

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th January 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Week 2 already! It has been a busy two weeks – we had an unexpected panto which was fabulous and enjoyed by all the children. Ask your child/ren about the giant baby! Some of the children in Y3 went ice skating – Miss Wilkinson said they showed great resilience. Despite falling down many times, they got back up and had another go! I have read lots of great writing this week. Y4 wrote biographies about Boudica. They were very well structured and informative. Generally, a great start to the new year! Miss Wilkinson has sent a letter with all the upcoming events for the term. Please check your emails and the school newsletter for dates and times.

Reading at home: I regularly meet with class teachers to discuss each pupil's progress and their general wellbeing. We are aware that some children are not reading or reading regularly at home. I would like to stress the importance of reading regularly at home with your child.

Reception and KS1: If your child is in Reception or KS1, they should be reading most nights. It is important to set aside a quiet time to read with your child. Being able to read is crucial to your child's success at school and in life, and the younger a child learns to read, the more enjoyment and confidence they will have in all subjects. Though we listen to individual readers in school, we need parents/carers to support this. If you need support with helping your child read at home, you can contact your child's class teacher or myself to discuss.

Key stage 2: All year groups should be reading for 15 mins most nights. Again, set a time for reading and try and keep to it - it pays off.

There is nothing more wonderful than immersing yourself in a brilliant book.

Toys in school – we ask that children do not bring in toys from home unless they have been asked to do so by the class teacher because it links to their current learning. It is upsetting when toys brought into school become broken or are taken by other children. Football cards – at the moment, we have asked the children to not bring in football cards as there have been a few upsets over them. However, we are reviewing this and seeing if a solution can be found going forward.

Have a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

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

ASSEMBLIES

<u>YR</u>	<u>Y1</u>	<u>Y2</u>	<u>Y3</u>	<u>Y4</u>	<u>Y5</u>	<u>Y6</u>
24.03.23	03.02.23	17.03.23	24.02.23	03.03.23	10.02.22	27.01.22
Spring	Number Day	Mother's Day	Fairtrade	CAFOD	St Valentines	Holocaust Memorial Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 17th January - Whole School Photographs
- 18th January - Online Safety Evening for Parents
- 18th January - Y5/Y6 Girls Football
- 27th January - KS1 Bun Sale
- 1st February - Y4 Saint Day
- 2nd February - Athlete Visit
- 3rd February - Number Day
- w/c 6th February - Y6 Bikeability
- 9th February - Y3 Gymnastics
- w/c 13th February - HALF TERM!

SCHOOL NEWS

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S



Thank you for all of your interest and feedback so far. For those wanting find out more about the weekend camping trip and might have some time to help organise the event or help out on the weekend, please find below the first meeting details:

Date: Wednesday 18th January

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Christopher Little & Co, 75 Bondgate, Otley, LS21 3AB

Online: Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 821 4363 9998

Passcode: 878454

As you can see, there is an option to join the meeting online if you can't make it down to Otley. This is a fully inclusive event, but it would be great to have some of the Dads help organise this one! I'm looking forward to hearing about your ideas, suggestions and if you want to be involved. No pressure!

If anyone has any questions please call or message Tom (07793765713).

Tom Hatley (Winter & Willows Dad - Y1 & R) and the FOSJ Team

Y3 ICE SKATING

On Wednesday, 10 Y3 children were randomly selected to go ice skating at Planet Ice as part of an Active Schools initiative.

The children learned some basic moves on the ice, before enjoying free time to skate around and even attempt some twirls. Even though the children ended up falling over multiple times, it was really fun and the children always got back up!

Miss Earley and Miss Wilkinson had a wonderful time and were really proud of the progress the children made, and the resilient attitude shown by all.



REMINDERS

- **IMPORTANT:** Children MUST bring a water bottle to school each day as school does not have any spare
- All children need to bring a coat to school with them
- No nuts allowed
- Hair must be tied back
- Jewellery should not be worn—this includes chains/bracelets and earrings other than studs
- Children **MUST** wear the correct P.E Uniform. In particular, sports leggings are not allowed
- If you have any spare, clean underwear, please bring into school for accidents. **ALL YEAR GROUPS!**



JACK AND THE BEANSTALK—MONDAY 9TH JANUARY

On Monday, M&M Theatrical Productions brought the story of Jack and the Beanstalk to life as we enjoyed a fantastic pantomime. We clapped, sang and danced our way through the performance - well done to Daisy and Theo for being superstar dancers.

Once again, thank you to Friends of St Joseph's for paying for this fantastic event.



CLASS PHOTOS



Class photos will be taken on Tuesday 17th 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.

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

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Father,
I treasure my wonderful friends so much.
Thank you for their presence in my life.
I ask that you watch over them and lead them
into hope and blessing.
I trust that you will protect and hold them when
life is hard.
Lord, help me to be a good friend.
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

On Monday in our Collective Worship, the children listened to the story of Jesus' Baptism by John the Baptist. The children were also invited to reflect on their baptisms and to find out about it.

This linked in to Year One's RE work on baptism. When I went into Year 1 on Tuesday, it was lovely to see all the special items that the children had brought in from their baptisms. The children were so excited to tell me all about them!

SHARED COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Many of our classes led Collective Worship for Holy Name and SS Peter & Paul's this week. The theme was Friendship, the children did a brilliantly, preparing and leading the worships for the other schools - well done!

STATEMENT OF THE WEEK

This week, the children thought about the statement: *I know that we are happiest when we are united.* The children discussed what they thought this meant and then listened to a reading from the Book of Acts to find out how the early Christians led a united life.

Lent Activities

27th January - Bun Sale - Rec and KS1 children should bring in buns to sell for charity. KS1 and KS2 children can purchase buns for 50p each.

21st February—Pancake Day

22nd February—Ash Wednesday Mass

28th February—Toast Tuesday

3rd March - Faith Lunch

7th March —Toast Tuesday

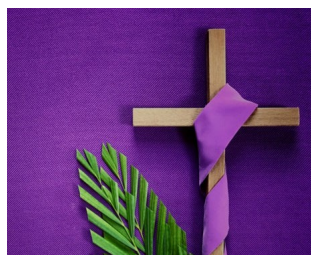
14th March —Toast Tuesday

21st March —Toast Tuesday

28th March —Toast Tuesday

31st March - End of Term Mass

31st March - Easter Egg Raffle



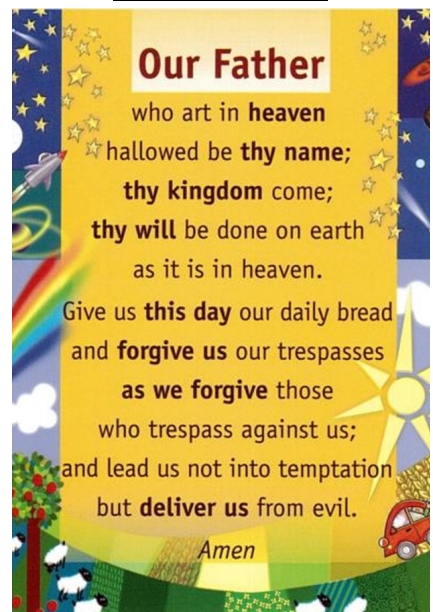
Prayer of the Week

Our Father

who art in **heaven**
hallowed be **thy name**;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.

Give us **this day** our daily bread
and **forgive us** our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but **deliver us** from evil.

Amen



CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

We've had another fantastic week in Reception. This week we have been learning all about life in the Arctic. We have been reading a non-fiction book and have learnt lots of new vocabulary such as Inuit, igloo and walrus. One of the most exciting things we learned about was husky dog sledding. We know that cars aren't very good at driving on ice and snow so instead people who live in the Arctic sometimes travel on sleighs with a team of dogs pulling them. We have a huge husky dog in our class now and we worked together to build a sleigh for him to pull. We all wrote down our ideas for a name for him and we have decided on Rusty Husky Dog.

In Maths, we have been looking at squares and rectangles. We have been on a shape hunt to find squares and rectangles around school. Try finding more squares and rectangles whilst you are out and about this weekend. We know that they both have 4 sides and 4 corners but squares have equal length sides and rectangles have two sides of equal length.

In RE, we heard the story of Jesus calling the first four disciples. We know that Jesus chose friends to help him. We have thought about what it means to be a good friend. We know to share our toys, be kind and give hugs to the people we love.

We loved the pantomime on Monday and couldn't stop talking about how funny it was.

YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE, we have been learning about Baptism. We enjoyed sharing some of the symbolic items we wore or were given at our own baptism (thanks to parents for these, they were wonderful). We reflected on why Catholics and other Christians are baptised (to welcome them into God's family and to show that they belong to Christ).

In Maths, we have been learning how to use a number line to help us with subtraction. We know we must begin the calculation from the biggest number and the number of jumps is what we are taking away.

This week in Art, we finished our printing work inspired by the Cubist and Surrealist artist Paul Klee. We used a mixture of bold and pastel colours with sponges and hand prints for our hall display.

We have continued with our story about the Robin in *Coming Home* in English and thought of lots of adjectives to describe the main character. We have also been story mapping the main events, ensuring we have ordered them correctly.

In ICT, we have been using the laptops to log on and use the *Paintz* program. This week, we have been familiarising ourselves with the keyboard and have practised typing our names in a text box and experimenting with different fonts, colours and text size.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have continued to learn about the properties of shapes. We have learnt what vertices are and how to count them. We found out that if a 2D shape has 6 sides then it will also have 6 vertices. We worked extremely hard to practise drawing 2D shapes on squared paper. We had to count the squares carefully and keep our rulers steady to help us. We also looked vertical and horizontal lines of symmetry and practised completing shapes so that they were symmetrical.

This week in English, we have been thinking about improving adjectives. First of all we took 4 words which were synonyms for the word scared. We then discussed how we can order them thinking about their intensity. After that, we took a word wheel and placed 4 different adjectives in the middle. We then used a thesaurus to help improve each of the words.

As part of our RE work, we learnt about Jesus as a young boy and how Mary and Joseph thought he was lost. Jesus had been talking to the religious leaders in the temple. We gave a lot of thought about how Mary and Joseph might have felt when they did not know where Jesus was and how they felt when he was found.

In Geography, we started our new topic about Map Makers. We discussed the different types of maps we can use and then learnt about using directional language we can use to move around. We then drew our own pirate treasure maps and gave instructions of how to get to different areas on the map.

YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, Year 3 have been continuing to enjoy our class text 'Leon and the Place Between' using this as inspiration to create some brilliant figurative noun phrases. Then, using the pictures and the text from the book, we thought how the main character was feeling at various parts of the story and plotted these on an 'emotions graph'.

In Maths, the children have continued looking at multiplication and division. We have started to look at the 3 and 4 times tables and used our knowledge of arrays to help us to write multiplication and division facts.

In History, after looking in depth at the different periods of the Stone Age, we moved on to the Bronze Age. We learnt that bronze is an alloy and the two metals that are mixed together to make it. We then thought about how the introduction of bronze would have changed daily life.

In Music, the children have been perfecting their ukulele playing skills and are becoming confident musicians.

YEAR 4 NEWS

In English this week, the children enjoyed writing their Boudicca biographies and have done a super job remembering to include: an introduction, sub-headings, fronted adverbials, a rhetorical question and, of course, lots of interesting facts. Well done to all of the children. Our English work has linked well into our History lesson this week where we were looking at different sources about Boudicca to see if they were from a Roman point of view or a Celtic point of view.

In Maths, we have been practising multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. The children have looked at different representations of these calculations to help them understand what is happening.

In Art, we looked at the work of Sonia Delaunay who was an artist from Ukraine in the early 1900s influenced by Van Gogh, Rousseau and Matisse. The children looked at her paintings and thought about what sort of person she might be.

This week, we thought about the importance of the Mass for Catholics. Using the questions the children had thought of, we interviewed Miss Choma, Mrs Russell and a pupil from Year 6 to find out what they thought.

YEAR 5 NEWS

At the beginning of this week, Year 5 had the opportunity to go to St. Mary's Highschool for a Be Creative day. They all had the chance to experience the different vocational studies of the arts that the school has to offer. The children had a fun filled morning, taking part in different drama and music activities, having a go at recreating some of David Hockney's art work using water colours and, lastly, they worked in groups to design and build the tallest tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows. The children had a fantastic time!

In English this week, we have continued to look at 'The Listener's' poem by Walter de la Mare, in particular the structure of the poem and the individual stanzas. They have used their retrieval and inference skills to answer questions about the poem as well as creating their own stanza to predict what might happen next.

Within RE this week and as part of our new topic 'Inspirational People', the children have been learning about discipleship. Firstly, they all created a lovely piece of artwork about what love means to them and followed this with making links to the bible. They looked at different bible quotes and made inferences about what different types of love were being shown and Jesus loved.

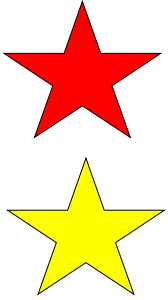
YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have been working on multiplying and dividing fractions by integers. We represented these calculations using pictorial drawings which helped us to understand the maths.

In English, we analysed the main body of a complaint letter and looked at how we could write an introduction and conclusion based on it. We worked together as a class to model a good plan and then worked with our partners to create the introduction and conclusion. On Thursday and Friday, we had a go at writing some parts of another letter about a dirty restaurant. We will be writing our own letters next week – we are full of ideas!

During RE, we looked at the inspirational person, Malala Yousafzai. We learnt about her work for justice and how she wasn't afraid to stand up for what she believed – the right to education for all. We created posters about her work and her campaign for justice.

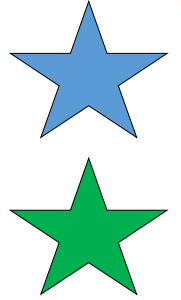
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

ESME (YR), LENNY (Y1), MARTHA (Y2)
SOFIA (Y3), JAKE (Y4), OLIVE (Y5), PHOEBE (Y6)

RE AWARD

AVA (YR), STAS (Y1), EVIE (Y2)
GABRIEL (Y3), JAKY (Y4), MOLLY (Y5), KIRSTY (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

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Leeds Rhinos 4 Day Multi Sport @Prince Henry's High

School, Otley

All 4 Days for just £20

Dear School,

Leeds Rhinos Foundation is delighted to be running a **4 day** multi sports camp during the February Half Term.

The camps will take place at Wetherby High School and is aimed at children aged 7-14.

We have 100 places available at each camp and these will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

Children must live in an **LS18, LS19 or LS21** postcode to attend

The camp will be held at:

- **Prince Henry's High School – Monday 13th February – Thursday 16th February 10am – 3pm**

Headed by highly qualified coaches, who carry National Governing Body coaching qualifications and hold a valid DBS and safeguarding check the camp provides a safe, fun and engaging environment for children to succeed.

We are restricting number on camp to 100 places per camp and this will be on a first come, first served basis. Please be aware that demand will be high.

To book your child's place on the camp please visit **tickets.therhinos.co.uk** or call the Leeds Rhinos Ticket Line on **0371 423 1315 (Please note a £1.50 booking fee applies)**

Please note booking opens 10am Monday 6th January

We look forward to seeing you!

Leeds Rhinos Foundation]

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