

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd April 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed lots of family and friend time. A very different Easter compared to the last two years. The children have had lots of stories to tell me of their adventures either at home or on holiday. They all looked well and refreshed for the start of the new term.

Unfortunately, my Mum tested positive with Covid on the first Friday of the holiday and then kindly gave it to my daughter in-law, then to me who then passed it on to my son and finally my daughter. I managed to dodge Covid for two years at school to be infected by my 88 year old Mum!!

The children have returned to school with a great attitude and have worked hard this week. We had whole school mass today; I was very proud to hear of their wonderful behaviour and participation in the mass. Mrs Tremlett was very impressed with Reception. She said their behaviour was amazing.

Summer Uniform - the children can now wear summer uniform.

Parking - please do not park or use the road outside of school to drop children off. Use designated car parks.

Government Covid 19 Guidance - Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

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

SPORTS UPDATE

Well done to all the children in Year 5 and 6 who took part in the cup match against St. Augustine's on Thursday after school. It was a beautiful evening to play football and all the children played with determination and showed perseverance.

Unfortunately, we lost 2-1 (our goal was scored by Daniel) in a very closely fought game. Please can all kits be returned to school as soon as possible, thank you. Thank you to Miss Choma who also came along to support us.



JOB VACANCY - KITCHEN ASSISTANT

Catering Leeds currently have a vacancy for a 10 hour Kitchen Assistant. You will work as part of a team preparing fresh food for children and completing other kitchen duties.

The working hours are 11:30-13:30 Monday to Friday.

For more information, please call 0113 3782323.



IMPORTANT DATE FOR THE DIARY - QUEEN'S JUBILEE YEAR

School will be closed on Friday 1st July 2022.

School will be closed on this day to all pupils and staff. Thank you!



KEY INFORMATION

OTLEY CARNIVAL

This year's Otley Carnival takes place on Saturday 18th June and our theme is going to be The Queens Green Canopy in keeping with the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Our vision is that we will be a walking forest with lots of trees, friendly little woodland animals, the Queen, corgis and beefeaters!

This year, the Carnival Committee are planning to do things a little bit differently. Once people have signed up to take part in the carnival parade, the Carnival Committee will allocate a costume, just like we would during Nativity/School productions. We will be asking for a £2 contribution per child as we plan to make lots of the costumes in school and provide as much as possible for the children on the day.

Please note that all KS1 children will need to be accompanied by an adult, and we will need as many parent helpers for the parade as possible to walk with the children in order to get the right adult to children ratios. Please can you indicate on the form if you will be able to help on the day.



After 2 years away we really want to come back on a high and even better... hopefully win! But we really need your help. Let's make this our best year ever with as many children taking part as possible. We can help with costumes, guidance will be provided on what to wear and we are looking to arrange a craft session in school in the run up to the event so even if you're not creative or crafty that doesn't need to stop you from taking part!



Please can you complete the form below by Friday 29th April. Thank you so much.

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OTLEY—WELCOMING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN OTLEY

Otley Welcomes CIC are holding a public meeting in:

Otley Parish Church, Kirkgate, Otley at 7.00pm on Thursday 28th April

Not everyone is able to offer a temporary home to refugees but there will still be many ways in which people can offer support for both guests and hosts if they wish to. Everyone and all ideas are welcome.



BE CURIOUS 2022 - FREE FAMILY FUN DAY - SATURDAY 7TH MAY

Design, imagine, make, do, glue, explore and more at Be Curious 2022! Visit the University of Leeds on Saturday 7th May, 10am-4pm, for a day of FREE, fun activities suitable for all the family!

Get to grips with what really goes on inside a university with over 35 interactive stalls and activities, a hands-on Tinker Space, Maker Kits, performances, workshops, tours and more!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 28th April - Basketball Training
- 6th May - Y4 Skipping Festival
- 9th May - Y6 SATS Week
- 16th May - Brownlee Triathlon
- 19th May - Under 11 Football
- 26th May - Ascension Mass
- 27th May - School Jubilee Celebrations
- 30th May - HALF TERM
- 1st July - School closed for Jubilee Bank Holiday



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, I'd like to make this term
Something really special,
Something really good.
I'd like to start afresh with you,
Make a complete new beginning,
Make my life more pleasing with you.
Lord, help me to begin today
To open the door of my heart to you.

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

On Tuesday, all the school came together for our first Collective Worship of the new term. The theme was Mutual Respect which is one of the British Values. We discussed why it was we show respect to everyone and how we can show respect to each other in school. We finished our Collective Worship by listening to some words from Peter's first letter which says, "Respect everyone, love other believers and honour God."



On Friday, we all gathered in Church for our Mass at the start of term. The theme was new life. The children listened to the new life given to Jesus at Easter and how in spring we can see new life all around us. Well done to Year 6 for leading the Mass so well and to all the children for their beautiful singing and enthusiastic responses. Thank you to Father Lawrie for saying the Mass for us.



VIRTUE

Our new virtue for the start of term is Perseverance and Resilience. In the next few weeks in Collective Worship, the children will be thinking about how faith and hope can help us when things are difficult and that it is important to keep going even when things are hard.



ST GEORGE'S DAY

St. George's Day is held on 23rd April to celebrate the Patron Saint of England. There are many different stories about Saint George killing a dragon. The first account dates the twelfth century, hundreds of years after his death. At this time, the symbol of a dragon was commonly equated with the devil. Saint George is also the patron saint of many other countries, including Germany, Portugal, Greece, Palestine, Malta and Bulgaria.



*Heavenly Father, give us the bravery of St George
to stand up for the truth and the glory of God
that we have seen in the face of Jesus Christ.
Give us the strength to overcome
in our lives and in the world,
all that is contrary to your rule of justice and love.
Help us to be good news to the poor,
proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind;
let the oppressed go free, and
proclaim the good news of God's favour and Jubilee.
Amen*

CLASS NEWS

YEAR R NEWS

Reception have come back to school full of news about their Easter break and we have enjoyed sharing it on Tapestry. We have also been writing about what we did in the holidays. We have also listened to the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and been writing characters descriptions of the giant.



In Maths we have been learning to recognise numbers between 11 and 20. Please support your child to ensure they are secure with these numbers.

In RE we have started our new topic called 'New Life' and heard how the angel appeared to Mary to tell her Jesus was alive. We thought about how that made her feel happy and what makes us feel happy.



This week we have done some gardening and planted a broad bean seed. We talked about what our seed needs to grow; we have watered it and left outside to hopefully grow in the sunshine. We had a very special delivery on Tuesday which we are all very excited about. We received 18 hen eggs which we have put in our incubator and hopefully in three weeks they will hatch into chicks.

YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have been learning how to count objects in pairs and to count forwards and backwards in 2s. We have used ten frames, 1-50 grid and number tracks to help with our understanding of this.

When we arrived back to class after break on Thursday, we were somewhat dismayed to find that our red, London bus known as 'Naughty Bus' had run amok and tipped over pen-pots and knocked over chairs! We wrote a letter to him, telling him how disappointed we were in his behaviour and asked him not to do that again!

In RE this week, we have been thinking about the importance of Mary Magdalene's role within the Easter story. Having already witnessed Jesus' death on the cross, she was then present at the tomb. Mary was the first person to whom Jesus appeared after his resurrection and the first to preach the "Good News" of that miracle. We reflected on her feelings of confusion, bewilderment and then joy.



In PE, Mrs Fenton-Green has been helping us to develop our throwing and catching skills. We started by throwing (body- buffers) to our partner from the sitting position, then we progressed to our knees and then standing. We practised moving around and getting into position quickly to throw and catch to one another.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In English this week, we have continued our work using 'Flotsam', our class text. We have been developing and editing our writing to build on our descriptions of the wonderful pictures in the book. Everyone is enjoying thinking of exciting vocabulary to build up an image in the reader's mind.



In Maths, we have been learning about unit and non-unit fractions. We know that unit fractions have a numerator of 1 so we are focussing on just one of the parts. A non-unit fraction has a numerator of more than one. We all enjoyed finding non-unit fractions of groups of donuts!

As part of our RE work about The Mass, we focused on the most important part of service - the Consecration. We made links to the Last Supper and discussed how the priest uses the same words as Jesus did at the Last Supper. We found out that when the priest says these words, Jesus becomes truly present at the altar. On Friday, we celebrated St George's Day!

As part of our computing work about media music, we used looked at how we can create different rhythms and pulses. We practised first using clapping and clicking before creating our own rhythms on Chrome Music Lab. We all enjoyed sharing our rhythmic creations!

YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, Year 3 finished reading *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*. We had an in depth discussion, sharing our opinions and backing them up with evidence. We then did a 'role on the wall' for the character of The Pied Piper; we found facts that the book tells us about him, and also gave our opinions on his character.



In Maths, we started our unit of measuring length. We started the week by measuring different lengths in mm, cm and m before moving on to learning about equivalent lengths.

In Geography, we carried out some research on North America. We located the different countries in North America, labelling them and their capital cities on a map, and created a 'Top 8' fact file, listing the highest peak, largest lake etc.

In Computing, we started our unit on programming. In our first lesson, we got to grips with the basics of Scratch.

YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have started to analyse our new class text '*The Selfish Giant*' by Oscar Wilde. The children have created setting descriptions of the garden filled with expanded noun phrases, as well as using their inference skills to describe the giant's personality and write him a letter explaining how his actions are affecting other people.

In Maths, we have continued our work on decimals. The children have worked on dividing a 1-digit and 2-digit number by 10, using the decimal place value chart to help them. They have also converted tenths and hundredths into fractions and decimals. So many children are now accessing the tricky extra challenges in Maths lessons - well done for your hard work!

In RE, the children worked in groups to plan their own Collective Worships, which they will lead every Thursday for the next 10 weeks. They chose their own Bible readings to fit their theme and thought about how to help the class reflect on the Word. Finally, they created PowerPoint Presentations for their worships.

In Science, we looked at habitats around school to launch our new topic of Living Things and Their Habitats. We thought about what habitats needed to provide for animals and other living things, then the children explored the school grounds for different varieties of habitat.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have started to look at decimals which the children have done really well with. We have compared numbers with decimals as well as converted them to fractions.

This week in English, we read "When the Giant Stirred" and summarised the story in our words. We also revised some of our grammar terminology.

On Tuesday afternoon, we had fun in Science investigating friction by pushing toy cars down ramps onto different surfaces to see which surface caused the most friction.

Our focus in Art this half term is, "Every Picture Tells a Story". This week, we looked at a piece of art by Banksy and the children tried to change it to reflect the British value of mutual respect.



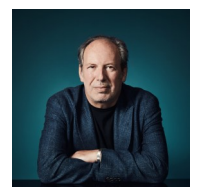
YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we began our topic of ratio. Firstly, we talked about what ratio is and soon moved on to calculating it - it's not as tricky as we thought. Later on the week, we looked at scale factors and how to calculate them.

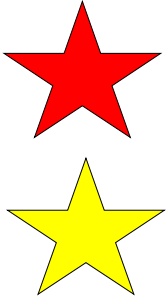
In RE, we looked at the events of Holy Week and how we celebrate these events in Church. We discussed the importance of these events and how they link to Catholic's beliefs.

In Music, we listened to music from Hans Zimmer. Using various instruments, we tried to create our own shimmer effect to go alongside a piece of his music.

In French, we played a game to recap the different countries in Europe. We focused on our pronunciation of these countries and even had a go at saying sentences with the countries in.



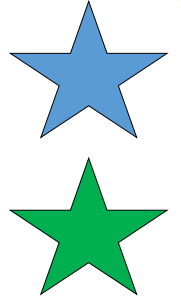
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SPORTS DATES FOR THE DIARY

TUESDAY 26TH APRIL - Y5 Badminton Festival @ PHGS 10:50 - 12

THURSDAY 28TH APRIL - Y5 & Y6 Basketball coaching AM

WEDNESDAY 4th MAY - Y4 Netball Festival @ PHGS 1 - 2:30

MONDAY 9TH MAY - Y5 Football match at school 3:30-4:30

MONDAY 16TH MAY - Y5/6 Triathlon at John Smeaton

THURSDAY 19TH MAY - Y5 Cricket Festival @ Leeds Mods 12:30 - 2:30

THURSDAY 19TH MAY - Y6 Football Tournament @ St Theresa's School all day

MONDAY 23RD MAY - KS2 Netball Festival @ St. Mary's 4:00 - 5:30

WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY - Y3/4 Cricket Festival @ Leeds Mods 12:30 - 3:30



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