

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th March 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

It has been a busy week – the children have been very busy with spring term assessments. They have worked very hard and concentrated well. We are very proud of them. The results will be shared with parents/carers at the parent consultation evenings and a letter will be emailed with your child/ren's attainment and effort grade. Well done.

I have seen some super writing from Leonard and Sophie, YR and Lucius Y6 who wrote a fabulous, descriptive setting.

### **Reminders:**

**Punctuality:** Remember gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am. It's important the children arrive on time for the start of the school day. For some children, arriving late is unsettling; to ensure the best start and learning behaviour for your child/ren, be punctual. Please be mindful of the neighbours and others when you are waiting outside the Parish Centre/by the path on Westgate - some children are running around, on the embankment or shouting. Your child/ren should wait sensibly with their adult until the gate is open.

**PE Uniform:** I am noticing more and more unsuitable footwear for PE. Children must wear proper sports trainers. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Parking:** The road leading to school, outside the Parish Centre and Otley Clinic is not to be used as parking for parents or family members who are dropping off or picking children up. This presents a danger to the children and their family. An increasing number of parents are parking on the road/pavement to drop off/pick children up. The road has double yellow lines – no parking for a reason. Parents/Carers must use designated carparks (Westgate and Beach Hill which are a 2min walk from school). Badges are available from the office – you can ask for extra badges for family members.

**Happy Mother's Day:** Thank you to all the mothers and special women who are in our lives – for their unconditional love and devotion and for always being there for us. Thank you, Mum.

Have a lovely weekend; enjoy your time together – and make sure you give your Mum/ the special person in your life the best day ever! From all the staff - be safe; be kind and be happy. God Bless

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



We are excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St Joseph's from **Monday 20th March—Wednesday 22nd March in the School Hall from 3:15pm.**

There will be a huge variety of books to look at and to buy! Remember, you can use your £1 World Book Day Tokens against the book fair books, or use them in the local bookshops. And don't forget, the money that is spent on books by children will go towards buying books for our own library!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 20th March - Big Walk and Wheel Week
- 20th March - St Joseph's Day
- 23rd March - Y2 Handball Festival
- w/c 27th March - Holy Week Assemblies
- 27th and 29th March - Parents Evening
- 30th March - Y3/Y4 Rugby Festival
- 31st March - Whole School Mass
- 31st March - Easter Egg Raffle

# NEWS

## PARENTPAY

As we approach the end of term, we would appreciate you looking into these arrears and making payment or calling into the Office to discuss with Miss Wilkinson.



ParentPay

Please ensure outstanding monies are paid before 17th April 2022.

## UNIFORM



Please ensure that ALL uniform is labelled as otherwise it is very hard to ensure that clothes are returned to the rightful owners. We do not have a central lost property. Please check your child's cloakroom for missing items.

## SPORT

### SPORT UPDATE

**Cross Country** - Unfortunately, the cross country was cancelled last weekend due to the weather. It has been re-arranged for **SATURDAY 25TH MARCH** at Woodhouse Grove with races starting **at 1:30pm**. Letters have been sent out today. This is the last cross-country race of the season so it would be great to have lots of people representing our school.



**Skipping** - A massive well done to all of Year 4 who won the skipping festival last week which means they have qualified for the Leeds skipping final on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. They all showed fantastic skills performing all sorts of different skips and worked well as a team cheering each other on. They also performed a skipping dance including scooters, pogo sticks, basketballs, tennis balls and a bounce hopper! One teacher from another school said it was like watching a circus show as they did so many tricks! Thank you to Mr Voller and Mr McCormack for helping to prepare the children and thank you to Mrs Jowett and Mrs Knaggs who came with us.



**We will present the children with their certificates and hopefully perform our skipping dance to parents after our Easter assembly on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.**

## WE NEED YOU FOR OTLEY CARNIVAL

The St Joseph's Carnival Team need your help! To make our entry this year even bigger & better than last year & bring more brilliant skills to the group, please join us for our first meeting on Wednesday 22nd March, at 8.00pm in the upstairs room of the Parish Centre. We'll be discussing ideas for our entry this year and how we're going to organise things.

If you can't make the meeting but would still like to be involved, please let the office know, who will pass on your number to us, and we'll add you to our WhatsApp group.



## OTLEY LITTLE THEATRE ORCHESTRA—LOCAL BAND SEEKS NEW MEMBERS!

Otley Little Theatre Orchestra can trace its history back to the 1930s, providing musical interludes at the Little Theatre in Otley Civic Centre. After the closure of the theatre, the orchestra continued to meet at the St John's Ambulance HQ on Gay Lane and, more recently, at St Joseph's Primary School. The term 'Orchestra' is merely one of tradition, as the group has developed into more of a 'Concert Band' and, whilst it still features stringed instruments, the woodwind section consists of several saxophones alongside clarinets and flutes. Music ranges from Bach to Bernstein, but there is a distinct flavour of musicals, whilst also including a number of well-known 'pop' songs.

The overriding philosophy of the group is not to take things too seriously, and to enjoy themselves with like-minded people, all of whom are very warm and friendly.

Members have joined, and members have left over the years, and the group retains a core of around 12, but is always on the lookout for new players. So, if you already play music and would like to try something different, or have recently picked up an instrument that you have not played for some time, you would be made very welcome.

The group meets from 7-30pm to 9pm every first and third Wednesday's at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Manor Square, Otley and, if you would like more information, or just wish to join us for an evening, please speak to Neil Briggs on 07534 194543, or email [neilbriggs6566@gmail.com](mailto:neilbriggs6566@gmail.com).





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## **Easter Egg Raffle** **St Joseph's Catholic Primary**

We are looking to work with local businesses to collect Easter Egg Donations to use in our school raffle. If you are a local business who would like to make a donation then please get in touch for more information via

email: [office@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:office@stjosephsotley.org)

phone: 01943 463840.

Thank you

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.  
Amen

Numbers 6:24-26

## 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.

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bulletin.html](http://www.olasotley.org/bulletin.html)



## VIRTUES

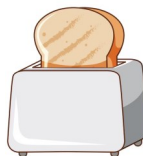
This week, we started looking at our final virtue of this term which is **REFLECTION**. Over the next few weeks, the children will be encouraged to do these things:

- I can sit quietly and think.
- I can be still.
- I can reflect on the beauty of God's world and creation.
- I can reflect on my achievements and what I have done well.
- I can reflect on the good choices I have made.



## TOAST TUESDAYS

The children are continuing to enjoy their toast on Tuesdays. Thank you to Mrs Holmes and Ms Elvidge for preparing it for us this week.



## Y1 ST PATRICK FEAST DAY

On Friday, Y1 enjoyed celebrating St Patrick's Day, the patron saint of Ireland. Y1 learnt all about St Patrick's life and how St Patrick's Day is celebrated around the world. They coloured shamrocks to represent the Holy Trinity. In the afternoon, they made some traditional Irish soda bread and tried their hand at some Irish dancing.



## YEAR 2 COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Thank you to Year 2 who led our collective worship this morning. The theme was Mother's Day. The children shared their wonderful poems that they had written about their mums and also sang a beautiful song saying how much they love their mums.


We wish all mums, grandmas and aunties a very happy Mother's Day and we hope you get the chance to rest.

## Prayer of the Week

### Breastplate of St. Patrick

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

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MOTHER

St. Therese of Lisieux

**As a family with God in our hearts,  
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# CLASS PAGES

## YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, we have continued looking at the book 'The Hundred Decker Bus'. We have loved making up our own decks to add to the bus. This week, we have drawn maps of places the bus might visit and have written a sentence.

In Maths, we have been continuing to learn our number bonds to 10. This is really going to help us with our maths throughout our school life. Please continue to practise this at home. Visual representations help us best. We can sort a group of 10 objects in to two groups and see how many different variations we can make.

We have been thinking about forgiveness in RE. It is quite a hard concept to understand. We know that we should say sorry when we have done something wrong but we have been thinking about how we treat people when they say sorry to us.

We've loved talking about our Mummies ahead of Mother's Day on Sunday. We have made some beautiful pictures of our them using loose parts, drawn pictures of them and painted some beautiful flower pictures too.



## YEAR 1 NEWS

In English, we read some more of our book Emily Brown and the Elephant Emergency. We thought about the main character Emily Brown and how we could describe what we knew about her personality. We also described her feelings in different parts of the story.

In RE, following on from our lesson on The Good Samaritan, we have been thinking about the importance of being a good neighbour and what this entails. We discussed the differences between being a good neighbour at school and a good neighbour globally.

On Friday, we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating St Patrick's Day (also our class saint). We learnt about St Patrick's life and the shamrock and how this relates to the holy trinity. We tried some traditional Irish dancing (tricky but fun). In the afternoon, we enjoyed making soda bread.

In Maths, we have been learning about direction, we are trying to remember our left and right. To help us with this in ICT we had great fun getting the bee bots out and programming them to move forwards, backwards, left and right. We also used the bee bot app on the iPads.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

In maths, we have just started our new topic about measuring length. We have been practising using a rule to measure and draw lines. We know that we need to make sure that we start our measuring from zero and look at the end of the line of object to see what number it reaches.

In English, we have written some beautiful Mother's Day poems. We thought very carefully about the adjectives we could use to describe our mums and we even used some similes too.

In RE, we have been learning about the Sikh place of worship - the Gurdwara. We used technology to scan pictures of different part of the Gurwara and the scanned pictures told us lots of facts. We loved using the i-pads to help us in our learning.

As part of our DT topic about vehicles, we enjoyed investigating different types of vehicles and looked at the different features of each one. We also thought carefully about what the vehicles are used for and who would use them.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

In Computing, the children used an online database tool to arrange objects into a branching database, and created their own questions with yes/no answers to sort the objects within it. Once complete, the children tested each other's databases to show that they worked.



In Maths, the children learnt that perimeter is the distance around the outside of a closed 2-D shape. Using their understanding of the properties of different shapes, the children calculated the perimeter of simple 2-D shapes and explored different strategies for their calculations.

Year 3 have started their new history topic this week about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. We started by using our knowledge of countries of the world to locate Egypt on a world map and discussed the human and physical features. We then discussed a timeline of world history and compared what life was like in Britain when the Ancient Egyptian civilisation started. After discussing the meaning of chronology, we correctly ordered some significant events from this period.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

Our topic in RE this half term is 'Jesus Our Saviour'. This week, we have looked at the events of Maundy Thursday. On Monday, we found out how Jewish people celebrate Passover and what the items were on a Seder Plate using the BBC Bitesize website. Then on Thursday, we looked in detail as to what happened when the apostles celebrated the Passover with Jesus at the Last Supper.

In Maths, we are continuing to look at fractions. So far, we have looked at understanding the whole; partitioning mixed numbers and placing mixed numbers on a number line. Next week, we will start to look at improper fractions.

In History, we have started looking at the Mayan civilisation. We have found out which modern day countries the Mayan people lived in and next week we are going to be archaeologists and see what we can work out about Mayan life looking at different artefacts.

## YEAR 5 NEWS

This week, the children have been doing their assessments. They have worked super hard and should be very proud of themselves. Well done Year 5!

In Geography, we have explored the different settlements in and around the Grand Canyon. We looked at the Havasupai tribe - how they earn money, the environmental conditions they face throughout the year and what crops they can grow. The children then researched three other rural tribal settlements that live within the Grand Canyon, finding out about where the tribes live, the physical geographical features of this land, how many individuals were part of this settlement and much more, in order to create a leaflet.

In RE, the children have been learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We discussed the four stages of Reconciliation - contrition, confession, penance and absolution. The children were able to contextualise these steps from when they have taken part in reconciliation before and used this information to create a poster.

## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have developed our knowledge of finding the mean average. Miss Choma came in and challenged us to find the missing values when we have been given the mean - we aced it! We also looked at volume of shapes. We began by using multilink cubes before using an iPad to find the volume of shape, changing a net into a 3D shape.

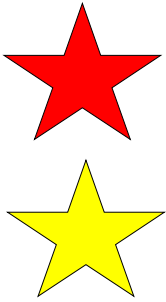
In English, we wrote a setting description based on an image of deforestation. We thought of good adjectives to describe the image and created a shared word bank. We enjoyed using emotive language, adverbs and varied punctuation.

In Science, we began our topic about evolution and inheritance. We discussed adaptation and how animals and plants have adapted to suit their environment.

On Friday, we had Leeds United come in to deliver a PSHE workshop about resilience. This gave us time to reflect on how we can be more resilient in our lives.



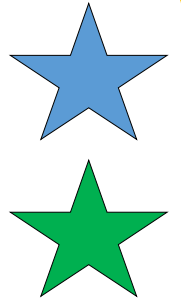
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



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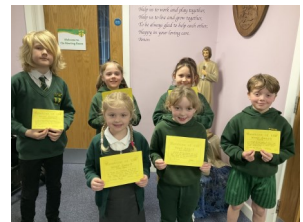
## ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



### SUNSHINE AWARD

ELIZA (YR), THEO (Y1), LEXI (Y2)  
GABRIEL (Y3), MILLIE B (Y4), IYLA (Y5), BLAKE (Y6)



### RE AWARD

WILLIAM S (YR), HEIDI (Y1), WILLIAM R (Y2)  
JOSEPH H (Y3), ANNA (Y4), AMELIA (Y5), ARRON (Y6)



### VIRTUE AWARD

HALLE (YR), CHARLIE (Y1), EVIE (Y2)  
JOEY (Y3), JAMES (Y4), HARRY (Y5), PIPPA (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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or

Thursday 6th April

09.45-12.00

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Children aged 6-9 years

Children will need both dryland clothes and swimwear for the session

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Charles**

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