

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th February 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

A big well done to everyone for a fantastic start to 2022.

We have an amazing team of pupils, staff and parents who truly embody our school mission statement:

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

I hope everybody has a well deserved break and create some fun memories with family and friends.

I look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday 28th February.**

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



## SPORT UPDATE

Letters have been given out today for the Cross Country Race that will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at Middleton Park.

Unfortunately, the Y5/Y6 football match that was supposed to take place on Wednesday was postponed due to the weather. We shall re-arrange it for after half term.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

1st March - YR St David Feast Day  
2nd March - Ash Wednesday Mass  
3rd March - World Book Day  
4th March - Y1 Assembly  
5th March - LSAA Cross Country  
10th March - Y3 Mass  
11th March - Y5 Assembly  
11th March - CAFOD Fasting Day  
17th March - Y1 St Patrick Feast Day  
21st March - Climate Action Week



ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, OTLEY

PRESENTS



FEATURING

YEAR 4, YEAR 5, YEAR 6, YEAR 3

13:05 18th February 2022 - 18:00 27th February 2022

(Between 08:00 and 18:00 daily)

\* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE \*

PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE \* THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE  
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL \*

ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES \*

**TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS**

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Lord,

Help us to support our neighbours near and far.

We pray that our world will become more fair and just

So that everyone has enough food to eat  
and clean water to drink.

We pray that everyone is able to have an education  
and healthcare that they need.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire world  
leaders and people in power,

So that they can make our world a better place.

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, we reflected on Luke's Gospel and thought about how our actions can make people happy. The children had lots of good ideas as to what they could do that would make other people smile so hopefully they will put these ideas into action over the half term break.

On Wednesday, Holy Name Primary School led our Collective Worship for our classes over Zoom. In Year 5, the children thought about how special we are as people and created hands showing all of their different talents. In Year 6, they thought about love and charity. They listened to the story of Jesus healing a Blind Man and drew pictures to show the story.

### YEAR 5 MASS

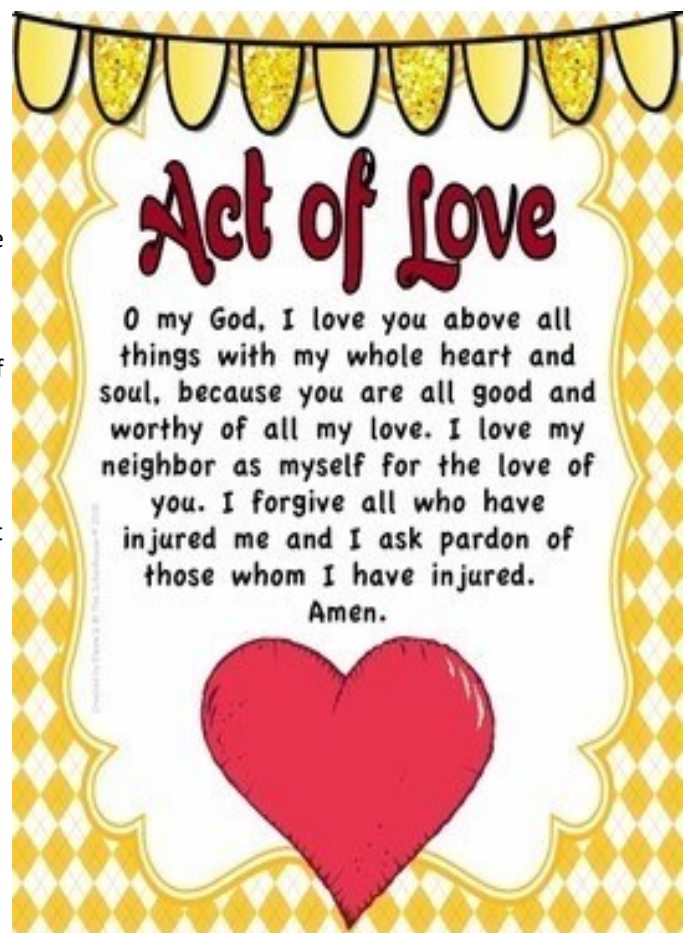
Thank you to all the people who attended the Year 5 Mass, it was lovely to be able to share this occasion with you.

Well done to all of the children for their reading, singing and for playing their musical instruments.

Thank you to Father Lawrie for leading us in our worship.

### FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

On Monday, it is the start of Fairtrade Fortnight, in today's Collective Worship we talked about what Fairtrade means and where we might find the Fairtrade stickers. The children were encouraged to pray for a fairer world and to see if they could spot any Fairtrade labels in the shops.



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# CLASS NEWS

## YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, we have been writing a set of instructions to make the biscuits that we made last week. We learnt about how instructions tell us how to do something and how they use bossy verbs at the start of each instruction.

In Maths, we have been learning about combining two groups of objects to find the total. We used our subitising skills to help us identify an amount. Freddie said, "I know there is five because I can see 3 and 2." We are getting very good at subitising!

On Wednesday morning, we enjoyed joining up with the Reception Class at Holy Name School in Cookridge for Collective Worship. The theme was based on 'Love' and we enjoyed learning about how God always loves us and how we can show love to others.

In PE, we continued our topic of Dance. The children have created superb dance and movement routines this half term. Lucas said, "I loved doing Irish dancing!"

We would love to see what the children are doing during the half term break, so please keep adding photos to Tapestry. We will enjoy sharing these together as a class once we return to school.



## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have finished our unit on Capacity by comparing the capacity of different sized containers. We have also been looking at capacity word problems and investigating how many cups it would take to fill a larger jug and/or a bucket.

In English, the children have finished their brilliant writing about the fun 'Marley the Meerkat' has had whilst he has been in Y1. Marley has loved going to visit some of the children's homes and we have enjoyed seeing all the photos of his fun and frolics.

In RE, we visited Fr Lawrie at OLAS Church and learn more about what happens during a baptism. We were allowed to explore the church and he showed us lots of interesting things like how to light the incense in the thurible and which oils we were anointed with at our own baptism. He answered lots of our questions.

In PSHE, we have been thinking about the different ways in which we learn and the importance of celebrating our differences. We watched a short video that helped to explain this to us. Y1, as always, shared their thought-provoking and interesting insights around differences.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have been working very hard in English this week. We have been writing letters to a snow queen to encourage her to visit the jungle. We used our knowledge of expanded noun phrases to describe the jungle and some of us even started our letters with a question. We were very persuasive, and I'm sure the snow queen will be on her way to the jungle as we speak!

In Maths, we have been developing our knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We have used images, as well as number tracks, to encourage counting in twos. We used cubes and number pieces to explore equal groups within the 2 times-table. We then moved on to practise the multiples of 5 and 10 in a similar way.

As part of our Art work, we have created some super clay tiles. We needed to roll out our clay very carefully and use a template to help us cut our tile shape. We then used our previous knowledge of repeating patterns to help us create our patterned tiles. We all thought very carefully about our repetitions and some of us made quite intricate designs.

In RE, we thought about how Jesus chose his disciples and how the fishermen, Simon Peter and Andrew decided to leave their family and friends to follow Jesus. We reflected on how we could be good disciples today.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we have been finding out more about spelling plurals. There are lots of rules about adding -s, es or -ies. We practised changing words and putting them into sentences.

In Maths, we have been continuing to explore division and have been solving problems that involve division with remainders. Year 3 are hoping to achieve a hat-trick and have a third consecutive win of The Battle of the Bands on TTRockstars!

In Science, we have taken a look at our mini-composters which have been left for over four weeks now and we were curious to see if they had changed. The children were surprised to see that the surface layer of lettuce and cabbage had completely gone and the shredded newspaper was beginning to decompose too. We had to add some water as they were beginning to dry out in the warm classroom. The class decided in our discussion that the worms must have eaten all the green vegetables.

In Collective Worship, we have started the virtue of Charity and have been listening to the most important commandments. **"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you must love your neighbour as yourself."**



## YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, the children have completed their own narratives based on the story structure of Cinnamon. Miss Choma was so impressed with the quality of work, she gave the whole class extra playtime! Well done Year 4!

In Maths, we have done some more work on long division of 2-digit and 3-digit numbers, and the children are more confident in using the chunking method. We have also spent more time on our TT Rockstars, and our speed as a class has definitely improved. Please encourage your child onto TT Rockstars during the half-term as this will prepare them for their times tables test in June.

In RE, we created art on the theme of the Eucharist. The children thought about what symbols and signs they could put into their art, and included lots of features of Catholic churches, such as the Tabernacle and the Altar.

In Science, we had a messy lesson as we created a working model of the human digestive system using bowls, bags and tights. The children crushed food, added water for saliva and sent the food through the system. They squeezed out the nutrients from the small intestine (tights) and ended up with waste product which looked quite realistic!



## YEAR 5 NEWS

We have continued our work on fractions this week and have looked at comparing and ordering fractions both less than one and more than one. The children have learnt that we either need to change the denominator or the numerator so that they are the same and can be compared more easily.

In English and Geography, the children have applied all they have learnt about non-chronological reports in their final piece of writing about European Mountain Ranges. We explored the effects of tourism on mountain regions and discussed how we can limit the impact humans have on these areas.

In PE, we started our new sport which is golf. We talked about some of the key words: tee, bunker and green. We then used putters to practise our aiming skills. Hopefully, after half term it will be dry enough for us to practise our driving skills too!



## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have continued to work on converting units. We used our skills of multiplying and dividing to help us. We have made excellent progress on our arithmetic too!

In English, we worked collaboratively, in small groups, to create a paragraph about parrots. We thought about our grammar, punctuation and word choice. Once we had written our first draft, we re-drafted to ensure the sentences flowed and they had cohesive links.

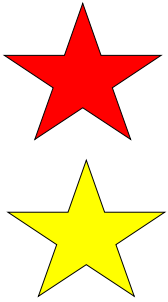
On Monday, we completed our Bikeability level 1 training and learned about caring for our bikes and how to ride safely. However, due to bad weather, the remainder of the training was postponed. We will be rearranging another date for level 2 to be completed.

On Friday, we enjoyed spending time with our Reception buddies - we read lots of books!





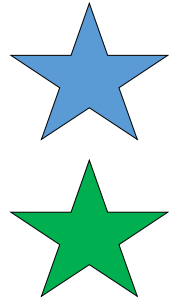
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

## FOUNTAINS

FOR EARNING OVER 400 HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



### 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