

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th November 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Assembly was very colourful this morning – lots of pyjamas. Mrs Harvey thought the children had got up too late to get dressed! Let's hope they manage to stay awake for the movie.

The theme for assembly was Anti-bullying Week - One Kind Word. It is important to remember how much saying something kind to someone makes them feel. That wonderful feeling inside and how it makes you feel 10 feet tall! It needs to become an everyday thing – to say at least one kind word. Year 3 made a kind word/kind deed calendar. As they pointed out, it doesn't have to be something very big. It is all the little things we say and do that mean a lot to others. Thank you to the Mini Vinnies for leading collective worship. For the hall displays, each class has taken one word linked to their RE topic. They have thought about how we show this in our day to day living.

All the children enjoyed learning about how to fence. There were some very good stances! The Christmas tree is arriving next Friday! All the children will make a decoration for the tree. Reminder Christmas Craft Week w/c Monday 29th November. Please send in an old shirt/t shirt to protect uniform.

Good luck to our cross-country runners tomorrow.

Fire drill – Well done to the whole school, especially Reception, for quickly and sensibly exiting school and lining up the playground. A passer-by was so impressed that she emailed school to congratulate the children on their sensible behaviour. Well done

Covid cases – the number of cases in school is rising. If in doubt, to protect others, do a lateral flow and book a PCR.

Parking – please do not park or use the road outside of school to drop children off. Use designated carparks.

Have a wonderful weekend; have fun and enjoy time together.

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
24th - KS1 Mass	2nd - 9th - Scholastic Book Fair
25th - Y2 Multi-Skills Festival	3rd - NHS Cenotaph Non-Uniform Day
25th - EYFS Training Day	6th - Reindeer Run Charity Event
YEAR REC CHILDREN SHOULD NOT	9th - Christmas Dinner Day and Jumper Day
COME INTO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.	10th - Y4 Assembly
ALL OTHER CHILDREN ATTEND AS	11th - LSAA Cross Country League
NORMAL	14th - Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity
26th - Y5 Assembly	15th - Year Rec Nativity
29th - YR/6 Height and Weight Measurements	16th - KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties
	17th - Whole School Mass
	END OF TERM

KS2 ARTS AND CRAFT CLUB

Mrs Hart was very proud of the work the children created in this week's Art and Craft Club. The children used pastel crayons to design beautiful sunsets.



KEY INFORMATION

BOOK FAIRS

This year, we are excited to be hosting a book fair in the lead up to Christmas. Children will be invited to peruse the book fair during the school day, which will then be available for parents to purchase with their children after school in the School Hall **on the 8th and 9th of December between 3.15pm - 3.30pm**. Alternatively, you will receive a link so you can look together/order online too.



Reading Breakfast

On Wednesday 8th December, we welcome you to join us early to enjoy a reading breakfast with your child. You will be welcomed in to school from 8:15—8.40am to enjoy a light breakfast and a drink for a small donation and to take the opportunity to visit the school library or the book fair to choose a book to read with your child. Your child can share with you their favourite books at school, how they change their reading books and take the opportunity to have a relaxed start to the morning reading for fun.



ANTI – BULLYING WEEK—'ODD SOCKS DAY'

During this week, we focused on 'Anti-Bullying' and how one kind word can really make a difference in the lives of others.

On Monday, we wore odd socks to celebrate the fact that we are all different - it's a fun opportunity to encourage everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

At St Joseph's, we aim to spread kindness every day. We thought about how important our words are in affecting others, and that bullying in all forms is not okay. This includes physical, emotional and online. It is important to talk to your children about the impact of bullying and what they can do to help nurture the happy environment in school.

For more information, check out this link - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/59261568>



CAN YOU HELP MISS HULBERT?

This Christmas, Miss Hulbert and her daughter are spending Christmas Eve and Christmas Day cooking and serving Christmas dinners to elderly people in Wetherby and Bramham, who would otherwise be isolated and be spending Christmas Day on their own. The charity is Bramham Village Hall Community Christmas Dinner. Everyone attending will receive a Christmas dinner, drinks and a hamper.

If you are able to donate any of the following to support the event, please bring to the school office or Miss Hulbert. Please bring to school by Friday 17th December.

- Christmas decorations
- Christmas crackers
- Small Christmas gifts
- Mince pies.

Thank you very much for any donations and support.



OTLEY SCIENCE FESTIVAL



Y1 and Y2 had a wonderful time learning about clouds made from dry ice. They learnt that dry ice is carbon dioxide which looks like ice (solid); however, when it melts, it is actually a gas and produces bubbles. There was a gasp of awe when the dry ice hit the warm water and a cloud billowed out. The children had the opportunity to run their fingers through the clouds. The children could choose to have a cloud shower on their head, hands or feet. Best of all, was the juice cloud. Lemon, strawberry and blackcurrant juice was mixed together with warm water and dry ice! We did expect a purple cloud - it was still white - but it did smell and taste like juice.



Y3 and Y4 were lucky enough to experience Marty Jopson's Science Show in person on Wednesday, whilst Y5 and Y6 joined on Zoom. They were treated to amazing scientific stunts, including holding a flame without being burned, the 'Pendulum of Doom', karate chopping through wood, and using a whip to rip newspaper. There were star turns from the staff, and everyone enjoyed the dramatic experiments and scientific knowledge they gained.

Thank you to all the parent helpers who assisted on the trips. We wouldn't be able to do it without you!



FENCING WORKSHOP

On Monday, we were joined by SportsCool who led a fabulous fencing session for all children.

We learned important vocabulary such as piste, salle and on-guard. Ask your children to show you their newly acquired finger fencing skills.



SPORT

Good luck to all the children who are competing in the cross-country event at Wharfe Meadows tomorrow. I shall meet you by the white changing room building at 9:45am.

Well done to the children from Year 5 who took part in a friendly football match against SS Peter & Paul's School today. We are pleased to announce we won the match and the final score was 4-0.

UPCOMING: Year 2 Multi Skills Festival on Thursday 25th November at Guiseley Secondary School from 4pm-5:15pm.



CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY



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

Friday 29th November	Christmas Craft Week
Thursday 9th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Tuesday 14th December - 1.30pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Performance
Wednesday 15th December - 1.30pm	Year Reception Performance
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 16th December	School Disco - Information to follow
Friday 17th December	Whole School Mass @ 1:30pm

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WEEK - W/C MONDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Our Christmas festivities start with Christmas Craft week w/c 29th November.

Each child will create a Christmas card, a calendar and a decoration for our school Christmas tree.

As the crafts can be messy, we would suggest sending in an old shirt which they will wear over their school uniform.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR APPEAL - FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

As Advent approaches we are thinking about people who do not have food to eat and toys to give so as a school we would like to participate in the Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal.

The idea is that each day one child from each class will donate a tin for a hamper and a **new toy** suitable for your child, so that by the end of Advent each class has a magnificent hamper and a selection of new toys that can be given to people in need. Please see the letter sent home last week for more information.

CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU - THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2021

Who would believe that is **just 3 weeks** until Christmas Dinner day! We will be donning our Christmas jumpers and hats as we celebrate together.

If you are normally on packed lunches and would like a Christmas Dinner on this day (priced £2.40) then please let the school office know **by Wednesday 24th November**. This will appear on Parent Pay as a one off payment.

Please email the christmas@stjosephsotley.org to let us know as soon as possible.

SCHOOL DISCO - THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2021

DISCO TIMES : REC & KS1 3.30PM – 4.30PM. KS2 4.40PM – 5.40PM

The disco will run in two parts; Reception and KS1 together followed by a KS2 disco.

- Children can come to school in their party clothes as we will hold the class parties in the afternoon.
- A £3.00 charge is payable on entry to the disco: KS1 children should have this in a sealed, labelled envelope to prevent it being lost. Their class teacher will collect the money from them on the morning of the disco.
- The £3.00 charge will include entry, a drink, a bag of crisps, a bag of sweets and a glow stick.
- When parents collect their KS1 children, please ensure that you “check out” with the staff on the desk.
- KS2 children should come to the main entrance at the start of their disco. They should “check in” with staff and pay at this time.
- When you collect your KS2 child, please ensure that they “check out” with the staff on the desk.

PLEASE NOTE KS2 CHILDREN MAY NOT ATTEND THE KS1 DISCO AND SIMILARLY KS1 CHILDREN MAY NOT STAY FOR THE KS2 DISCO



CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY



YEAR REC AND KS1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

Reception present... "Wriggly Nativity"

On Wednesday 15th December at 1:30pm in the School Hall

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Maximum of 2 per family. We would ask that adults wear a mask until seated.

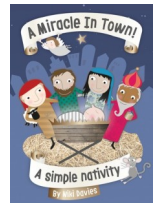


Year 1 & Year 2 present... "A Miracle in Town!"

On Tuesday 14th December at 1:30pm in the School Hall

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Maximum of 2 per family. We would ask that adults wear a mask until seated.



CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY - THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER

On Thursday 16th December, children will have a whole school party in the hall. This cannot happen without the help of our fabulous parent volunteers! If you are able to help, please contact Miss Wilkinson as soon as possible.

In order to facilitate this, we ask for parents and carers to contribute to the food for this event. A letter will be sent home giving details of what each child needs to bring with them on the day. If you are unsure, please speak to your child's class teacher.



CHRISTMAS CHARITY EVENTS



Our Mini Vinnies have recently met to discuss the chosen charity events for Advent. Along with the Reverse Advent Appeal, they have also decided on the following charity events.



Non-Uniform Day—NHS Cenotaph

Friday 3rd December

We are inviting children to take part in a non-uniform day in honour of the millions of people who have served in the NHS and emergency services. This is part of a campaign called #UniteTheUniforms for @999Cenotaph.

The campaign will see students invited to **wear the colours of the emergency services** (red, blue, green or orange) and **donating £1** towards building the UK's first 'Emergency Services Cenotaph' which is supported by His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge, the Prime Minister and First Ministers of NI, Scotland and Wales.



999 CENOTAPH

Reindeer Run

Monday 6th December

On Friday 6th December, we will take part in a sponsored Reindeer Run for Sue Ryder's Wheatfields Hospice in Leeds.

We will send out sponsor forms at the end of next week.

Your child may come to school in PE Kit, but with something festive to wear on their head e.g. reindeer antlers, santa's hat, tinsel etc.

Children can run or walk the course, and all children will receive a participation certificate.

Please send a pair of trainers that you don't mind getting dirty as the weather is rather unpredictable!





CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU

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Future
Foodies



ON: Thursday 9th December

WE ARE SERVING UP
A FESTIVE FEAST

Menu

Roast Turkey & Pork Sausage

Or

Vegetarian Sausage & Sage and Onion Stuffing (v)

Merry
Christmas!

Roast & Mashed Potatoes

Seasonal Vegetables

Christmas Ice Cream Pot

or

Yoghurt

or

Satsuma



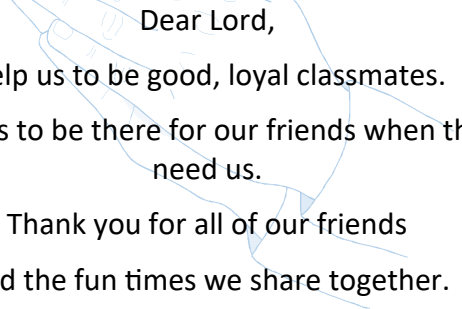
Catering
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Leeds
CITY COUNCIL

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



Dear Lord,
Help us to be good, loyal classmates.
Help us to be there for our friends when they need us.
Thank you for all of our friends
And the fun times we share together.
Thank you for being our friend.
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

Next week, the Year 6 Confirmation group will be meeting in Church after school to practise the Mass ready for the Confirmation Mass on Saturday 27th November. If possible, please could the children's sponsor or parent come to Church at 4pm so we can explain what will happen during the Mass. All children will need collecting from Church at 4:15pm. Please keep these children in your prayers as they approach this significant event in their faith journey. Thank you.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, the children continued to think about the virtue of Hope in our Collective Worship. We listened to the story of Blind Bartimaeus. Even though he could not see, Bartimaeus recognised that Jesus could bring hope and a better life to everyone.

Our statement for this week was: I think before I make choices that affect my health.

The children thought of lots of different things that they can do to help them stay healthy, such as: brushing teeth, eating healthily drinking water, getting a good night's sleep and doing exercise.

Y5 SHARED COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Thursday, Year 5 joined other Year 5 children from: Holy Name, SS Peter & Paul's and Sacred Heart for a shared collective worship led by two children from Holy Name. The theme was peace.

Y3 SHARED COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Tuesday, Y3 led the Collective Worship on Zoom with Year 3 classes from St Joseph's Pudsey and Ss Peter and Paul Yeadon. We read a story from the Gospel of St Luke, Chapter 18, where Jesus healed a blind man. Our theme was 'Hope'.

OLAS CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

The Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady and All Saints will take place at 5.00pm. There will be no carol concert beforehand this year.

If you would like your child to participate in the mass either by reading or taking part in the nativity tableau, please contact Denise Emmett 07854969701 or deniseemmett@live.co.uk by 3rd December at the latest please.

We will be having a practice in church straight after school on Friday 17th December.



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, we have been reading the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. We made our own story boards, drawing pictures of each part of the story. We learnt actions and enjoyed performing the story for Buddies at the end of the week.

In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers 4 and 5. We looked at objects that represent each number and the composition of each for example 5 can be made by adding 2 and 3. We learnt about a five frame and how we can use this to help us with our counting. We talked about the importance of putting our finger on each object once when counting out loud.

In RE, we talked about how God gives us special gifts that we can share with others. Daisy said, "I'm good at drawing so I could make someone a card for their birthday."

This week is Anti Bullying week and theme is 'One Kind Word'. We did a circle time about how we can be kind in our classroom. Otilie said, "I can help my friends when they have lots of things to carry," and Theo said, "I can share my toys with my friends". We made a kindness jar and each time someone did something kind we put a button in. It is already very full!



YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have been measuring in centimetres (cm). We have been examining our class rulers and how we use them. We know that we have to begin our measuring by starting at 0. We enjoyed putting this into practice and measuring small objects around the classroom.

In English, we have been writing instructions for the perfect bowl of porridge. We thought about our ingredients, utensils and the steps required to make the porridge. We started each instruction with a bossy verb (imperative).

In PE, we have been putting our Christmas performance songs into action by performing dance moves. We have just about secured the moves, we now need to practise them for our fantastic Christmas performance!

On Friday, we started our DT unit on Making a Moving Storybook. We have been learning about the mechanisms within the book and how we can make them move. We chose to make a rabbit or a car as our design piece.



YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have moved on to practising our subtraction skills. 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, as part of Anti-Bullying Week, we wrote our own friendship recipes. We added a pinch of honesty, a dash of fun and a good dollop of kindness. Once we had decided on the ingredients, we needed to write the instructions of how to make a perfect friend.

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.

We started our Design and Technology project this week. We are finding out if we can make a chair for Baby Bear that is just right! We started off by finding out about stability. We tested different shapes and found that shapes with a wide base are the most stable.



ONE KIND WORD

Anti-bullying Week 2021



YEAR 3 NEWS

In Maths, we revisited column subtraction, but this time with an exchange! We used counters to help us, making sure we were correctly doing the exchange in our written method.

On Thursday in English, we wrote character descriptions of a woolly mammoth we had come across in our book. We had some fantastic ideas, and even included some similies!

In History, we began our learning on 'The Stone Age'. We discussed how deductions have been made by historians about what life was like in that time period. We even had a go at deducing what Miss Chappel's life is like from looking in her bin! We then became historians ourselves, making our own assumptions from just looking at a picture.

In P.E the children had the chance to meet two Fencing coaches and to find out more about the basics of Fencing. They played games and had lots of skills practise, learning more about Fencing moves and the specialist vocabulary.



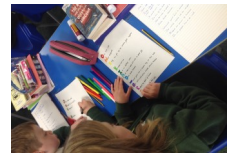
YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have created our own acrostic poems inspired by the Anti-Bullying Week slogan which is 'One Kind Word'. We thought about how kindness makes us feel as well as finding synonyms and phrases to include in our poetry.

In Maths, we have consolidated our knowledge of units of measurement up to metres, and introduced kilometres. The children worked hard to convert lengths into different units of measurement in order to add and subtract them.

In RE, we looked at Mary as an example of perfect faith in God. The children worked in pairs to find Bible quotations that showed Mary's trust in God, and created a fact file to answer questions.

In Science, we looked at how sound travels and how the ear works. The children are currently planning their own Science shows to explain what they have found out, complete with investigations and examples. We will hopefully film them next week!



YEAR 5 NEWS

This week in English, the children have enjoyed writing their own additional task for Heracles to complete. They have thought about using noun phrases, similes and parenthesis.

In Maths, we have been reading and interpreting different tables and timetables. We have also looked at converting times to the 24-hour clock and vice versa.

On Thursday afternoon, we started our new DT topic - bridges. The children looked at different pictures of beam and arch bridges before making their own simple versions using weights to see which was strongest. We were amazed how much stronger the bridges were just by folding the card.

In Year 5, we have thought about the theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week - ONE KIND WORD by making a kindness chain. We also linked anti-bullying week to our work in RE on the Ten Commandments. We wrote our own commandments for how we should treat each other in Year 5.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have been recapping our knowledge of square and cubes numbers. We began with a challenge to find out if a number was a square number by trying to make an array which is the shape of a square.

As our morning job, we have had a go at completing some of the Barvember challenges from White Rose Maths. We have really enjoyed getting stuck into them and using our problem solving skills.

In English, we have been focusing on editing our diary entry. In particular, we have looked at sentence structure, length of sentences and sentence openers. After we edited our writing, we redrafted this into our books.

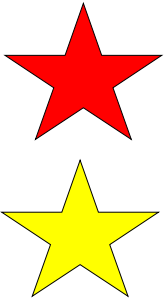
In RE, we defined what 'Justice' and 'Injustice' is. We looked at different short stories and said why we thought it was just or unjust. We linked our reasons to Bible references that we found.

On Thursday, we visited our buddies and listened to them retell the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. We thought they were amazing – well done YR!



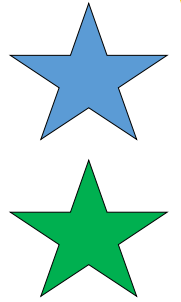


HOUSE OF THE WEEK



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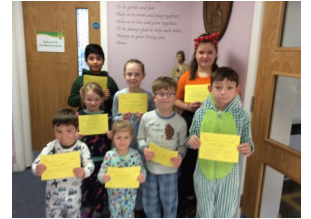
FOUNTAINS



FOR EARNING THE MOST HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK

SUNSHINE AWARD

ORLA (YR), BEATRICE (Y1), KADEN (Y2),
ALEX (Y3), ISABELLA (Y4), APRAMEYA (Y5), ESTHER (Y6)



MATHS AWARD

LUNA (YR), LEXI (Y1), DYLAN (Y2),
CLOVER (Y3), IYLA (Y4), CONNOR (Y5), MIA (Y6)



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Week Commencing
08.11.21 - 12.11.21

No of Lates	
Rec	1
Y1	4
Y2	0
Y3	2
Y4	2
Y5	3
Y6	0

% Attendance	
Rec	96.76
Y1	91.00
Y2	97.30
Y3	100.0
Y4	100.0
Y5	95.17
Y6	96.67



Attendance Matters



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