

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th June 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Thank you for another super week in school – I have had so many wonderful comments from your class teachers on how well you have done in your assessments this week. They were particularly impressed with your attitude and determination to do your very best. A big thank you. Reception class were police officers this week – I am sad to say that I received a speeding ticket from Officer Hoyle; I was fined £200. I have promised not to speed again! Well done Reception for a lovely Father's Day Assembly. You were awesome!

Messaging School

If information about your child needs passing to the class teacher, could this sent via the office email: office@stjosephsotley.org not via the class teachers email. Thank you

End of Year Celebrations

A separate letter will be going home outlining end of year events. However, these are subject to the lifting of restrictions on the 19th July.

RSE (Relationship and Sex Education)

Delivering RSE is a statutory requirement. To ensure we meet statutory requirements whilst maintaining the Catholic teachings of RSE, we have signed up Ten:Ten resources as a Trust. The RSE policy, an overview of the Ten:Ten resource and a letter of explanation will be sent to all families. Parents can logon to the Ten:ten site for more information. Before we adopt the policy and scheme of work, there will a consultation period of 2 weeks for parent/carers to read the policy and look at the resource. If you have any questions, please contact school to discuss.

Staffing

We welcome back Miss Chappel from maternity leave on Monday. She is so excited to see everyone as we are to see her. Mrs Dalton will be returning to work in September. I am pleased to say Miss Milnes and Miss Robertshaw have secured teaching posts at St Oswald's and Hugh Gaitskell for September.

Have a well-earned and deserved rest this weekend. You have all worked very hard and the staff are very proud of you. Every day you make coming to school a pleasure. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work.

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

CRICKET COACH IN SCHOOL

We have been lucky to secure Pro Cricket Coaching until the end of the school year. Please check the timetable below and make sure your children wear their PE kit on this day. Thank you.

	AM Session 1	AM Session 2	PM Session 1	PM Session 2
FRIDAY 18 th JUNE	YEAR 3	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 2
FRIDAY 25 th JUNE (SPORTS DAY)	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 6	YEAR 5
FRIDAY 2 nd JULY	YEAR 6	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 2
FRIDAY 9 th JULY	YEAR 3	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 2
FRIDAY 16 th JULY	YEAR 5	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 2

KEY INFORMATION

DATES FOR THE DIARY

June 2021

21st June: Y6 Girls Football Match @ St Peters and St Pauls, 3.30pm

23rd June: Y6 Confirmation @ 6.30pm

24th June KS1 Mass @ 11am

24th June: Y6 Confirmation @ 6.30pm

25th June: Sports Day

29th June: Y3 and Y4 Pedestrian Training

30th June: Y6 Pedestrian Training

July 2021

1st July: Y5 and Y6 Boy/Girl Cricket @ Yeadon CC, 3.30pm

3rd July: First Holy Communion @ 10am and 12pm

8th July: Y4 Mass @ 1.30pm

9th July: Y5 Mass @ 1.30pm

9th July: Y6 SMM Transition Day

13th July: Y6 End of Year Production

16th July: Y5 Big Samba Event

21st July: Y6 Leavers Mass

22nd July: Y6 Campover

23rd July: End of Term Mass @ 11am

KS2 BOYS FOOTBALL

Well done to all the boys who took part in the football match at SS Peter & Paul's School on Thursday. Unfortunately, we lost but the boys maintained a positive attitude and kept going.

Thank you to all the parents who provided transport. Please could all kits be returned to school ASAP.

Good luck to the girls who play their match on Monday.



SPORTS DAY—FRIDAY 25TH JUNE



KS1 – 10:45 – 12:00

KS2 – 09:15 – 10:40



Sports Day will consist of a rotation of events plus some organised races. Children should wear their PE kit and remember to apply sun cream, and provide a hat and a water bottle.

Unfortunately, due to continued Covid restrictions, we cannot allow parents/carers to attend the event. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

WILDLIFE OTLEY

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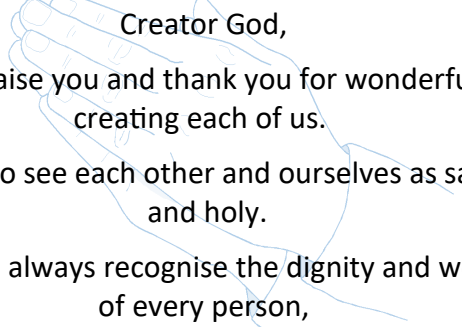


This week, St Joseph's featured in the Wharfedale Observer as they celebrated our EYFS/KS1 Wildlife Day!

We are so proud of the work children have done to make our grounds look beautiful and provide homes for creatures!

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS



Creator God,
We praise you and thank you for wonderfully
creating each of us.
Help us to see each other and ourselves as sacred
and holy.
May we always recognise the dignity and worth
of every person,
And may we treat all with deep respect.
Through your Son Jesus.
Amen

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](#)

CONFIRMATION

On Wednesday and Thursday next week, 17 candidates will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit when they are Confirmed in church. Please keep these children in your prayers.

A text message has been sent to the parents of all candidates confirming which day their child is receiving the Sacrament (everyone has been allocated the day they chose). At the Mass, each family will be allocated a bench.

COVID RESTRICTIONS THAT WILL BE IN PLACE:

Only two households (bubbles) will be able to sit on the bench together.

Masks will need to be worn unless exempt.

On entering Church, contact details will need to be taken for track and trace.

Hands will need to be sanitised when entering Church.

There will be no singing.

We will not kneel in Church.

After Communion, you do not say "Amen". Instead this will be said together beforehand.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In our Collective Worship on Monday, the children listened to the parable that Jesus told about the mustard seed comparing it to the Kingdom of Heaven. We talked about the meaning of this parable and that perhaps Jesus was trying to teach us that the Kingdom of heaven is also always growing, just like the seed, so that there's room for everyone who wants to be there. Jesus might also have been showing us how size doesn't matter – even the tiniest seed can produce a great big tree. The same is true for us – even the smallest person can do great things. And even the smallest action can have big results. The children in Key Stage Two were given a mustard seed to take away with them.

Our Statement of the week this week has been:

I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others.

In our Collective Worship, the children thought about what human dignity means and how important it is to show respect for everyone – no matter who they are. We believe that everyone is a child of God and we were all made by God to be like God. Because of this and because God's life is within each one of us we have to treat other people the same way we would treat Jesus.



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

We have started our new topic People Who Help Us. To begin our topic, the children were asked to write about what they would like to be when they grow up, we had some lovely suggestions including doctors, vets, builders and racing car drivers! As part of our topic lessons, we have been learning about the role of the Police Officer, the children have really enjoyed playing in our new Police Station role-play area!

In Maths this week, we have been learning about odd and even numbers. We have done lots of practical activities that have allowed the children to visualise this such as people getting on and off of the bus (made of chairs) and adding the correct number to 'Odd Todd' and 'Even Steven' and explaining their reasons why.



We also had a very exciting visit to Church on Wednesday and got to meet Father Lawrie! The children got to have a look round Church and ask Father Lawrie some questions. They were able to link what they had learnt in RE to their time in Church and spotted the Sanctuary Light, Tabernacle and stained glass windows. They learnt lots and are very excited to go back again.



YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in RE we have been thinking about why Jewish people celebrate Passover. We listened to the story of how Moses led God's people to freedom by parting The Red Sea. When the Pharaoh reneged (once again) on his promise and chased them, God closed the sea and the Egyptians were drowned.

In Maths this week, we have started a new unit and have been learning about position, direction and movement, including whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns. We practised moving in quarter turns to help with our understanding.

In English, we have been writing a recount of what Stanley did with his stick when writing a postcard to his friend Bertie. We focused on using regular verbs in the simple past tense (ed).

We have started a new unit in PE on tennis and this week we practised our forehand grip whilst bouncing the ball on the ground. We then gently bounced the ball on our racket up and down and moved side to side whilst bouncing the ball. We also competed in teams doing ball balancing exercises whilst walking up and down the playground.

We ended our week with a cricket skills session and enjoyed lots of practice of running between wickets, fielding and batting balls. We enjoyed making some pictures of landscapes in Art using a combination of felt tip pens and watercolours.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have been hard at work completing their final assessments for the year. They have tackled each assessment with a mature attitude and shown great resilience throughout the week. Mrs Deyes and I are extremely proud of each member of year 2 and want to give a big well done to you all!

In RE this week, we have been putting our senses to the test, we all closed our eyes and pretended we were an Apostle in the room waiting for the Holy Spirit to come. The children have all written some lovely sense poems detailing what we could touch, smell, taste, hear and see. We also learnt about the fruits of the Holy Spirit and why it is important that we live out the fruits.

We also had a special guest zoom our class this week as we started our learning on Sikhism. The children really enjoyed listening to Manni talk about and show them the 5 Ks. They had lots of questions to ask, and they were all very excited learning about a different faith.



YEAR 3 NEWS

Well done to all of the Year 3 children for working so hard this week! As well as our end of year assessments, we have also had our Year 3 Class Mass - thank you to all of the families who were able to attend.

As part of our English assessments we have had a Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Reading paper to complete this week. We have also created a pros and cons display on our English working wall to decide whether to read our class text, 'How to Live Forever'.

In Maths we completed an Arithmetic and a Reasoning paper. We have also been continuing with our topic of time, and measuring and comparing duration in hours and minutes.

In Geography we have looked at products that are exported from Brazil, and how our lives are linked to Brazil by what we use. It was interesting to find out that we get a lot of rubber from Brazil!

On Thursday we went to church to lead our Mass on thanksgiving for our families. Well done to all the children who read beautifully and behaved so reverently in church.



YEAR 4 NEWS

Yet again, Mrs Holmes is extremely proud of Year 4! They have worked immensely hard during assessment week and have all tried their very best.

As part of our Maths work, we have started a new topic. We have been learning about statistics. The children have been looking at different ways to present data and how to find comparisons by finding the sum and difference between data.

In English we have been practising using apostrophes for contractions. The Queen visited us and spoke in a 'posh' standard English voice, but as soon as she took her crown off, she started to use the contracted forms of words. We completed a puzzle by matching the standard forms with the contracted form.

In Science, the children have really enjoyed continuing our electricity topic. We investigated different types of electrical circuit to see which ones lit up a light bulb.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In RE, we have started to look at our World Faith which is Hinduism. This week, we have learnt Hindus believe in one supreme God called Brahman who is represented in three different forms known as Trimurti. The Trimurti consists of: Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

In Maths, we have been learning about multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1,000. We talked about how we move the digits to the left or the right on the place value chart. We applied this knowledge to convert different types of measurements.

We have continued to read the story "Clockwork" in English and have used dictionaries to find the meaning of unfamiliar words as well as writing a precis for part of the story.

In PE, we have started playing tennis - ready for Wimbledon!!! This week, we practised our forehands by hitting the ball over the net to our partners.

In DT, we have continued to make our bags. So far, we have cut out the made our pattern pieces, cut out the fabric and added decorations to the front of the fabric.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In English, we have learnt about the skills used to be a journalist. Our hook was The Guardian clip about the Three Little Pigs. We identified feature to be included in journalistic writing and used these to write our orientation.

In Maths, we investigated angles in a triangle. We discussed the different types of triangles and explored how this can help us when working out the angles in the interior of a triangle and the exterior.

Our play rehearsals are in full swing now. Well done to the children who are really beginning to develop their character and give them a personality.

We celebrated our first Class Mass of the year with some parents and Father Lawrie. Our theme was 'Thanksgiving' for the years we have been at St Joseph's. We reflected with some beautiful readings. Thank you to all the parents who attended.