



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd October

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! We have visited the Conker Park in YR; the Toy Museum in Y1; Y2 have explored the grounds for minibeast habitats; Y3-Y6 were taken on tour through the Stone Age to the Romans and Y5 went to a cricket event! On top of this, we held our McMillan coffee morning, wore red for Say No to Racism Day, attended two cross country events and various extra-curricular after school clubs. You will need to rest this holiday!

A big well done to Reception who have settled in beautifully to life at St Joseph's. They have made a wonderful start. Whenever I drop in, they are full of fun and have lots of energy! They love to use and take out all the equipment, but I am very impressed with their tidying skills at the end of the day.

This half term, we have certainly - **As a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn.**'

Winter uniform – a reminder it is winter uniform when we return in November.

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
5th - Y2 Assembly	9th - Christmas Dinner Day and Jumper Day
10th - Y6 Visit from National Holocaust	10th - Y4 Assembly
12th - Y6 Assembly	11th - LSAA Cross Country League
15th - Anti-Bullying Week	14th - Nativity (TBC)
16th - KS2 Science Festival	16th - KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties
17th - KS2 Science Festival	16th - KS1 and KS2 FOSJ Disco
18th - Y2 Science Festival	17th - Whole School Mass
19th - Anti-Bullying Assembly	END OF TERM.
19th - FOSJ Movie Night	
20th - LSAA Cross Country League	
25th - EYFS Training Day	
26th - Y5 Assembly	
29th - YR/6 Height and Weight Measurement	

For Class Masses, please see the next page.

ST JOSEPH'S OPEN DAY

Wednesday 10th November 2021
9.30am – 11.30am and 1.30pm – 3.00pm

ST JOSEPH'S OPEN DAY EVENING

Wednesday 10th November 2021
6-7pm



School Open Day

10 November

Please contact school for further information www.stjosephsotley.org

TEMPUS FUGIT HISTORY VISIT

On Thursday 21st October, KS2 had a visit from Tempus Fugit who are a theatre and education company providing living history/historical costumed shows around the country.

Rock Up with the Early Britons

Years 3, 4 and 5 had a surprise visit from world-renowned archaeologist Dr Indiana Bones, who took them on a tour from the Palaeolithic to the Iron Age. The children dressed in outfits from each area and saw how textile technology developed through time, as well as examining tools and the diet of prehistoric humans. There was a song from every time period, which really helped us understand the key features of life in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. It was particularly interesting to learn about religion in Iron Age Britain, and how the druids and rulers like Boudicca clashed with Roman invaders.

Roman Life

Years 4, 5 and 6 were then transported to the Roman town of Castrum Deva Victrix (Chester) to meet the Roman blacksmith Maximus Decimus Meridius. He offered the children his wares, including centurions, legionaries and auxiliary soldiers' uniforms, jewellery and belts, and shields. He even gave us a demonstration of different Roman shield techniques. Finally, he explained about the different shops around his in the forum, and how every shop-owner prayed to a different God. Maximus explained that his votive of Mars, the god of war, was very precious to him!



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

On **Thursday 21st October**, the children and staff wore red to raise awareness about racism within society.

We thought about how Jesus taught us to love everybody regardless of colour or race. We talked about how some people are treated differently because of their skin tone, and everyone agreed this was unkind and unfair.



Additionally, during the month of October, we have celebrated Black History Month and really enjoyed learning about inspirational persons of colour.

CLASS MASS DATES

Class Masses will take place in Church during November.

Places will be limited so please only attend your child's Class Mass.

<u>Mass Dates</u>		
Date	Time	Class
Thursday 4 th November	11am	Y6
Friday 5 th November	2pm	Y4
Thursday 11 th November	11am	Y3
Friday 12 th November	11am	Y5
Wednesday 24 th November	2pm	KS1

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord,

Sometimes life is full of happy things,

Sometimes life is difficult.

Thank you for my friends who share things with me and help me.

Thank you that wherever I am and whatever I am doing,

You are always there for me and you are always ready to listen.

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](#)