

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th July 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

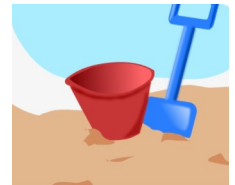
Hi everyone,

Another fabulous week in school – one more week to go! I can't believe a year has gone by. There is no respite at St Joseph's; we still have sports matches next week, Scarborough, the Y6 Leavers Mass and Leavers Party and the end of year Mass and picnic. Phew! Good news – you can have six weeks off after Friday!

There has been some great work in school this week, especially in Y2 who have been making vehicles to transport animals – they were awesome! Yesterday, I enjoyed reading a story to YR and a lovely time outdoors with YR after assembly today. They can certainly move on those bikes!

Have a lovely weekend; relax and enjoy. I can't wait for Wednesday! The weather forecast is good. Get your buckets and spades ready.

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



SCHOOL UNIFORM

On Friday, Miss Choma announced there will be a small change to uniform during the final week of school. See table below.

Monday 17 th July	Tuesday 18 th July	Wednesday 19 th July	Thursday 20 th July	Friday 21 st July
Uniform as normal	Uniform as normal	Scarborough Trip – see previous letter for more information	To celebrate the start of Ladies Football World Cup, children are invited to wear clothes suitable for sports wear.	Smart, casual clothes to celebrate our final day of school. Clothes must be suitable for Whole School Mass.

SPORTS

KS2 Girls Football

On Monday, 10 girls from years 3,4 and 6 took part in the Gregory the Great Year 6 Girls' football tournament at Kirkstall Goals. Competing against many other Catholic primary schools from across Leeds, the girls did fantastically well - winning their group in the morning and going on to finish 3rd overall in the whole competition. They represented St. Joseph's impeccably: showing sporting qualities and excellent behaviour throughout. Thank you to Mrs Kealey for taking the children.

Y2 Girls Football

Well done to all the girls who took part in the football match on Tuesday at Ss Peter & Paul's School. Unfortunately, the girls didn't win but they showed great determination and lots of potential. They also scored a brilliant team goal.

Y6 Football Matches

On Monday, we have our last sporting event of the year when our Year 6 girls and boys football teams will be playing Otley All Saints. Unfortunately, The Whartons are now unable to participate so the boys match will take place at our school on the field and the girls match will take place at Otley All Saints. Both matches will now aim to be finished at 4:30.

Sports Kit

Please can all school sports kit be returned before the end of term. Thank you!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 17th July - Y5/Y6 Football Match at The Whartons
- 18th July - Y6 Mass
- 19th July - Scarborough Trip
- 20th July - Y6 Party
- 21st July - End of Year Mass and Picnic

OTLEY CAR THEFTS

We have been advised by a parent that there have been a number of car thefts on Cross Pipes Car Park. Please be vigilant and keep your property as safe as possible. Thank you.



WOODWIND PERFORMANCE



Well done to our Woodwind Musicians who performed an end-of-year song during a special Tuesday afternoon performance. We are so proud of the progress the children have made.

A big thank you to Mrs Kenwood, and all the music teachers for their expertise and teaching throughout the year. It is not too late for children to sign up for lessons for next academic year.



TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

On Friday, the children had the opportunity to visit their new classrooms and meet their teachers and teaching assistants for the next academic year.

The children took part in 'getting to know you' activities and prepared some beautiful work ready for next year. We know that all the staff are really excited to get to know their new classes and create some amazing memories with them.

Y6 PRODUCTION - THE WIZARD OF OZ



Well done to all the Y6 children who performed 'The Wizard of Oz' on Tuesday night.

They sang proudly, acted brilliantly and performed with passion - we were all very proud of you.

Thank you to all of the parents who helped with props, scenery and for providing the amazing costumes.

Finally, well done to Miss Dowd, Mrs Kealey and Mrs Shakespeare for all their hard work.



AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS



There will be no afterschool clubs on the week beginning the 17th July.

A special thank you to all the staff members who have given up their time to run fun clubs for the children throughout the year.



PARENTPAY

Please can all parents/carers check their Parent Pay account and make any outstanding payments.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Many thanks.

DATA COLLECTION UPDATES



Do you receive emails and texts from Teachers2Parents?

Have you moved address in the last 12 months?

It is vitally important that we have up to date contact details for your child - including a second emergency contact.



Please contact Miss Wilkinson via the office@stjosephsotley.org if you would like to update any information.

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

May we make our summer a time of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and holidays.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

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

In our final Friday Collective Worship of the year, we reflected on the virtues that we have focused on throughout the year through looking at the Women's Football World Cup and thinking about the virtues that they have shown.

Our virtues this year have been: love of learning, citizenship, prayer, generosity, friendship, love of neighbour, compassion, self-control, confidence, trust, courage and wisdom.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

This week, we continued to look at the virtue of wisdom and started our worship by thinking about the story of The Three Little Pigs. We thought about which pig we thought showed wisdom and then linked this to the Parable of the House on the Rocks. In this parable, Jesus teaches us about how we need to be wise and use His messages to live our lives in a better way.

Y4 CLASS MASS

Thank you to everyone who came to our Class Mass today - Father Lawrie's last Class Mass! Thank you to Father Lawrie for leading us in our worship, we shall miss you.

Our theme of our Mass was Thanking God for our communities and all the people who work so hard to try to make our lives better. Thank you to everyone this year who has supported and helped our school and parish community this year.

At the end of the Mass, we read this poem:

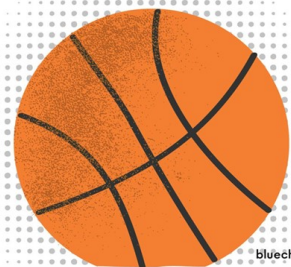
Everyday Heroes

Here's to the everyday heroes,
The volunteers who do what they can,
To ease the suffering of others,
And be of service to their fellow man.

May they know the true satisfaction
That comes from helping others
Less fortunate than themselves,
But no less their sisters and brothers.
May they feel the gratitude in our hearts
For all of the good that they've done.
The appreciation that we all feel for them
Is truly second to none.

I CAN DO
ALL THINGS
THROUGH CHRIST
*** WHO GIVES ME ***
STRENGTH.

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PRAYER FOR THE FEAST

OF ST DOMINIC

May God the Father, who made us, bless us
May God the Son, who redeemed us, send healing into our midst



May God the Holy Spirit, who gives us life, move within us
May God give us eyes to see to God, ears to hear God, and hands to bring God's work into the world
May we walk with God and preach the word of God to all
May the angel of peace watch over us and lead us to the eternal kingdom

CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

This week, we have been reading 'Pirate Pete' by Nick Sharrat. We drew pictures of the main character and the setting. We wrote some super sentences about Pete and the ship that he sails on. Halle wrote, 'He has a big pirate ship that sails to the land.'

We have also been writing a shopping list for our picnic with our Buddies. This will take place on Monday 17th July. We have invited the children to bring in one teddy bear each for this event. Food will be supplied.

In Maths, we have been doing some super problem solving. The children had to put the different animals into the boat and work out how many legs there were altogether. They explored different combinations of animals to make different amounts.

In Art, we learnt about Henri Matisse. We looked at his work based on 'The Snail'. We discussed what we liked about his work and how it made us feel. We then did our own Matisse inspired artwork.

YEAR 1 NEWS

In English this week, we have completed a piece of big writing called 'Something Fishy.' We watched a short film about a girl who notices something strange in her washing machine. She climbs in to investigate...

We have begun to learn to simple greetings in French this week. We have learnt how to ask how somebody is feeling? (Ça va?) and how to reply... (Ça va bien or Ça va mal or if they're just ok it's Comme ce comme ça. We enjoyed practising these expressions with one another and completed a greetings puzzle.

In Maths this week, we have been learning how to find $\frac{1}{4}$ of a number. We know that this means dividing the number by four which is tricky. We know we can do this by finding a half and halving again. We used lots of practical resources to help us with this.

In RE/PSHE as part of our unit on RSE we have been learning about how we are all created and loved by God. We tried to reflect on what made us important to God and what the Kingdom of heaven is like. We thought about why God created us and what makes us special and different from others.

In DT, we have continued our unit making moving pictures using lots of different mechanisms.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we have enjoyed planning our Mr Benn adventure stories; we have thought of some great costume ideas and have thought carefully about the problems and solutions for our adventures. We then started our stories at 52 Festive Road, with Mr Benn deciding to go on an adventure and heading to the Fancy Dress Shop.

In Maths, we have been learning about how to record information in tables and how we can present the same information in tally charts and block diagrams. We then used the information to answer questions using our arithmetic skills.

As part of our DT topic, we made our vehicles designed to transport animals. We had to do some careful measuring to create a viewing area and include bars so that the animal does not escape. We also had to measure carefully so that our axle was the correct width for our vehicles.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In Maths, the children have been identifying horizontal and vertical lines, as well as perpendicular and parallel lines. They have learnt to recognise each of these and how to draw them accurately. We also discussed where we might find examples of each of these lines in the world around us.

In English, the children have started to write their own cautionary tales, inspired by our class text. They have worked really hard to select relevant vocabulary and rhyming words and incorporate these into a poem using rhyming couplets.

In Computing, the children created their own maze games this week. They started by programming their sprite to move in four different directions and before ensure their sprite could move through a maze successfully without touching the lines. It was great to see so many of the children working methodically to fix the bugs in their programs.

This week in RE, we have looked at the importance of prayer: how to prepare for prayer, different types of prayer and different positions in prayer. Over the last three weeks we have planned and led Collective Worship in KS1. Well done Year 3.

YEAR 4 NEWS

This week, we finished our final Maths topic of the year which has been shape. The children have looked at the different types of quadrilaterals, classifying polygons, finding lines of symmetry and making symmetrical patterns. I was very impressed with the creativity and the complexity of some of patterns that the children designed!

In English, we have been busy reading our class book - we've got one chapter left! In our book, it says that everyone has a story to tell so the children have started writing their own stories and enjoyed choosing what it could be about.

As part of our Collective Worship, we reflected on our memories from this year. Some of the children's favourite memories have been: First Holy Communion, the skipping festival, swimming lessons, cricket and football matches, non-uniform days, the school disco, Sports Day and the children are looking forward to making happy memories at the beach on Wednesday.

Well done to all of Year 4 this year for their hard work and for being a wonderful class to teach. I am sure that they will all continue to flourish next year with Miss Grant. We hope you all have a wonderful summer.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths, the children have been looking at converting units of measurements. They were able to use resources such as number lines and bar models to identify the conversion equivalence. We also applied this knowledge to concepts of measurements they see and use in the world around them.

In English, we have continued to read our class novel 'Clockwork', focusing on Fritz's story and summarising key points and events that occurred. They were able to highlight key words and included fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to add detail.

In Science, we were following on from last weeks lessons focusing in animals, habitats and living things. The children furthered their understanding of how animals reproduce and investigating how animals within different classification groups care for their offspring. We used Carroll diagram to compare and find similarities of how these animals reproduce.

YEAR 6 NEWS

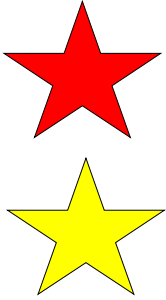
In English, we were given the opportunity to do a free write about anything we wanted. We had a range of writing styles and genres, from: a teenage diary, rugby facts, a western story, a story inspired by the Hunger games, football facts. As we were given freedom to free write, we really enjoyed using our imaginations and sharing our well-known topics.

On Tuesday, we had our final performance of 'The Wizard of Oz'. We loved showing all the people who came to watch us our amazing singing and acting skills. Thank you for coming to see it and providing the costumes - everyone looked great!

Some of the children visited Prince Henry's for three days for their transition visit. They enjoyed taking part in lots of different lessons, including: Science, Maths, PE and English.



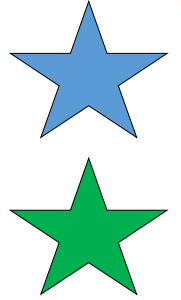
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

CONNOR AND JONNY (YR), LILLIE AND WALTER (Y1),
PIPER AND ALEXANDER (Y2), SAM AND JOEY (Y3),
ALL OF Y4 (Y4), AUSTIN (Y5), ALL OF Y6 (Y6)



MATHS AWARD

WILLOW (YR), JUDE (Y1), BRODIE (Y2),
BEAU AND DOUGLAS (Y3), JAKE (Y4), STEFAN (Y5), WILL (Y6)



VIRTUE AWARD

LOGAN (YR), LUNA (Y1), BEATRICE (Y2),
JUDE (Y3), ANNA (Y4), FINN (Y5), ANITA (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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MON 14 AUG	Farnley Farnley Hall Park, Hall Lane, LS12 5HA	THU 17 AUG	Bramhope West Park RUFC, The Sycamores, LS16 9JR	TUE 22 AUG	East End Park East End Park, LS9 9NG		

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