented us with a candle and our parents and families were there to celebrate us too. We have all settled into school so well and are all a very special member of the St Joseph's family.

In Maths, we have been sorting the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have been showing the numbers in different ways and sorting objects in to groups.

In Literacy, we have been sequencing the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We are also reviewing our sounds in Phonics - please keep practising these at home!

We have created some beautiful remembrance pictures of poppies and have explored different ways to design them.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have been learning about Number Bonds. A number bond lets us split numbers in useful ways. They show how numbers join together, and how they break down into component parts.

In Science, we have been learning about materials and where they can be found. We went on a materials hunt and labelled the outdoor area according to whether it was comprised of glass, wood, plastic or metal we thought about the suitability of these materials.

This week in RE, we have been thinking about Remembrance Sunday. We learnt about this special occasion and why we wear a poppy. We also learnt about the Annunciation- the special message that Mary received from the Angel Gabriel that she would have a baby called Jesus and he would be the Son of God.

In English, we have been thinking about the characteristics of Little Red Riding Hood. We thought about her feelings towards the wolf and how somebody may describe her appearance.

We have now given out the roles for our Nativity and costumes required. If your child has lines please can you help them to learn these. We have a number of costumes in school and may be able to provide one of these for your child. Please refer to the letter sent home with your child on Thursday.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have continued to work hard with adding 2-digit numbers to a 1-digit number. We are getting good at making groups of ten ones and exchanging them for one ten. We use base ten to help us with this and began to practise recording it in our books.

In English, we have continued to enjoy the story 'Winter's Child'. We are using some exciting and interesting vocabulary to describe the beautiful setting. We were all excited when Ernie Arbuckle came to visit us. He left us a piece of writing for us to help him with. We worked hard to edit and improve Ernie's writing and we are sure he will be very pleased with it.

As part of our RE work this week, we have been learning about the Holy Trinity. We discussed how one person can be a sister, a daughter and a niece, just as God can be three in one: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We also enjoyed learning the 'Glory Be' Prayer.

We all enjoyed wearing our odd socks on Monday to start Anti-bullying Week. We have given lots of thought about who we can reach out to if we feel we are being bullied and what to do if we see someone being bullied. Together, we made a Reach Out Wreath which included important messages such as 'Challenge it to change it' and 'Reach out if you see it'.



YEAR 3 NEWS

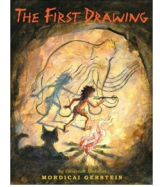
In RE, we explored the Visitation (when Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth) and looked at how we could help others, like Mary helped Elizabeth. Additionally, we discussed the meaning of the Hail Mary.

In Maths, Year 3 learnt to add using column addition with an exchange.

In English, we started our new book 'The First Drawing'. We discovered some cave paintings in our classroom and we used observation and inference skills to interpret their meanings. We then researched the Stone Age, creating a mind map of everything we found out

In PE, we began our unit on badminton! We learnt the basics, getting to grips with the shuttlecock and racket.

In PSHE, we learnt about anti-bullying. We discussed how being kind and unkind affects people around us. We then thought about what bullying means and how we can reach out if we or those around us are a victim of bullying. We put together some ideas to make our school a 'reach-out' friendly, bully-free zone.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In Maths this week, the children have been learning about area. The children have been calculating area by counting squares and have been comparing area using greater than and less than vocabulary.

We started reading our new book in English this week - Roman Diary. At the beginning of the week, we made predictions as to what it might be about using the front cover to help us. We have then started reading the book and have identified the features of a diary. This has linked to our new History topic - Roman Britain. The children have thought of questions that they would like to know the answers to so I think we are going to be very busy between now and Christmas!

In PSHE, as part of anti-bullying week the children thought about the different types of bullying and what can be done to stop it.

Last week in Art, the children made their own leaf print boards which this week they had fun using to make pattern prints.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have started our new topic of multiplication and division. We have spent time understanding and identifying different multiples, common multiples and factors. We used counters and arrays and 100 squares to help support the children in visibly seeing the different factors of numbers.

In English, the children have spent time analysing and identifying the structure and language features included in writing a newspaper article such as using different conjunctions, fronted adverbials and adverbial phrases, parenthesis, the headline, the orientation and the reorientation of an article. They used this knowledge to write a newspaper article about when Pandora opened the box.

In Geography, the children were looking at the different capital cities within North America. They really enjoyed the multiple-choice quiz that we had, where they worked in teams, holding up the relevant coloured card to the relevant answers. They then went on to choose 10 different capital cities within North America, identifying the population, the size of the city, and the number of languages spoken within the different cities.

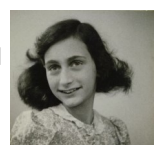


YEAR 6 NEWS

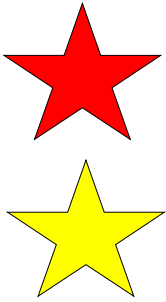
In Maths, we have looked at ways we can add and subtract using efficient ways rather than always using a formal method to calculate. We also recapped our knowledge of long division.

In English, we have started our new book all about the life of Anne Frank. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about her life before she moved to Amsterdam. We wrote sentences about her life using colons and semi-colons. We can't wait to show off our new skills in our longer pieces of writing.

In PSHE, we discussed the anti-bullying theme of 'Reach Out'. We discussed the importance of anti-bullying and what we should do if we are being bullied, we see bullying happen and if we are bullying. We create posters to display our knowledge.



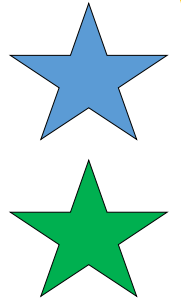
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

DAISY (YR), DAISY (Y1), AVA (Y2),
DYLAN (Y3), JACK (Y4), PRIMROSE (Y5), OSCAR (Y6)



ENGLISH AWARD

JONNY (YR), ZARA (Y1), SEB (Y2),
SOFIA (Y3), AMELIE (Y4), JOSEPH J (Y5), KIRSTY (Y6)



Y3 AWARDS FROM 04.11.22

CONNIE (SUNSHINE), HARRY (RE) AND EVIE (VIRTUE)



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

Are you interested in becoming a School
Crossing Patrol Warden in Leeds?

VACANCY

School Crossing Patrol Warden

Otley St Josephs Primary

5 hours a week

£9.90 hourly rate

39 Week Contract (Term Time Only)

Duties will include crossing pedestrians across the road safely

Full Uniform and PPE provided.

Full training given.

Option to join Local Government Pension Scheme

Subject to satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure Barring Services Request

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World Cup



LIVE

Friday 25th November

ENG v USA

Kick off 7pm -doors open at 6pm

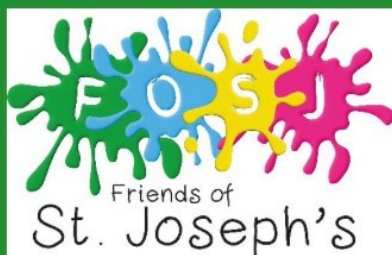
Live streaming of the match in the school hall.

FREE EVENT: scan the QR code to get your ticket



Pizza, Beer and other refreshments on sale – cash and card accepted

All welcome



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Wreath Making



You are cordially invited to a...

Christmas Wreath Workshop

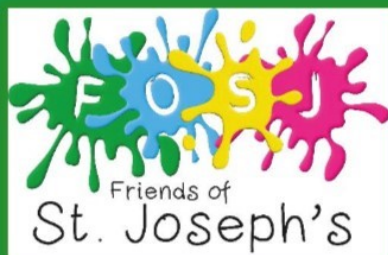
Friday 2nd December 2022

7.30pm @ St Joseph's

£20 (scan QR code to book)

Glass of prosecco on arrival & BYOB

*All materials provided but please bring
your own secateurs*



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