

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th September 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

I can't believe we are already at the end of Week 2. The children are settling well into their new classes and working hard. The staff have been singing the children's praises - well done everyone. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any worries or concerns. It is important that we work together to ensure your child/ren have the best care and experience at St Joseph's.

Reception Class: It has been a very special week as we welcomed Reception Class to the St Joseph's Family. They have been amazing! I know Mrs Dalton, Mrs Hart and Mrs Tremlett are very proud of how well they have come into school each day and how quickly they are picking up the new, daily routines. I am very proud of all the children – I know we are going to have a fabulous time together as we welcome them at the start of an exciting journey at St Joseph's.

Zones of Regulation: I hope you have all had the opportunity to read the material sent home on the SJO Zones. We hope this is something you can use at home with your child/ren and yourself.

Miss Chappel – congratulations to Miss Chappel who is expecting her second baby in December; she will be starting her maternity leave at the beginning of December.

Donut Sale – thanks to FOSJ for a very successful donut sale. Donuts were enjoyed by all.

Reminders:

Punctuality: well done for another great week to all the children who have arrived on time! Remember gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am. It's important the children are on time for the start of the school day, so they do not miss out on morning tasks/daily information.

Parking

I have noticed a number of parents pulling up outside school to drop children off. Parents/Carers must use designated carparks (Westgate and Beach Hill). Badges are available from the office. The road leading to school, outside the Parish Centre and Otley Clinic are not to be used as parking for **parents or family** members who are dropping off or picking children up.

Labelled Clothing

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled. We have lots of lost property without names. Clothes are not cheap!

Have a wonderful weekend together. Recharge your batteries ready for a busy week at school.

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 20th September - Curriculum Evenings
- 20th September - Mini Vinnie Induction
- 20th—21st September - Y6 Residential
- 20th September - FOSJ Rainbow Non-Uniform Day
- 28th September - Mini Vinnie Mass
- 29th September - Individual Photographs
- 30th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 6th October - Flu Vaccinations
- 7th October - CAFOD Harvest Family Fast
- 7th October - FOSJ Draw Rainbow Raffle



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS

AGM

Thank you to those who joined the AGM on Wednesday.

The newly elected team are as follows:

Chair	Vice Chair	Junior Vice Chair	Treasurer	Secretary	Teacher Rep
Lou Wordie	Laura Teahan	Helen Costello	Tom Hatley	Suzi Help	Mrs Harvey

RAINBOW NON-UNIFORM DAY

On Tuesday 20th September, we are inviting all children to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation in the colour of your class.

Raffle tickets will be sent home on Wednesday 21st September.

The prize draw will take place on Friday 7th October.

DOUGHNUT SALE

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased a doughnut at our Doughnut Sales this week.

We will let you know how much was raised in next week's newsletter.



RECEPTION – RED

YEAR 1 – ORANGE

YEAR 2 – YELLOW

YEAR 3 – GREEN

YEAR 4 – BLUE

YEAR 5 – PINK

YEAR 6 – PURPLE



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 29th September to take the children's individual photographs.



NUT FREE SCHOOL

Polite reminder that due to allergies, St Joseph's is a nut free school. Unfortunately, if your child is found with a nut, the product will have to be confiscated.

BREAK TIME SNACKS

Additionally, please note that children should only be bringing fruit as a snack at playtimes. We are currently seeing an assortment of inappropriate snacks on the playground. If your child brings something other than fruit, we will ask them to put it back in their bag to take home. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The nasal influenza vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception -Year 6. If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school on Thursday 6th October please follow this link to complete an online consent form;

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=139355&Type=FLU>

The link will close on 19th September. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397 (option 7 ext 2)

SPORT

Cross Country Update

This week, I received an email with the dates so far for the cross country league which are as follows:

RACE 1: Saturday 1st October 10am at Middleton Park

RACE 2: Saturday 15th October 10am at Wharfe Meadows

RACE 3: Saturday 19th November (time & venue TBC)

RACE 4 & RACE 5: TBC

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of love,

We thank you for the life of The Queen,
for her service to our nation, and for her faith in you.

Be close to all of us who mourn, that we may find comfort and hope in your love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

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>



VIRTUE - LOVE FOR LEARNING

On Monday morning, all the children gathered to listen to Sunday's Gospel which was taken from Luke's Gospel, chapter 15. It was The Parable of The Lost Coin and The Lost Sheep. We started by looking for the Lost Coins hidden around the hall and then thought about how we felt when we lost things and how we felt when we found them. We then thought about the actual meaning of the parables and that sometimes we get lost when we make the wrong choices but that God will look for us and celebrate when we are found again as he loves us so much. Together we said this prayer:

God our Father,
Thank you for loving me so much.
Help me to try my best to love and be kind to the people around me.
When I make a mistake, help me to be brave enough to say sorry.
I know you are so proud of me when I make a fresh start.
Help me to follow you always.
Amen.

CAFOD ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, the children watched the live CAFOD National Assembly which had "Brighten Up" as its theme. You can find more information here—<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Harvest-resources-children>

FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

This morning's assembly had the theme of: Democracy. We talked about what a democracy is and how we elect our leaders in this country. In school, all of the children have put democracy into action over the past two weeks by electing their school councillors and this morning we found out who had been elected. Congratulations to the following children:

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TREASURER	CHAIR/ SECRETARY
Poppy Fred	Piper Noah	Sofia Joseph H	Alice Clovis	Molly Archie	Phoebe Logan	Oscar	Eva

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This will take place on Friday 30th September.

CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

A huge welcome to our new Reception class! We are so proud of all the Reception class who have made an excellent start to life at St Joseph's. We have really enjoyed spending the first few days getting to know each other and learning the new routines.

This week, we have done lots of circle time games to help learn everyone's names. We have talked about our families and what we like to do. We also learnt about the different areas of the classroom and the different activities that we can do.

On Tuesday, some of the children were able to enjoy their first music lesson with Mrs James. We learnt some new songs and enjoyed playing with some different instruments, including the drum and the wooden beaters.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths, we have started with our new topic of place value. We began the week with lots of practical resources by sorting different objects by shape, colour and size. We then moved on to counting objects by using ten frames which help us to develop our number sense.

In English, we have been thinking about our feelings and the things that make us happy or sad. Heidi's sentence was lovely, she wrote that playing with her dog, Teddy makes her feel happy.

During our RE lesson, we thought about our wonderful world- the lakes, mountains, rivers, flowers and trees and pondered just how God had created all the beautiful things in our world. We wrote sentences about the kinds of questions we would ask God if we had the chance.

We started a new unit this week in Topic all about the history of toys. We brought some of our favourite toys in to school and shared with the class what they meant to us. We thought about how different they may have been in comparison to our parent's and grandparents' toys.

YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have yet again been working very hard!

In Maths this week, we have been learning about place value charts. We have been using them to help us see how many tens and ones a number has. We have used base 10 and written numerals on the place value charts to help us find similarities and differences of the representations.

As part of our English work, we have been focussing on different sentence types. We have sorted sentences into statements, questions and exclamations and have written some of our own examples. We have also worked hard to answer questions about a text using our different comprehension skills.

We all enjoyed our Art lesson this week which focussed on repeating patterns. We dipped everyday objects into paint to create our repeating patterns. They look great on our classroom windows.

In RE, we discussed how we have been chosen by God. We thought carefully about how we can show that we know how to live as Jesus did. We decided that we can help each other, be kind, and even keep our rooms tidy!

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YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we looked at *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* by Michael Morpurgo. We listened to the soundtrack of the story before looking at the front cover image and used role play to predict how characters may react to events.

In Maths, we represented numbers to 100 and then 1000, thinking about all the different resources we could use to show numbers. We then partitioned numbers, first looking at tens and ones then looking at other ways we could split them.

In RE, we began our 'The Christian Family' unit. We thought about how special our own family is, creating a family tree for our display.

In Science, we began our unit on 'Rocks and Soils'. We looked at where rocks come from and what they are made of. We discussed the differences between naturally occurring rocks and man-made objects and identified uses for both.

In Topic, we began our 'Investigating Our Local Area' unit. We first located our country then our town on a map and discussed the eight points of a compass. We then looked at a map of our local area and practised giving directions to follow a route.

YEAR 4 NEWS

After reading the start of *The Iron Man* this week, we realised that the arm we found in the playground last week may actually belong to *The Iron Man*! As well as reading *The Iron Man*, the children have also written their own similes to describe *The Iron Man* and have used Thesauruses to find synonyms.

In Maths this week, the children have continued to look at place value and have been reading, writing, representing and partitioning numbers to 10,000 using base ten and counters to help them.

On Monday, the children started our Geography topic which is 'Our European Neighbours'. In our first lesson, we identified the seven continents and located Europe on a map.

This half term, Year 4 are really lucky and have Miss Jones teaching us PE focusing on netball on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Jones is a teacher from PHGS who is covering Mrs Fenton-Green whilst she is on maternity leave. Miss Jones has been really impressed with the children's behaviour, knowledge and skill level. This week, we focused on the three different passes in netball: chest pass, bounce pass and overhead pass. We have also learnt that there are a lot of words beginning with the letter 'C' that are really important in PE: CONCENTRATION, CO-OPERATION, COMMUNICATION & CO-ORDINATION.

YEAR 5 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have started our new topic of place value. The children have extended their prior knowledge and understanding of Roman numerals by being able to work out dates and calculate sums and then converting them back to ordinary numbers. They have also been looking at numbers to 10,000, 100,000 and 1,000,000, using place value grids to help them.

In English, the children were incredibly excited to begin our work focused on the story and video of 'The Lost Thing' which the children were first introduced to on their transition day in year 4 where they made predictions. This week in particular, the children have been looking at using synonyms to uplevel different adjectives, using subordinating clauses at the beginning of their sentences as well as generating instructions on how to care for 'The Lost Thing' using modal verbs.

Year 5 have been very creative in RE this week. Our first topic that we are looking at is *The Creation*. The children have specifically looked at the stories Genesis 1 and 2, finding differences and similarities of the two, along with creating a story board with illustrations that show the events that took place during *The Creation* over the six days.

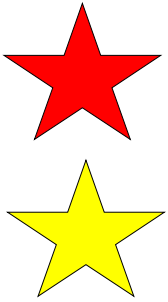
YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we continued to develop our place value skills—to the power of 10. Also, we have started to improve our arithmetic skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In English, we reflected on the life of Queen Elizabeth II from her time being a child to the end of her reign. For our writing task, we have started to write a biography about her life. We began by looking at a model text of a biography and identifying the linguistic and text features which we used to help us write our own.

During RE, we explored different Bible stories where the disciples were called to serve. Thinking about our lives, we created shields to display how we serve God and others and then we wrote a reflection on these and included Bible readings.

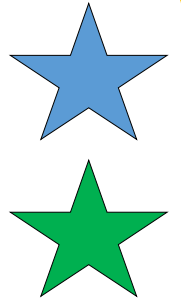
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



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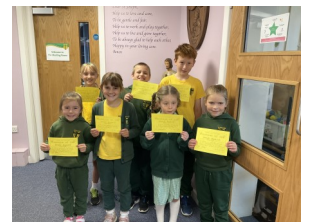
ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

EVIE (Y1), ROSE (Y2), EVIE (Y2),
CAITLIN (Y3), ALICE (Y4), NOAH (Y5), SAM (Y6)



MATHS AWARD

HEIDI (Y1), JACK (Y2), SAM (Y3),
ALEX (Y4), BLONDIE (Y5), AMELIA (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

Is your child starting Year 6?

It's time to think about secondary school!



You can apply online until
31 October 2022 for a Year 7 place
in **September 2023**

Before you apply, find out more at
www.leeds.gov.uk/apply

- Learn about the admissions process
- Research schools so you can list your 5 preferences
- Read each school's admissions policy
- Understand where your child might be offered a place
- Check if your home address gives you priority

If you still have questions... join our Q&A sessions
on social media in September and October



Call us on
0113 222 4414

Watch our quick
guide to school
admissions



Autumn Term



Autumn Term Events 2022

Wednesday 14 th September	FOSJ AGM	All welcome. Venue TBC
Thursday 15 th September	Doughnut Sale	Doughnuts for sale at pick up 3-3.30pm. Cash and Card (inc. Apple payment) accepted. After school Club children will need money sent into school please, so they can still buy a doughnut.
Tuesday 20 th September	Rainbow Non-Uniform Day	Children to wear non- uniform in exchange for a donation in the colour of your class
Friday 7 th October	Rainbow Raffle Draw	Tickets for Rainbow Raffle Hampers will be sent home in book bags on Monday 26 th September. All entries to be sent in by Thursday 6 th October. Winners announced in assembly on Friday 7 th October.
Thursday 20 th October	Pumpkin Pick up	3.15pm onwards enjoy picking a pumpkin from our Pumpkin Pickup truck. Gingerbread and Hot Chocolate will be available. Cash and card accepted.
Friday 18 th November	Christmas Wreath Workshop	7pm in the school hall. Christmas Wreath Workshop including refreshments



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Friday 25 th November	World Cup Live England v USA	Live streaming of the World Cup football match. Pizza and Beer available. Cash and card accepted
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Disco	Key Stage 1: 3.30pm – 4.20pm Key Stage 2: 4.40-5.30pm
Saturday 10 th December	Winter Wonderland	10am – 2pm School Hall
ALL YEAR	Nearly New Uniform Collection Bin	FOSJ Nearly New Uniform collection bins will be situated on the playground all year round. Please deposit uniform into these bins at pick up.



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