

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th January 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

It has been another busy week in school – the children and staff have been working hard. I have seen some super writing and great maths this week – well done everyone. On a morning when I walk round to say to good morning, I am always impressed and proud of the children. They come in, quickly get ready and are always settled and on with their morning task by the time I reach their classroom. Great work! It is really important your child arrives on time, so they do not miss this work and it is a lovely, calm time to set the day off well.

**Football cards Key Stage 2 only**– after a meeting with Jack and Clovis who presented a very good argument about the positive benefits of bringing football cards into school, we have come up with a solution. The children can bring in their cards on a **Wednesday and Friday only**. The cards must be in an envelope with their name on. The class teacher will keep hold of the cards until morning break – the children can do their swaps. The class teacher will keep hold of the cards until the end of the day. Hopefully, this will keep the cards safe. Jack and Clovis said that they, and other children, are aware of the risks of bringing them in. This needs to be explained to your child /ren before they bring them into school.

**Water bottles** – water bottles need to have a sports top; other bottles are not suitable for school because if they are knocked over, they ruin books or make a mess.

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

**COUNSELLING SERVICE** - Catholic Care are offering a free and confidential counselling service to members of our Catholic community. If you feel that you, a family member or friend might benefit from counselling support please contact us on 0113 3885400, 07739975008 or email [counselling@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:counselling@catholic-care.org.uk)

## ASSEMBLIES

<u>YR</u>	<u>Y1</u>	<u>Y2</u>	<u>Y3</u>	<u>Y4</u>	<u>Y5</u>	<u>Y6</u>
24.03.23	03.02.23	17.03.23	24.02.23	03.03.23	10.02.22	27.01.22
Spring	Number Day	Mother's Day	Fairtrade	CAFOD	St Valentines	Holocaust Memorial Day

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 27th January - KS1 Bun Sale
- 1st February - Y4 Saint Day
- 2nd February - Athlete Visit
- 3rd February - Number Day
- w/c 6th February - Y6 Bikeability
- 9th February - Y3 Gymnastics
- **w/c 13th February - HALF TERM!**
- 20th February - Dogs Trust Visit
- 21st February - Pancake Day Activities
- 22nd February - Ash Wednesday Mass
- 24th February - Author Visit
- 27th February - Reading Week
- 28th February - Toast Tuesday
- 1st March - YR Saint Day
- 2nd March—World Book Day

# SCHOOL NEWS

## FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

### CAMPING TRIP

Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in helping to organise the FOSJ Camping Trip and attended the meeting on Wednesday. We had a good laugh sharing our funny camping stories and looking at sites & activities. A few people said they would like to be involved, but couldn't make the Wednesday meeting so there will be a second meeting on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm via Zoom!

**Meeting ID:**

881 4150 4238

**Passcode:** 836994

We are still looking for some Dads to help out (I appreciate you may have been watching Leeds beat Cardiff on Wednesday. Completely understandable, it hasn't happened very often this season). I look forward to hearing about your ideas, suggestions and if you want to be involved. No pressure!

If anyone has any questions, or wants to be involved but can't make the meeting on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January, please call or message Tom (07793765713).

For those wanting to come on the trip, don't worry, more information about the camping weekend and how to secure your place will be announced in February!

### GOLDEN TICKET - WILL YOU FIND A GOLDEN TICKET?

We are looking forward to our Golden Ticket Event on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Children will be able to purchase 110g Galaxy chocolate bars for £2.50. If they find a Golden Ticket hiding in the wrapper they need to bring it to the school office on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm to claim their prize.

A huge thank you to Arundel Travel Otley and Wharfedale Mumbler for sponsoring us for this event. In addition we would like to give a shout-out to those incredible parents who have sourced/donated prizes; Tom Monkman, Alice Miles, Jo Crosby, Amy Barnett, Lisa Hayton and Rebecca Keinhorst. Thank you.

We are still accepting prizes, so if you or your workplace would like to donate we would be very grateful. We currently have 30 prizes with more expected. We have a wide range of prizes for adults and children (£200 holiday vouchers/Leeds Rhino Tickets/£50 Buon Apps voucher/Go Ape vouchers/ family railway tickets etc!).



## SPORTS

On Wednesday, a group of girls from KS2 took part in a football tournament at Goals. The girls played really well and grew in confidence and skill as they played more games. We were in a very tough group with the two winners of the tournament coming from our group but we still managed to draw and win a game. Well done to all of the girls who demonstrated fantastic behaviour at all times.



Y6 Dodgeball Tournament is taking place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at Benton Park after school. Letters have been given out.



On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, we will be visited by Jenny Wallwork who is a badminton player who has won a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games. She will lead a sponsored workout with each class and then tell the school about her career. Sponsor forms have been given out to the children. There is no obligation for the children to get sponsored and all children will be able to take part—please note, some of the raised funds will go to SFS who run the scheme. Primarily, this is a fun opportunity for all the children, not a charity fundraiser. T&C can be found here - <https://sportsforschools.org/fundraising/>



## REMINDERS

- **IMPORTANT:** Children MUST bring a water bottle to school each day as school does not have any spare
- All children need to bring a coat to school with them
- Hair must be tied back. Jewellery should not be worn—this includes chains/bracelets and earrings other than studs
- Children **MUST** wear the correct P.E Uniform. In particular, sports leggings are not allowed
- If you have any spare, clean underwear, please bring into school for accidents. **ALL YEAR GROUPS!**

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God our Father, you created us to live in friendship with others.

You reveal to us through your holy word how we should live in friendship with others and the challenges and rewards of true friendship.

Help us to make friendships that are rooted in love and truth.

Through our Lord, Jesus Christ Your son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

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>

## VIRTUE

Since Christmas, our virtue has been friendship. This week, the children listened to the story of Jesus asking Peter if he loved him from the Gospel of John. Even though Peter had denied knowing Jesus when he needed him most, Jesus still forgave Peter and chose him to do a special job. We talked to the children about the importance of forgiveness and how there may be sometimes that we need to forgive and be forgiven by our friends.

## STATEMENT OF THE WEEK

Our statement of the week this week was: I listen to what you say. I show you I am listening. We talked about why it is important that we listen to each other and how we can show other people we are listening. We then listened to the story of God calling Samuel.

**A sweet  
friendship  
refreshes the soul.**

—Proverbs 27:9



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## Lent Activities

27th January - Bun Sale - Rec and KS1 children should bring in buns to sell for charity. KS1 and KS2 children can purchase buns for 50p each.

21st February—Pancake Day

22nd February—Ash Wednesday Mass

28th February—Toast Tuesday

3rd March - Faith Lunch

7th March —Toast Tuesday

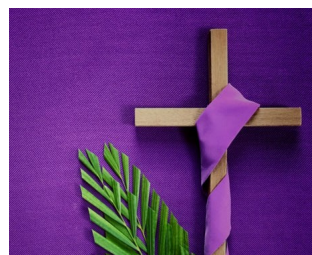
14th March —Toast Tuesday

21st March —Toast Tuesday

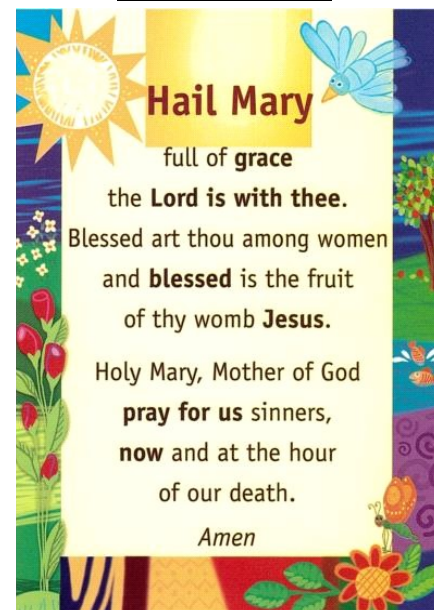
28th March —Toast Tuesday

31st March - End of Term Mass

31st March - Easter Egg Raffle



## Prayer of the Week



# CLASS PAGES

## YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, we have been reading a non-fiction book called "Living in the Arctic". We have learnt about the different animals that live there and what the environment is like. The children wrote a postcard home from the Arctic. Jacob wrote, "It is very cold and I saw a fox" while Sophie said, "It is cold and very icy".

In Maths, we have been learning more and less. We threw beanbags into hoops and worked out who had thrown in more and less. The children were very good at this.

This week we have spent a lot of time learning about Chinese New Year. On Wednesday, we tasted some Chinese food and we practised our chopstick skills. We have all enjoyed playing in the outdoor Chinese restaurant.



## YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE, we learned about how God revealed his Son's identity to Anna and Simeon when baby Jesus was taken to the temple to be dedicated to the Lord. We reflected on how Simeon allowed the Holy Spirit to guide and control his steps as God's promise was fulfilled.

To celebrate Chinese New Year, Y1 learned how the animals of the Chinese Zodiac decided on who would have each year named after them. We know that some of our class are roosters and some are monkeys. We enjoyed making Chinese rabbit fans and loved tasting Chinese food!

In Topic, we have been learning about the United Kingdom, which is made up of 4 different countries. Each of these countries has its own capital city and flag. The combination of the crosses on these flags make up the Union Jack, the national flag of the United Kingdom.

In English, we have been learning all about Robins. We have learnt about their habitat, diet and lots of interesting facts such as being Britain's favourite bird. We used these facts to write our own fact file of information.



In Maths, we have been learning how to use the balance scale to weigh a variety of objects, we found the mass by using cubes. We have been comparing the different masses of objects and recording the heaviest and lightest objects.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have been continuing to learn about 3D shapes. We have counted the faces, edges and vertices of each shape and are getting good at naming them. We ended our shape topic by building large 3D shapes using dowel and plasticine. We had to work well as a team and showed good perseverance!

In English, we used thesauruses to find exciting adjectives. We then practised using these adjectives in our own sentences. We then listened to the rest of 'Orion and the Dark'. We thought what it must have been like for Dark to just appear in your room and what kinds of things you would want to ask him. We discussed different sentence types and then practised asking the questions we would like to ask Dark.

As part of our Geography topic, we began to look at aerial view photographs and discussed how these were used to help draw maps. We learnt that a person who draws maps is called a cartographer. We then looked at how plans of rooms can be from an aerial viewpoint, and we created plans of our classroom so that visitors would be able to find their way around our room.

In Art, we continue to look at the work of Yayoi Kusama. We looked at her sculptures of pumpkins and then used clay to create our own abstract pumpkin sculptures. We will then paint them in the style of Yayoi Kusama, so watch out for further updates on our creations!



## YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, the children have started to plan their own narratives based on our class text. They have created storyboards to help them sequence their work. They have also been adding adverbial phrases to sentences to add detail, remembering the comma when placing the adverbial at the front of the sentence.



In Maths, we have started to try calculations using the 8 times table as well. We have done lots of counting in multiples of 4 and 8 to help us with learning our times tables

In RE, we explored the story of finding Jesus in the Temple and considered what this revealed to us about Jesus.

In Science, we looked at the effects of UV light. We tested the effectiveness of different sun creams using UV reactive beads and set up an experiment to see the effect that sunlight has on coloured paper.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

In Maths this week, Year 4 have been using informal and formal methods of multiplication. The children have used place value grids and counters to help them. They have also started looking at division.

In English, we have started looking at explanation texts and have been reading 'Until I Met Dudley' which includes fictional explanations as well as real explanations as to how things work. This week, the children have been using fronted adverbials and subordinating conjunctions to improve the explanations.

Our new Science topic this half term is Electricity. Today, the children had fun making circuits using light bulbs, crocodile clips and batteries. They also learnt about the words: insulators and conductors.

In Art, we continued to learn about Sonia Delaunay and about Orphism which is a type of abstract art focusing on light and colour. The children experimented with complementary and harmonious colours whilst colouring in a pattern of geometrical shapes.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths, the children have worked very hard on comparing and ordering fractions as well as adding and subtracting fractions within 1 with the same and different denominators. They are all able to recognise that if fractions have the same denominator then the bigger the numerator the bigger the fraction. Along with this, the children have really come to terms with how to find the common denominator and numerator of a group of fractions. Keep up the good work!

In English, the children have spent time identifying key poetic devices of a narrative poem and have analysed the variety of different narrative poem themes, such as mystery, humour and nonsense. The children came up with some fantastic ideas, especially for writing a humorous poem. We have begun to plan our poems and will begin writing them up next week.

In RE, we have been looking at the virtue 'Love of Learning'. The children were able to identify what that virtue meant to them and shared these ideas together as a whole class. Some of the ideas they came up with were; grateful, happiness, different subjects they enjoyed and many more. We then displayed these ideas as an acrostic poem, linking in the learning they have just been doing in their English topic. Their poems were fantastic!



## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we finished our fractions topic and have moved on to our ratio topic. We began looking at additive and multiplicative relationship in sequences. After showing an excellent understanding, we moved on to using ratio and language and comparing fractions and ratios.

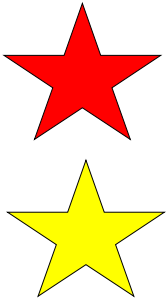
In English, we planned and wrote our own letter of complaint about the state of the playground to Mr Beardsley. We used the key text and linguistics features in our letter. We can't wait to edit these and type them up next week.

During our RE lesson, we discussed the Passover, the Last Supper and the Eucharist. As a class, we talked about the similarities and difference between.





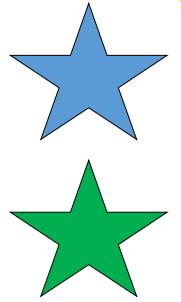
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

## ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



### SUNSHINE AWARD

MASON (YR), CHARLIE (Y1), BEATRICE (Y2)  
KADEN (Y3), BONNIE (Y4), FINN (Y5), LUCIUS (Y6)



### ENGLISH AWARD

BEN (YR), NOAH (Y1), DARCEY (Y2)  
CONNIE (Y3), FIN (Y4), INDIA (Y5), ARRON (Y6)



### VIRTUE AWARD

THOMAS (YR), EVIE (Y1), AVA (Y2)  
DYLAN (Y3), ALEXA (Y4), AUSTIN (Y5), ASA (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

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