



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th September 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Another fantastic week in school – the Reception children are settling in nicely to school and are enjoying making new friends. The Year 6 Buddies cannot wait to meet their Reception Buddies next week. Throughout school, there has been lots of hard work and effort this week – well done everyone.

Friday Celebration Assembly – after half term, if your child receives an award, we are hoping, to invite a parent/carer to attend the celebration assembly. We will send out details after half term.

House of the Week – after discussion with the School Council, we have introduced houses. The houses are named after the abbeys: Whitby, Bolton, Rievaulx, and Kirkstall. Each house has children from YR to Y6. The houses will meet for intra-school sports events, Sports Days, special days in school etc. Alongside earning merit points for individual certificates, the children will earn merit points for their house. The house with most points will have an extra play on a Friday.

If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school to discuss or to arrange a meeting.

The sun is shining; have a great weekend and enjoy the time with your family and friends.

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
21st - Photograph Day	1st - Harvest Celebration	5th - Y2 Assembly	9th - Christmas Dinner Day and Jumper Day
24th - Macmillan Coffee Morning	1st - Year 6 Saint Day	10th - Y6 Visit from National Holocaust	10th - Y4 Assembly
25th - LSAA Cross Country League	4th - Year 4 Saint Day	12th - Y6 Assembly	11th - LSAA Cross Country League
28th - Y5/6 Come and Try Net-ball	6th - Flu Immunisation	15th - Anti-Bullying Week	14th - Nativity (TBC)
	8th - Y3 Assembly	16th - KS2 Science Festival	16th - KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties
	14th - KS2 Cross Country Event	17th - KS2 Science Festival	17th - Whole School Mass
	15th - Black History Assembly	18th - Y2 Science Festival	END OF TERM.
	16th - LSAA Cross Country League	19th - Anti-Bullying Assembly	
	18th - Parents Evening	20th - LSAA Cross Country League	
	21st - Parents Evening	25th - EYFS Training Day	
	21st - Show Racism the Red Card	26th - Y5 Assembly	
	22nd - Training Day	29th - YR/6 Height and Weight Measurements	

KEY INFORMATION

Y7 SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2022, you should apply for a place as soon as possible. The deadline to apply is 31st October 2021.

If parents are applying to St Mary's Menston and feel that they should be in a specific category ie Baptised Catholic, then they are required to complete a Supplementary Information Form and provide the required evidence. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Please note that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to complete all forms and supply evidence – reminders will not be sent.



Please see our dedicated page on the school website for more information.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The nasal flu vaccination is available for all children in school.



If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school please follow this link to complete an online consent form; <https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?id=139355&Type=FLU>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school Wednesday 6th October. **The link will close on 20th September.** If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since Sept 2021 please disregard this msg.

If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397 (option 2 ext 3)

OTLEY FESTIVAL OF KINDESS

This will be Otley's first ever Festival of Kindness and it will run for three days from Friday 24th September to Sunday 26th September 2021.

Most activities are bookable but free, and are suitable for all ages, including music, dance, wellness sessions, storytelling, writing workshops, book swaps, crafting, pop-up theatre and a range of speakers from local, national, and international organisations. We are very lucky to be part of such a kind town!

Check out <https://www.visitotley.co.uk/event/festival-of-kindness/> or visit Otley 2030 on Facebook.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT PHGS FOR OLDER CHILDREN & ADULTS

<https://www.princehenrys.co.uk/page/?title=Community+Education+%2D+2021%2F2022&pid=110>

There are 8 languages and a raft of hobbies and wellbeing activities for people to choose from. Most of the courses are accessible to adults and young people **over the age of eleven (Year 7 and above)** and they welcome an increasing number of family groups.

PHOTOGRAPHS



The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 21st September from 8.30 to take the children's individual photographs.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

The Creator has graced each one of us with a God given dignity let us give glory to God: I thank you for the wonder of my being.

We gather together to pray for ourselves – children of God beloved of the Father let us give glory to God: I thank you for the wonder of my being.

We gather together with Jesus our brother. Through Him the whole human race recovers the dignity of the image of God let us give glory to God: I thank you for the wonder of my being.

We gather together with the Holy Spirit, our inspiration and guide let us give glory to God: I thank you for the wonder of my being.

OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

MASS TIMES

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions, Mass times have changed for Our Lady and All Saints Otley.

Please see bulletin for changes to Mass times

[Click here](#)

Please book a place for Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass - [book here](#)

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Thursday, the children watched the live CAFOD National Assembly which had "Go Green" as its theme. It talked about the impact of Climate Change; its effects on people living in poorer communities and about what we can do this country to become greener.

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 - Darcey & Seb

Year 2 - Lucille & Jude

Year 3 - Clover & Henry

Year 4 - Skyla & Finn

Year 5 - Ellie & Zac

Year 6 - Eva & Bede

Chairperson - Rhys (Y6)

Secretary/Treasurer - Ciara (Y6)

VIRTUE - RESPECT AND COURTESY

Our virtue for the first few weeks is respect and courtesy. Over the next few weeks, the children will be thinking and talking about the following statements:

I praise others for their good conduct	I listen to others
I use good manners	I respect and look after my own and other people's belongings
I speak politely to everyone	I respect and follow school and classroom rules
I treat everyone how I would like to be treated	I respect myself and know I deserve respect from others

HARVEST CELEBRATION

On Friday 1st October, we will be having our Harvest Celebration in school. On this day, we are asking children to bring in non-perishable food items so that they can be donated to the Otley Food Bank. We are always overwhelmed with your generosity.

CONFIRMATION

Letters have been sent home today with information about Confirmation this year. The preparation classes will start on Thursday 30th September.

CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

What a lovely week we have had in Reception! The children have continued getting to know each other, whilst playing and learning in the different areas of provision and outside area.

This week, we have painted our own self-portraits. We thought carefully about how we are all different. We used mirrors to look at our features and help us think about what colours we needed to use. The children produced some super work and we can't wait to create a display of all their portraits.

On Thursday, we did our first PE lesson. We observed the difference in our bodies before and after we did exercise. Sammy said, "I can feel my heart beating faster because we have been running around." We enjoyed playing different games such as the traffic light game. The children were all very good at moving according to the instruction given. We also practised traveling around the hall in different ways such as on top toes, on our heels, using big steps and using small steps.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In English, we have enjoyed listening to our new book 'Send For a Superhero.' We were introduced to the two 'baddies' in the story Filth and Vacuum. We shared lots of different adjectives to help us describe their looks and personality and used these to put in our sentences for our 'Wanted' poster.

In Maths, we have been counting objects to ten. We have used lots of practical resources and ten frames to help. We have also enjoyed counting with our Super Movers videos which helps us to learn maths and get our brains ready to learn.

In Science this week, we have been learning about seasonal change, we have thought about the different seasons and how to describe the weather in each one. We thought about the various objects that we associate with each season.

In RE this week, we have been reflecting on the Creation Story, we have watched short clips and sang songs about how God created our wonderful world. We thought about some questions we would like to ask God if we got the chance... such as How did You put the stars in the sky?

In Art. we have been making a St Joseph mosaic. We coloured in pictures of ourselves too, to show that we are all part of the St Joseph's family.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have been partitioning numbers. We have used part whole models with tens and ones counters to make a number and split it into two parts. The children are really beginning to grasp how a number can be partitioned into lots of different ways.

As part of our English work, we have been focusing on different sentence types. We have sorted sentences into statements, questions and exclamations and have written some of our own examples. We have also been thinking about how to describe the characters feeling by using show don't tell.

We all enjoyed our Art lesson this week which focussed on repeating patterns. We used everyday objects into paint to create our repeating patterns.

In Science, we have been learning about how we know if a thing is living, dead or never been alive. We looked at the life processes and then sorted different objects into the three groups.



YEAR 3 NEWS

To introduce our new English topic based around the book 'Cloud Tree Monkeys', we tried blackcurrant and blueberry, lemon and camomile flavoured tea in china cups. Afterwards, we used a variety of synonyms in our writing to describe the smell and taste of the different teas.



In Science, we have started our investigations on rocks. We carefully observed and examined the physical appearance and properties of lots of different types of rocks and shared our ideas. We have started to learn some of the key vocabulary such as igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary.

In Geography, we learnt about lines of latitude and how it affects our climate. We discussed the difference between weather and climate and made some suggestions of the climate in different parts of the world based on their latitude.

In Maths with Miss Chappel, we began our Addition and Subtraction topic by adding together multiples of 100.

YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have been sharing the first chapter of 'The Iron Man' in class. We scanned the text for descriptive phrases and used them to create our own character descriptions, focusing on using expanded noun phrases to open our sentences.

In Maths, we have been focusing on the place value of 4-digit numbers. We have counted in 1000s, used concrete and pictorial representations to show the place value of each digit, and partitioned 4-digit numbers in a variety of ways.

In Science, we discussed definitions of a gas, liquid and solid, and sorted different materials into these three groups. The children found it interesting to discuss materials such as salt, glitter and honey and whether they were liquid or solid.

In RE, we looked at the story of Abraham and the faith he showed in God. The children reflected on how he and Sarah may have felt, and how their story compares to modern day refugees.

In IT, we looked at what the Internet really is, and created our own networks in class. The children took roles as switches and routers to decide what they would allow through the network.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In Year 5 this week, we have started many of our topics in our different subjects including: Art, Geography and Science.

In Art, we are looking at the formal elements of art through architecture and this week the children were practising their observational skills through sketching different houses and really trying to add details.

In Geography this half term, we are finding out about Europe so we started by using Atlases to locate some of the different countries in Europe and finding the capital cities.

In Science, we are studying Space and this week learnt about the evidence that the Earth is spherical and that in the past people believed it to be flat.

In English, we have been learning new grammar terms such as: modal verbs, relative clauses and expanded noun phrases.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have been rounding any number to the nearest 10 million. We explored negative numbers on a number line and we discussed when we use them in our daily lives.

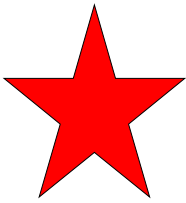
In English, we have continued to discuss the beginning of 'The Arrival'. We wrote a recount about the beginning of the story using intense verbs. We edited our writing to check our spelling, grammar and tense errors. Also, we changed words for our now banned verbs in Y6 – got, went, get, put.

On Friday, we had our first computing lesson. We discussed the importance of search engines and how we can be more specific in our searches using key words. Ciara and Cora wanted to search about monkeys, they typed in – "facts about monkeys for kids". They found lots of results which answered their search and they were appropriate for kids too!



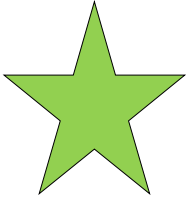
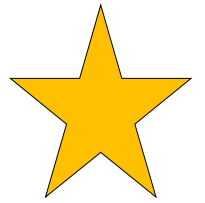


HOUSE OF THE WEEK

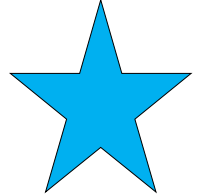


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FOR EARNING THE MOST HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

**WILLIAM (Y1), LUCILLE (Y2), ALEXA (Y3),
AMELIA (Y4), BLAKE (Y5), RHYS (Y6)**



ENGLISH AWARD

**MARTHA AND ELSIE (Y1), MARYSIA (Y2), IAN (Y3)
STEFAN (Y4), ETHAN (Y5), EMILY (Y6)**



SPORTING EVENTS



Upcoming Events

25th September LSAA Cross Country League

28th September Y5/Y6 Come and Try Netball

14th October KS2 Cross Country

16th October LSAA Cross Country League

VACANCIES

For all Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust vacancies, please visit
<https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/trust-vacancies>