

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st October 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

What a fantastic first half term and well done to everyone for settling back into school so well. It has been a very busy half term!

Thank you to all the staff for their support and hard work this half term. We have an amazing team of pupils, staff and parents who always go the extra mile. You all deserve a lovely break – doing lots of fun things with your family and getting some well-deserved rest.

A big well done to Reception who have settled in beautifully to life at St Joseph's. They have made a wonderful start. You are such a happy and smiley bunch who brighten up my day with your singing, playing and your funny stories.

A huge thank you to Friends of St Joseph's for their fun and creative activities. Despite the weather, today's Pumpkin Picking event was very special and raised important funds towards playground markings and other treats for the children.

This half term, we have truly embodied our strapline - *As a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn.* Well done to the children for coming back to school with a happy, positive attitude to learning and playing.

Winter Uniform – a reminder it is winter uniform when we return in November. Please note: Knee high-socks only, not over the knee socks. Grey shorts are to the knee (both boys and girls). Shoes should be black, school type shoes. PE Shorts – ensure PE shorts are a decent length—midway between knee and top of thigh.

Have a wonderful and well-deserved holiday – enjoy getting out and about and spending time with your family and friends.

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



YEAR 3 CLASS TEACHER (MATERNITY COVER) FIXED TERM CONTRACT



Required from January 2023, the Governors are looking for an enthusiastic and friendly Class Teacher to join our Catholic primary school for a fixed term maternity cover. *For more information, please see:*

<https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/vacancies-posts/2022/10/4/year-3-class-teacher-maternity-cover-fixed-term-contract>

Closing date for applications: Friday 28th October 2022 at 12 noon

Interviews: Friday 4th November 2022

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All post holders are expected to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to enhanced DBS disclosure and satisfactory references.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 7th November - Anti-Bullying Week
- 9th November - KS2 Cross Country
- 15th November - Y1/Y2 Science Festival
- 16th November - Y3/Y4 Science Festival
- 17th November - Y5/Y6 Science Festival
- 17th November - Nursery Rhyme Day
- 18th November - Y5 Class Mass
- 18th November - FOSJ Christmas Wreath Making

SCHOOL NEWS

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS



A massive thank you from FOSJ for attending the Pumpkin Patch at pick up today. We sold out of all the sweet treats and loved seeing the children choose their pumpkins.



We would like to say a big thank you to Riverside Animal supplies for letting us borrow the haybales for the Harvest Photobooth. The Traditional Sweet shop in Otley donated fudge, Waitrose Otley donated all the ingredients for the brownies and cinder toffee (HUGE thanks to Helen Costello for making them!) and Farmer Rob supplied our beautiful pumpkins.



We hope you loved the event and remember to send in your photos with Farmer Joe to FOSJ@stjosephsotley.org or your Class Rep on WhatsApp to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

Have a wonderful half term and we can't wait for our next events which are Wreath Making and The World Cup Live event.



OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS YOUTH CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Would you like to do something really worthwhile on some of your Friday evenings 6.30-8pm in the Parish Centre & make new friends at the same time as providing a very valuable space for year 6 pupils to meet with friends?

Please see letter attached to this week's email for more information.

Please note - An Our Lady & All Saints DBS is required and will be arranged for all volunteers

For more information, please contact: Sue O'Shea Youth Club Volunteer on 07973 854952 or Miss Wilkinson in the School office.

WE NEED YOU!



INSPIRATION TREE - OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUBS

MULTI-ACTIVITY & LEGO WORKSHOP

Inspiration Tree are offering Multi-Activity courses and LEGO workshop this half term at St Joseph's school on Monday 24th October and the Whartons on Wednesday 26th October.



InspirationTree

Inspiring & Creative Arts & Sports Courses

The courses are £17 per day from 9am-3pm. There is an option for an extended day if required.

SPORT

Cross Country – Well done to all the children who took part in the cross country on Saturday morning - it was fantastic to see so many children there! Everyone did brilliantly and enjoyed taking part. Thank you to all the adults who came and supported us. A special thank you to Miss Grant and Miss Chappel for helping on the morning.

The next Saturday morning Cross Country is on Saturday 19th November at cardinal Heenan. Races will start at 10am. Letters have been given out this week.

Letters have also been given out for the Cross Country on Wednesday 9th November at Wharfe Meadows.

Year 4 Netball Festival - Well done to Y4 who took part in the Y4 Netball Festival at PHGS on Tuesday. The children played absolutely brilliantly and **came 1st** out of all the Otley Primary Schools! Miss Jones was also impressed with their attitude and sportsmanship.



SCHOOL NEWS

DATE FOR THE DIARY - NURSERY RHYME DAY!

On **Friday 18th November**, we are asking the children to dress up as their favourite nursery rhyme characters to celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week.



Throughout the week, we will conduct Nursery Rhyme themed science experiments, create our own rhymes, and learn and perform nursery rhymes too.

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. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.



LAST CHANCE: Y7 SECONDARY ADMISSIONS



If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2023, you should apply for a place as soon as possible. The deadline to apply is 31st October 2022.

If parents are applying to St Mary's Menston and feel that they should be in a specific category ie Baptised Catholic, then they are required to complete a Supplementary Information Form and provide the required evidence. Please visit <https://www.stmarysmenston.org/admissions> for more information. Please note that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to complete all forms and supply evidence – reminders will not be sent.

Please see our dedicated page on the school website for more information.

CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find some dates for the 'Christmas diary' listed below.

Who would believe that it is **just 7 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

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, be before us and show us the right path. Lord,
be beside us and protect us.
Lord, be behind us and keep us safe from harm.
Lord, be beneath us and catch us when we fall.
Lord, be within us and comfort us when we are sad.
Lord, be around us to help spread your love to others.
Lord, be above us and bless us.
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

This week, Holy Name led our Collective Worship for us for our last week with the focus on Citizenship. During the last few weeks, we have encouraged the children to think about:

- showing love for their neighbour
- being part of a community
- making a positive difference
- looking for opportunities to serve others
- being proactive
- playing their part in looking after the environment

After half term, we will be thinking about prayer.

CONFIRMATION

Well done to all the Confirmation Candidates who took part in the enrolment Mass on Sunday morning. All of the children did their parts brilliantly and we received lots of positive comments from members of the Parish. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the children.

Our next meeting will be on the first Monday back after half term - Monday 31st October.

The Confirmation Mass has now been confirmed as **7pm on Wednesday 23rd November at the Cathedral.**

ALL SAINTS MASS

We will be celebrating All Saints Mass with the Parish on Tuesday 1st November at 10am. This will be led by Year 6. Family and friends are very welcome to attend.

The Magnificat **The Prayer Of Mary**

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit exults in God my Savior,
For he has looked upon his handmaid in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
For the Almighty has done great things for me.
And holy is his name.
His loving mercy is from age to age
for those who fear him.
He has made known the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud of heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones
and has exalted those who are lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and has sent the rich away empty.
He has always helped Israel his servant,
mindful of his loving mercy.
Even as he promised our fathers,
to Abraham and his descendants forever.*

CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, we have been reading the story 'Oliver's Fruit Salad.' We wrote a list of fruits that we would like to use to make our own Fruit Salad. On the way back from our Autumn walk, we called into the fruit shop to buy the fruit. We were also very lucky to be given a free piece of fruit each to take home.

In Maths, we have been learning about repeating patterns. We used natural resources such as sticks, conkers and acorns to make different repeating patterns.

In RE, we learnt about how God made each one of us to be special and different. We have also been learning about Diwali. We enjoyed making lanterns and rangoli patterns. We learnt about how Hindu's celebrate Diwali and on Wednesday, we enjoyed a special Diwali school dinner.

On Wednesday afternoon we all enjoyed a super Autumn walk. We found lots of Autumn treasures and had lots of fun playing in the leaves. The children behaved so well and made us very proud!



YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have been looking at the part whole model which is used to help children understand the relationship between the whole number and it's component parts. We have also been learning about repeating patterns.

In RE, we listened to the story of Noah's Ark and we reflected on God's promise to Noah. God put the rainbow in the sky to demonstrate this promise of hope to mankind and to never again destroy the earth with a flood.

In our unit on traditional tales, we listened to the story of The Little Red Hen. We sequenced the story and using capital letters and full stops and a word bank we wrote sentences under each picture to explain what was happening.

We have been thinking about the season of Autumn in Science this week and in particular hedgehogs. Mrs Cook brought one of her rescue hedgehogs in for us to see. We learnt that as the leaves start to fall and the weather turns colder, it is a vital time for hedgehogs, who have to work hard to fatten up throughout autumn, ready for their long winter sleep.

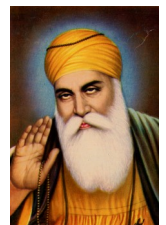


YEAR 2 NEWS

In English this week, we have been finding synonyms for colours. We especially focussed on the colours of Autumn. We then used our synonyms to help us write poems about Autumn leaves. We thought carefully about how they fall from trees - swirling and twirling, and we even managed to fit in a simile into our poems. Mrs Holmes and Mrs Walsh are very proud of the Year 2's wonderful, finished poems.

In Maths, we have worked very hard to find connections between our number bonds to 10 and then how to make 20 for example, we know that 3 needs 7 to make 10, we also know that 13 needs 7 to make 20. We also started to look at related facts such as if $3 + 4 = 7$ then $30 + 40 = 70$.

In Year 2, the other faith we study is Sikhism. This week, we learnt about how Sikhism was started by Guru Nanak. We learnt that he was chosen by God to share God's message. We learnt that the messages that Guru Nanak shared are the same as we Christians live by as well.



YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in RE, we looked at the baptism of Jesus and thought about why Jesus was baptised. We also explored who helps us on our journey of life.

In English, we planned and started writing our innovated traditional tales, taking inspiration from 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'. We had some fantastic ideas; however I hope Otley being plagued by billions of ants doesn't come true!!

In Maths, we looked at adding and subtracting by crossing boundaries. We looked at lots of different methods, thinking about which one was the most efficient. We practised partitioning numbers to help us.

In PE, we continued learning skills associated with Tag Rugby. We played a game to practise our communication and passing skills, avoiding being tagged by defenders.

In Science, we moved on to looking at soil and its relationship with rock. We explored where we find soil, what is found in it and why it is important. We discussed the different soil 'horizons' and how soil is formed.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, the children enjoyed researching facts about different European countries using the iPads in preparation for writing their own fact files. They had to find out: the capital city, population, land area, bordering countries, longest river, highest mountain and famous human landmarks.

Today in RE, the children found out about the Torah which is Jewish sacred text (Y4's World Faith.) They found out that the Torah is the first five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy) and that it is written in Hebrew which is read from right to left.

In Maths, we continued to look at subtraction using the column method with exchangers and being efficient in our methods.

We hope everyone has a lovely half term. There will be no homework over half term but please encourage the children to complete the reading challenge and to go on Times Table Rockstars every day if possible. Thank you.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we have been spending time editing our letters. We looked at what language features are needed such as fronted adverbials, subordinate clause and different forms of informal language. To end our topic of Hidden Figures, we watched the film and tried to spot the similarities and differences between the film and the book.

In Maths, we are continuing to look at addition and subtraction, looking closely at using prior knowledge of rounding to help check our subtraction and addition answers. We have been checking our answers using the inverse operations and being able to recognise the fact families between the numbers within a given calculation. An example of this operation would be, $3569 + 2345 = 5914$ so the inverse operation would be, $5914 - 2345 = 3569$ or $5914 - 3659 = 2345$.

In RE, we read the Bible story of The Creation and looked at how people have different understandings of how the world started based on scientific and religious views. We also explored the story of The Fall and made links to stewardship. We will try to be good stewards like St Francis of Assisi and St Vincent de Paul.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we started learning how to use the long division calculation with and without remainders. This was very tricky as there's quite a few steps but with lots of practise we got it! We continued to work on our arithmetic skills too.

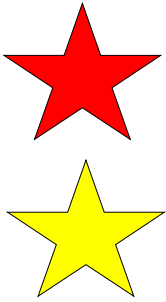
In English, we looked at Fibonacci style poems. Firstly, we looked in depth at the pattern and that the syllables were used for the number sequence. We had a go at writing our own emotive poems about Racism. In the poems, we mentioned how some people are racially attacked and how justice is needed to stop this.

In Science, we researched micro-organisms and created posters to display our learning. We really enjoyed learning about them.

Well done to all the children in Year 6 for such a good half term – both Mrs Kealey and I are looking forward to welcoming you back after the October Half term!



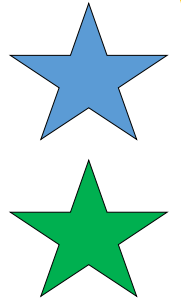
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



MERIT POINT AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Well done to all the children who received an award during Monday's Awards assembly. Some children have earned their bronze, or silver award! These certificates are awarded to children for earning a certain amount of merit points.

Well done everyone! We are so proud of all our children and their achievements. We look forward to seeing what next half term will bring!



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