

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th November 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

It has been another busy week in school – the weeks are just flying by! Despite the gloomy weather and spending most of the time indoors this week, the children have coped well; hopefully we will see some blue sky next week.

On Tuesday, we had our School to School Review. The CEO, Executive Head and three headteachers from the Trust come and carry out various tasks to check how well we are doing as a school. They celebrate our strengths and identify areas for development. They were very complementary about the children and the school. The headteachers observed lessons, spoke to the children and staff; looked at the children's books; checked all our safeguarding practices. It was a very intense day. Here are some of the things they said:

'High expectations throughout the school for English. Progress is evident in all classes particularly in extended writing. Good use of publishing to show evidence of editing.'

'All pupils are engaged and focussed during their maths lessons, striving to achieve and discuss their learning confidently with peers. TAs working with targeted children used manipulatives and questioning to further learning whilst allowing the children to work independently.'

'Behaviour around school at all times of the day is impeccable. Pupils behave with consistently high levels of respect for others. They are committed to their education as evidenced in the attendance 95.7% for all groups of pupils at this school.'

EYFS: 'The curriculum is ambitious, well planned, and sequenced, with a focus on phonics and based on quality texts.'

SEN: 'Parent and pupil voice is overwhelmingly positive; pupils feel supported and included in school. Parents feel pupil's needs are met and know who to speak to. They feel informed of school support.'

I then had a follow up email from the Executive Head of the Trust: 'Thank you again for your hospitality today and your tremendous organisation! We were all in agreement that your school is in a very strong position- well done you! The children are delightful and gave a shout out to the site supervisor who helps to 'keep the premises safe for us.'

This is just a snapshot of the comments. I am sure you will agree in thanking the staff for all their hard work but in particular, their care and willingness to go the extra mile for the children.

Toilets

On a more serious note, recently we have had a few incidences of children leaving the toilets in a disgraceful state – urine (wee) on the floor, faeces (poo) on the seats/walls. This is concerning and our cleaning staff is having to clean up this awful mess. Could you please talk to your child/ren about using the toilets respectfully: flush the toilet after use; toilet paper goes in the toilet, and we do not leave it in a mess behind for others.

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.

PE Uniform: On PE days the children must come to school in their green PE shorts and, or **green joggers**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a wonderful weekend; the time we spend with people who are close to us is precious so enjoy quality time with family and friends.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

SPORT

Polite reminder that the Cross Country event scheduled at Cardinal Heenan on Saturday 19th November has been cancelled. Thank you.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

On Monday, all the children are invited to wear sports clothes or sports kits to celebrate England playing their first match in the World Cup.

In return, the children are invited to make a monetary donation which will be used to make Christmas Hampers to donate to families who might not have enough to eat at Christmas. This will be instead of asking for food donations in Advent.



SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA



Please ensure that your child is symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school as this greatly reduces the risk of spreading infection. We will continue to encourage children to wash their hands frequently especially before eating.

REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from school, please contact the office in the morning to report the absence. If your child is absent for more than one day, the office need to be contacted on every day that your child is off school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 25th November - Y5 Class Mass
- 25th November - FOSJ World Cup Event
- 28th November - EYFS Training Day
- 30th November - Y1 Class Trip
- 2nd December - FOSJ Christmas Wreath Making
- 2nd December - YR and Y6 Height and Weight
- 4th December - Victorian Fayre
- 8th December - Christmas Dinner Day
- 8th December - Christmas Disco
- 10th December - Winter Wonderland

CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY

Who would believe that is **just 3 weeks** until Christmas Dinner day! We will be donning our Christmas jumpers and hats once more as we celebrate together. If you are normally on packed lunches and would like a Christmas Dinner on this day (priced £2.45) then please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Please note that these events are subject to change and we will keep you updated as the weeks go on.

Friday 28th November	Christmas Craft Week
Sunday 4th December	Victorian Fayre
Wednesday 7th December	Y3 & Y5 Christmas Tree Festival
Wednesday 7th December	KS1 Nativity Performance
Thursday 8th December	YR & Y6 Christmas Tree Festival
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 8th December	School Disco
Friday 9th December	Y1, Y2 & Y4 Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday 10th December	Winter Wonderland
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 16th December	Christmas Carol Service

SCHOOL NEWS

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS



World Cup Event

The ENG V USA us match will be streamed in the school hall on Friday 25th November. Doors open at 6pm for a 7pm kick off. Freshly cooked pizza will be on sale - cash and card accepted. Beers and other refreshments on sale All welcome!



THIS IS A FREE EVENT! However for catering requirements and risk assessment purposes, please obtain your ticket by either scanning the QR code on the poster or click <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/460737597557>



Wreath Making Event

FOSJ is excited to announce that tickets are **NOW** available for the wreath making workshop! Friday 2nd December at 7:30pm. £20 per person with prosecco on arrival. The event is BYOB. All materials provided (apart from secateurs so please bring your own).



Please scan the QR code on the poster or click this link <https://pay.sumup.io/b2c/QOMI2ZEA> to book your place. Your payment confirms your booking- you will not receive a physical ticket. Deadline for bookings is Friday 25th November at 10pm.

OTLEY SCIENCE FESTIVAL

On Tuesday, Y1 and Y2 attended 'Izzy's Adventure' science show at the Otley Courthouse. The children looked at different forms of transport to help Izzy get a present delivered. Martha (Y2) enjoyed a ride on a hovercraft - it was spectacular! We watched a car move by the power of a balloon and looked at whether different items would float or sink!

On Wednesday, Y3 and Y4 had a fantastic time at the Science Show which was called "Fartology"! The show started by explaining the difference between snot and bogeys and demonstrating how a snot becomes a bogey! After this, Mr Voller was required to demonstrate what happens when different food substances are mixed together in the mouth. It was then Mrs Russell's turn to help show how the sphincter muscle in the digestive system works! Finally, various sizes of whoopee cushions were employed to demonstrate the science between the different noises farts make! A big thank you to all the grown ups who walked with us and a special mention to Hugo's Grandma who volunteered to help unaware that she would be required to sit on a whoopee cushion in front of 100 children!

On Thursday, Y5 and Y6 attended 'Rocket Launch' - the theme of the show was space, more specifically how a rocket can get into space. The children learnt about the Fire Triangle - how the amount of fuel, heat and oxygen can affect the size of the flame and explosion. The children were amazed with what they saw. The children asked and answered some incredibly intellectual questions relating to space flight and the role of an aerospace engineer.



NURSERY RHYME DAY

On Friday, we dressed up as our favourite Nursery Rhyme characters to celebrate Nursery Rhyme Day.



Each class learned a nursery rhyme and performed it in Friday's afternoon assembly - it was wonderful to see all the costumes and watch the children perform confidently in front of their peers.

Each class also conducted a science experiment linked to a particular nursery rhyme.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Father,
I treasure my wonderful friends so much.
Thank you for their presence in my life.
I ask that you would watch over them and lead
them into hope and blessing.
I trust that you will protect and hold them when
life is hard.
Lord, help me to be a good friend to them.
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)



CONFIRMATION

The last Confirmation meeting will take place on Monday and then the Confirmation service will take place on this Wednesday at 7pm in the Cathedral.

Please could all candidates arrive by 6:45pm, thank you.

Please keep all the children in your prayers as they receive this sacrament.

RECEPTION WELCOME SERVICE

Last Friday afternoon, we had a special welcome service for all of the Reception children. Father Lawrie joined us to give the children a special blessing and each child received a candle and a certificate.

Thank you to everything who joined us, it was so lovely to have you all there.

Thank you to the Year 6 buddies and the Reception staff for preparing the children.

VIRTUE - PRAYER

Our virtue for our collective worship since half term has been prayer. This week we listened to the story of God calling Samuel in the night. When we pray it is important that we remember to listen to God so we can hear what he is telling us. Our new virtue next week will be generosity.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Thank you to Year 3 for leading our worship about anti bullying this morning. They explained to the school about the different types of bullying and that this year's theme is "Reach out".

Year 3 shared their ideas as to how we can reach out to each other and why it is important to be kind to each other. We then listened to St Paul's letter to the Colossians which tells us that we are all different but that we are all created to be like God and God loves us all.

Y6 CLASS MASS

On Wednesday, we celebrated Class Mass with Fr Lawrie and some of the Y6 parents. The theme of the Mass was 'Justice'. We discussed the work of Oscar Romero and Martin Luther King Jr in their fight for justice. We reflected on how we can act as agents of peace in the world today.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord, bless this day.
Make it a day in which we grow
In the likeness and mind of Jesus
your Son.
And at the day's end,
May we be thankful for
encountering you
In so many human ways and
situations
And in other people.
Jesus, help us to follow you more
nearly day by day.
Amen

CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

Reception have had a super week enjoying Nursery Rhyme week. We have learnt so many nursery rhymes old and new. Daisy's favourite nursery rhyme was 'Mary had a little lamb', Arthur's enjoys 'There were 10 in the bed' while William R said his is 'Humpty Dumpty'. We have had great fun singing the rhymes and especially enjoyed dressing up on Friday.

In Literacy, we have been learning 'The Little Red Hen'. We made a story map of what happened and had a go at writing using our phonics. The children picked up the story quickly and soon were able to add actions to remember what happened. Ask your child to show you.

In Maths, we have continued exploring 1,2 and 3. Edith said, " I really enjoyed sorting the numbers out into the right number." Please support your child to ensure they know these numbers by spotting them when you are out and about.

Reading books for the weekend are online on Oxford Owl (the logon details are on the inside of your child's reading record). Please spend some time looking at these books with your child as they support the phonics we have been learning in class this week.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In Science, we have been investigating the properties of materials and their suitability as everyday objects. We carried out an investigation to see which material allowed the teddy bear to get wet. We made predictions about this and considered what would happen if we used a different material instead?

In Maths, we have been learning about length and height. We have used comparative language such as tallest, shortest, bigger than and smaller than to compare the lengths and heights of ourselves.

To celebrate Nursery Rhyme Day on Friday, this week in English we have been learning the nursery rhyme: It's Raining, It's Pouring (fairly appropriate for this week!). We have practised reciting this in preparation for assembly on Friday where we performed this for the school.

In RE this week we have continued to learn about the Annunciation. We have reflected on the Hail Mary- the prayer that Archangel Gabriel said to Our Lady. We thought about the reasons why God chose Mary to be the Mother of Jesus.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have worked extremely hard in Maths this week. We have been looking at how we can partition numbers to make subtraction easier. We then also looked at crossing ten when we are subtracting a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number. We practised exchanging 1 ten for 10 ones.

In English, we have been extremely busy writing a recount of 'Winter's Child'. We all worked hard to remember to use the correct punctuation. To help us with this, we used a green pencil for capital letters and a red pencil for full stops. This really made us think about our punctuation very carefully. Everybody worked hard to include lots of adjectives too.

In Science, we continued to investigate the properties of materials. We wanted to find out if we can change the properties of a piece of fabric. Incy Wincy Spider was fed up of getting wet in his felt coat and wanted us to make it waterproof. We carried out an investigation by putting drops of water on a piece of fabric felt and found out that it was absorbent. We then covered a piece of the same fabric with wax and carefully heated it with a hairdryer. We then added water to this. We were delighted to find that the fabric was now waterproof! Incy Wincy Spider was delighted!

As part of our RE work, we learnt about the Annunciation. We listened to the events which took place and imagined what the Angel said to Mary and how Mary must have felt.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In RE we explored the Mystery of the Incarnation (when God became a real human being) and that at the same time Jesus is God. We learnt that God came down to earth to show us, by his life and example, how we should love one another.

In Maths, we have continued to work on column addition and subtraction and have moved on to look at when exchanges are necessary, using place value counters. We know it is so important that we start our calculations in the ones column!

In English, we began the week imagining what we would do if we were alive during the Stone Age, we created sentences applying modal verbs and thought about how we could swap clauses around. We then wrote a diary entry from the perspective of the Stone Age boy in our text - The First Drawing.



To celebrate World Nursery Rhyme week, we had a lot of fun in science designing and implementing an experiment to test the best way to protect Humpty Dumpty! We used our knowledge about rocks and soils to make predictions about which landing surfaces would improve his chances of survival and then we took our eggs outside to test our predictions.

YEAR 4 NEWS

In English this week, the children have been writing character descriptions about Iliona who is the girl in our book, "Roman Diary". In their descriptions, the children have been using adjectives, similes, 3rd person pronouns and have been trying to start their sentences in different ways.

Our Maths focus this week has been on the 6 times tables. The children have been practising counting in sixes, using arrays to write multiplication and division facts, using equipment to check their answers and investigating the rules for multiples of 6.

In History, we learnt about life in Britain before the Roman invasion. We learnt that the Celts lived in England and we looked at what their houses looked like, what they ate, what they wore and what they liked doing.

Year 4 started our DT topic which is Christmas stockings. The children learnt about the tradition of stockings and looked at the design of a variety of stockings evaluating their attractiveness and suitability for holding presents!



YEAR 5 NEWS

Year 5 have spent time this week on making their own quotations based off of the myth Pandora's Box and have inferred what other characters might have said when interviewed about the event. They identified what type of questions were needed in order to have a successful interview and put this into practice when they worked in group to interview each other, as if they were characters within the myth. They also had great fun using the iPads to create motion pictures of these interviews.

In PE, the children enjoyed their second lesson with Miss Jones from Prince Henry's who has been teaching them Badminton. They built on skills such as balance and hand eye coordination. They particularly found it fun when they were using balloons with the badminton rackets and having rallies with their partners over the nets.

In RE this week, year 5 have produced some amazing work. They were able to discuss the importance of the 10 commandments within our lives and why people follow them. We discussed which ones would be easier to follow than others and then they had chance to come up with their own Year 5 Commandments which we all loved to read.



YEAR 6 NEWS

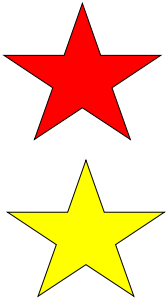
In English, we have begun writing a diary from the perspective of Anne Frank when she's had to move into the Secret Annex. We included: expanded noun phrases, varied sentence starters and length, add tag questions and use a jokey tone.

In Maths, we developed our knowledge of equivalent fractions and how we can simplify them to their simplest form. Cuisenaire rods were used to help us find equivalent fractions; we found so many fractions equivalent to $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{5}$. Since we had explored this so well, we came up with rules when finding equivalent fractions.

During Nursery Rhyme day, we worked as teams to create a 'Wheels on the Bus' where an element moved, something lit up and a noise was made. We had so much fun creating these using our Science and DT skills. "It is so much fun being able to figure out making bus and using electrical components by ourselves" – Connor.



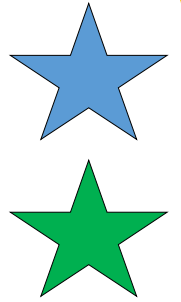
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



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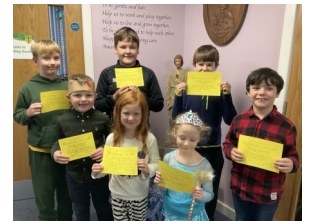
ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

AVA (YR), POPPY (Y1), WILLIAM H (Y2),
ISAAC W (Y3), HUGO (Y4), HARRY (Y5), CONNOR (Y6)



MATHS AWARD

BELLA (YR), GEORGE (Y1), PIPER (Y2),
FREDDIE (Y3), CLOVER (Y4), AMELIA (Y5), ANITA (Y6)



VIRTUE AWARD

SOPHIE (YR), THEO (Y1), WILLIAM P (Y2),
KADEN (Y3), IAN (Y4), OLIVE (Y5), CAMERON (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

Are you interested in becoming a School
Crossing Patrol Warden in Leeds?

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School Crossing Patrol Warden

Otley St Josephs Primary

5 hours a week

£9.90 hourly rate

39 Week Contract (Term Time Only)

Duties will include crossing pedestrians across the road safely

Full Uniform and PPE provided.

Full training given.

Option to join Local Government Pension Scheme

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World Cup



LIVE

Friday 25th November

ENG v USA

Kick off 7pm -doors open at 6pm

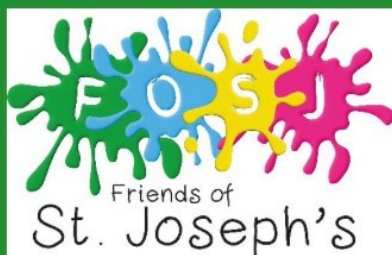
Live streaming of the match in the school hall.

FREE EVENT: scan the QR code to get your ticket



Pizza, Beer and other refreshments on sale – cash and card accepted

All welcome



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

Wreath Making



You are cordially invited to a...

Christmas Wreath Workshop

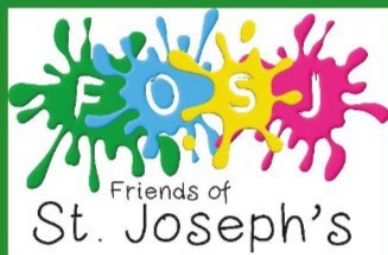
Friday 2nd December 2022

7.30pm @ St Joseph's

£20 (scan QR code to book)

Glass of prosecco on arrival & BYOB

*All materials provided but please bring
your own secateurs*



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