

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th January 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM MR GILHOOLY

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of the school,

Thank you all for your ongoing support this week with our technical issues which has led to having no or little heating in the school. The children have remained positive throughout the week even when classrooms were slightly colder than normal!

We have hit the ground running again and the lots of learning has taken place. We have embarked on our new foundation curriculum journey with our new curriculum planner called 'Corner Stones'. The topics the children have started are really exciting and are sure to give them an in-depth insight into topic areas.

As you may have seen on the National news - Snow is coming! If you have listened to Paul the Weather man (our local weather legend) though, he has pointed out that it is not a certainty! We endeavour to communicate with you at the earliest possible time regarding the weather, should we experience snow.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Best regards and God bless,

Mr L Gilhooly

## ASSEMBLIES - SPRING 1

Y1	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
09.02.24	12.01.24	19.01.24	26.01.24	02.02.24
Mission Statement	Mutual Respect	Rule of Law	Individual Liberty	British Democracy

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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16th January - School Photographs  
17th January - Whole School Mass  
24th January - Reconciliation Welcome  
2nd February - FOSJ Rainbow Raffle  
2nd February - FOSJ Disco  
5th February - Y6 Bikeability  
9th February - FOSJ Cocktail Making

## CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos will be taken on

**Tuesday 16th January.**

Full school uniform please.

We ask all children to bring a pair of silly socks to wear for their photo. If your child has any fancy hairbands then bring them along too.



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We still have some spaces available on our fabulous after school clubs.

You can sign up via the Parents Evening System, or alternatively contact a member of the Office Staff who will be happy to help.

The deadline for signing up is Sunday 14th January at 2pm.



# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## INTERCESSION TO ST JOSEPH'S

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.

## 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 Monday, we started the school year by thinking about the Baptism of the Lord in Collective Worship. We looked at some of the symbols used in baptisms and then listened to Mark's Gospel hearing about how Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. For the Go Forth, children were invited to find out about their own baptisms.

### FRIDAY COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Well done to Year 3 who led our first Friday assembly of 2024! Their theme was one of the British Values, Mutual Respect. They told us why it is important and how we can show mutual respect. They said, "Mutual respect is not just about being polite; it's about treating others with kindness, fairness, and understanding regardless of our difference." Such an important message. During the assembly, they sang a beautiful song with actions all about respecting others. As part of the Collective Worship, they read a verse from Matthew's Gospel: "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."



### WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

We will be having a whole school Mass to start the new school year on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January in Church at 9:30. All family and friends are welcome to join us.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*There will be a meeting for parents of baptised children hoping to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Spring 2024 on 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in Church.*

This is available to children in Y3 and above. The preparation classes will take place on the following Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15 in Year 3 classroom.

07.02.24	21.02.24	28.02.24	06.03.24	13.03.24
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The children will receive the Sacrament on 19<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> March. They will be presented with their certificates in assembly on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*There will be a meeting for parents of children hoping to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in Church.*

Children in Year 4 upwards are invited to receive First Holy communion for the first time. This will take place on **SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE** at 10am in our Church. The children will be presented with their certificates in Mass on the following day on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. After this, they will be invited to their Communion Breakfast.

### HCPT CURRY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The Otley 198 branch of HCPT, who send disadvantaged and disabled youngsters for a week in Lourdes at Easter, are holding another of their infamous curry nights. It takes place on Monday 29th January starting at 6.30pm with a raffle and 50 board then food will be served at 7pm.

It costs £20 for 2 courses and takes place at Westbourne Spice, Leeds Road, Otley, LS21 3LS. Please bring cash to pay on the night. Email [beckievoller@gmail.com](mailto:beckievoller@gmail.com) to reserve your place.

### POEM OF THE WEEK

Another year is dawning, we'll  
have  
adventures new.

Who knows what will happen?  
Who knows what we'll do?

Let's hope this year is peaceful.  
Let's hope that all is calm.

That we can work together to  
keep us free from harm.

Whatever our religion, whatever  
faith or creed, we can all do our  
bit to help people in need.

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear God,

We thank you for a new year;  
A year that is full of opportunities.

Please help us to take each opportunity to make this a good year for other people and not just for ourselves.

Help us to try hard, to be courageous in attempting new things and to care for others.

# CLASS PAGES

## YEAR R NEWS

In our Drawing Club, we have read the book, 'Whatever Next' and we have thought about what other planets might look like and designed our own rocket to fly into space. We have also had lots of discussions about what space might be like and to be surrounded by stars. We have begun to discuss what might happen when we go to sleep at home and outside. Please, if possible, take your child for a local walk during the day and talk to them about what they notice and then at night time please do the same walk again and discuss what they see and hear.

In Maths, we have introduced 0 and have been playing games to sort out '0' and 'not 0'. We have also been making rockets using 2D shapes and naming them.

In RE, we have heard the story of Jesus being lost and found at the temple. We have thought about Jesus as a young boy and thought he would be quite like us! We have also discussed what Mary and Joseph might have said to Jesus and wrote it in a sentence.

In Phonics, we have reviewed our sounds and learnt a new digraph 'oo' (book, look). Please continue to read and practice writing the sounds at home. This week's homework is for the children to write a sentence with a word containing the 'ai' sound.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

Well done to all of the children in Year 1 who have settled back really well into school life. In English, we have started thinking about our new book - Naughty Bus. We have made predictions as to how the bus might be naughty by looking at the front cover. We have also thought about what we know about buses.

This half term, our focus in Maths will be numbers to 20. This week, we have practised writing and counting to 20. The children have also used Numicon to help them make ten.

Our topic in RE this half term is Families and Celebrations. In RE, this week we have said who is in our families and why they are important to us. We have also thought about belonging - who do we belong to? How does it make us feel? What does belonging mean?

In PE this half term, we are doing gymnastics. This week, we were focusing on balancing. The children practised holding five different balances: straight, star, dish, arch and tuck. We found the dish one really hard and it really worked our tummy muscles! We then had a go at putting them into a sequence.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we are enjoying our new text 'Orion and the Dark'. We started by looking at a word cloud with words taken from the blurb and made predictions about what we thought the book might be about. We then discovered Orion, the boy in the story, is scared of lots of different things. We used commas in a list when writing the different things he was scared of.

In Maths, we have started our topic about shape. We practised recognising both 2D and 3D shapes and then practiced counting the sides of 2D shapes. We found that drawing a line on each side of the shapes was an effective method of doing this so that we didn't lose count or re-count any of the sides again.

In Art, we looked at different sculptures created by a variety of artists. All of the sculptures had the theme of flowers. We discussed the techniques and colours used for each one and discussed whether we liked or disliked each one. We used this information and drawings to create a double page spread in our sketchbooks.

In Geography, we started our new topic about coastlines. We used maps to locate and name the different seas and oceans which surround the United Kingdom.

## YEAR 3 NEWS

In Maths this week, Year Three continued their learning on multiplication and division. We recapped on what multiplication is in regards to sharing and grouping and began learning about multiplying and dividing by three. Did you know that if you add three consecutive numbers, the sum will always be a multiple of 3?

In English, we created an information text all about Otley. Mr Gilhooly was super impressed with our writing!

In RE, we learnt the story of Jesus in the temple. We found the story within the bible then answered 'I wonder' questions about key details of the story, linking it to the sacrament of Baptism. We then worked in groups to sequence the story and began to rehearse it as a drama.

In DT, we created our story books with moving mechanisms and evaluated our creations.

In Computing, we learnt how to log in to the laptops and had a little look round the platform Scratch. We will be learning how to programme with it this half term, creating a sequence of sounds!

## YEAR 4 NEWS

Y4 have worked incredibly hard in English to compose playscripts inspired by our new class text *The Matchbox Diary*. The children began by looking at the dialogue in the story and discussing how each line might have been spoken by the characters. They then used these discussions to form the basis of their own playscripts, using the scenario of an immigrant boy arriving in America for the first time.

In Maths, we have begun our next unit of Multiplication and Division by looking at factor pairs and how to use these to answer multiplication questions with bigger numbers. It has also been great to have so many children joining our lunchtime Timestable Rockstar club. We have had great fun challenging each other in Rockslams!

Rivers is our new topic in Geography and we have focused this week on understanding the different elements of the river system and the role they play.

In RE, we have started our new topic 'Celebrating the Mass'. We have talked about why Sundays are a special day for Christians. We enjoy spending time with family and resting on Sundays. We learned about the Last Supper and enjoyed creating our own Last Supper artwork after analysing some other artists' depictions.

## YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths, we have been focusing on adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominators, different denominators and converting improper fractions into mixed numbers. The children were able to find a common denominator to help them carry out the calculation and were able to use their times tables knowledge to support them.

In English, we have been identifying the difference between reported speech and direct speech as well as recognising the appropriate times to use it and why we use it within our work. From this, the children were able to generate questions they would ask as an interviewer when wanting to find out information on Pandora and the box. We focused on using open ended questions and used Chatterpix to create a transcript between two people.

In Art, we have started our new topic of Nature's Art and looked at different forms of land and earth art, identifying ways that they are created and why people create them as well as what materials are used. The children then had the opportunity to go outside and take pictures of different natural materials that they could use to create their own piece of earth art. They then sketched one of their findings within their sketch books.

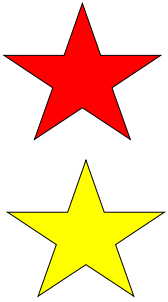
## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have worked so hard in developing our fraction knowledge by multiplying fractions by fractions and multiplying and dividing them by an integer too! We have used Numicon, drawn pictures and shown written methods to work these out - we've all shown a brilliant understanding - well done!

In English, we started our new topic all about *The Three Little Pigs* - not the traditional version, the modern day version. We began by sequencing the parts of the traditional story and then we were given an envelope with some images from the new story. We had to be investigators, working out the people, places, story and when it happened using our prediction skills. After this, we eventually watched the newer version and it wasn't what we expected - the pigs are guilty for murdering the wolf!

In RE, we started our Jesus, Bread of Life topic and began by looking at The Passover, The Last Supper and The Eucharist. As a class, we discussed the links between them and created some art work to depict them.

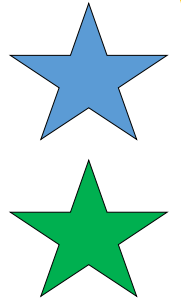
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

# EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



## SUNSHINE AWARD

ELINE AND ELIZA-MAE (YR), JAMES (Y1), SAMMY (Y2),  
PIPER (Y3), JACK (Y4), AMELIE (Y5), EMME (Y6)



## MATHS AWARD

REUBEN (YR), JONNY (Y1), JUDE (Y2), HARRIET (Y3),  
JOSEPH H (Y4), RUBY (Y5), AUSTIN (Y6)



## VIRTUE AWARD

IVER (YR), ANNA (Y1), STAS (Y2), MARTHA (Y3),  
CAITLIN (Y4), HARRY (Y5), NEAVE (Y6)



## HEADTEACHER AWARD

EVIE (Y3)



## 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



## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- ★ THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER - PARENT MEET AND GREET & AGM
- ★ WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER - CAKE SALE
- ★ FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER- FAMILY BINGO NIGHT
- ★ SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE
- ★ FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY - SILENT DISCO
- ★ FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY - RAINBOW RAFFLE
- ★ FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY- COCKTAIL MAKING EVENING
- ★ FRIDAY 8 MARCH - MOTHER'S DAY
- ★ FRIDAY 26 APRIL - QUIZ NIGHT
- ★ FRIDAY 17 MAY- GOLDEN TICKET EVENT
- ★ FRIDAY 14 JUNE- FATHER'S DAY
- ★ FRIDAY 28 JUNE - CAMPING TRIP

# OTLEY PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

**JOIN US FOR FRIENDLY AND INFORMAL  
SUPPORT, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE**

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**EVERY TUESDAY (TERM-TIME)**

9.30-11.00 am

**NEW VENUE FROM JANUARY 2024:  
Cross Green Community Centre, LS21 1HD**

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Parents and carers of school aged children very welcome

**For more information contact Lisa on:**

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8 Week  
Course

# SWIM LESSONS

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Prince Henry's Grammar School, LS21

EVERY FRIDAY

Lessons start January 2024

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