

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd September 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

The weeks are definitely flying by! It's lovely seeing the children settled and working hard. When I walk round school in the morning, all the children from Y1 – Y6 are settled, completing their morning task and ready to learn (lots and lots of children in the Green Zone). I don't think we can expect YR to be at that stage yet. The Reception children are coming into school beautifully and it was lovely and calm in the classroom today (Thursday). The children were playing together, chatting away and having fun. Reception were introduced to their buddies today – Y6 were very excited (I think they like playing with toys too!). I know Y5 can't wait to meet their Y1 buddies too. There will be lots of new friendships in the making.

Reception Class attended their first whole school assembly today. They were brilliant. Mrs Harvey said they listened beautifully.

FOSJ – thank you to the FOSJ team for organising the Rainbow Non-uniform Day. It was very popular; thank you to the families who donated goods for the raffle. There are some awesome hampers to raffle. You will not be disappointed.

Please note – there is no obligation to contribute to all the events organised by school. We are hosting a variety of different activities that you might like to attend/contribute to. School appreciate any contribution whether this is your time, any kind donations or just coming along to support school.

School Visits – at some point during the year, each class will go on a visit linked to their curriculum. I appreciate the cost of living is spiralling and times are difficult. No child will be excluded due to financial constraints. Please contact me if you need to discuss anything.

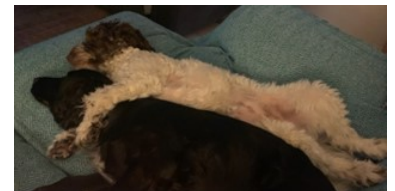
Molly, Luna and Miss Choma

Molly and Luna continue to wreak havoc wherever they can! I came down to shredded paper everywhere this morning. Luna loves eating the strawberry plant which is now bereft of any leaves! Thankfully, they do love each other and when they are asleep, they are quite cute!

Time Flies - last week, we celebrated my little boy's 30th birthday! We had a lovely meal at Buon Apps.

Have a wonderful weekend together – enjoy the precious time with your family and friends.

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



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 26th September - Y6 Curriculum Evenings
- 28th September - Mini Vinnie Mass
- 29th September - Individual Photographs
- 30th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 6th October - Flu Vaccinations
- 6th October - School Council attending opening of Wharfeside Care Home
- 7th October - CAFOD Harvest Family Fast
- 7th October - FOSJ Draw Rainbow Raffle
- 14th October - Show Racism the Red Card
- 17th/20th October - Parents Evening
- 18th October - Y4 PHGS Netball Festival
- 20th October - FOSJ Pumpkin Pickup
- 21st October - Training Day

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



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DOUGHNUT SALE

Thank you so much for supporting the first FOSJ Doughnut Sale. It was fantastic seeing lots of happy children. We were thrilled at the response and had many comments about the new logo and branding. The new card machines were a great success and we hope you agree are a useful addition.

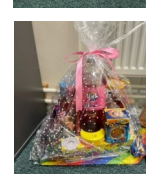
We are thrilled to announce the total profit across the two days was **£220.06!**

RAINBOW NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thank you so much for your wonderful coloured donations from Rainbow Day. We took your donations and made 14 wonderful Rainbow Hampers. Each Hamper is different with items including alcohol, sweets, cooking ingredients, beauty products, chocolate, nibbles and more! Raffle tickets (5 strips) have been sent out in book bags this week. Each strip is £1 and we ask if you could write your child's name on every ticket in the strip. Please place the correct money into the envelope and send back into school. If you would not like to purchase raffle tickets, please still return the envelopes and contents in book bags as it will be reused for future events!

The Rainbow Raffle draw will be in assembly on Friday 7th October.

We are pleased to say that the 14th Hamper will be donated to Otley Action for Older People to look out for those in need in our local community. Thank you SO much for your support and donations.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

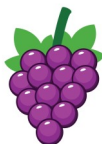
The photographer will be in school on Thursday 29th September to take the children's individual photographs.



NUT FREE SCHOOL

Polite reminder that due to allergies, St Joseph's is a nut free school. Unfortunately, if your child is found with a nut, the product will have to be confiscated.

GRAPE REMINDER



Grapes are a good healthy fruit snack but if you include grapes in your child's packed lunch or breacktime snack - please remember to always cut them lengthwise first as they can be a choking hazard.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The nasal influenza vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception -Year 6. If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school on Thursday 6th October please follow this link to complete an online consent form;

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=139355&Type=FLU>

The link will close on 19th September. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397 (option 7 ext 2)

SPORT

Cross Country Update

The first Cross Country race will take place next Saturday at Middleton Park, letters have been given out today.

RACE 2: Saturday 15th October 10am at Wharfe Meadows

RACE 3: Saturday 19th November (time & venue TBC)

RACE 4 & RACE 5: TBC

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A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

St. Bernadette, pure and simple child,
you who were privileged to behold the beauty of
Mary Immaculate and to be the recipient of her confi-
dence eighteen times at Lourdes;
you who did desire from then on to hide yourself in
the cloister of Nevers and there live and
die as a victim of sinners,
obtain for us that spirit of purity, simplicity and mortifi-
cation, which will lead us also to the glorious vision of
God and of Mary in Heaven.
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 morning in our Collective Worship, the children found out about the Relic Tour of St Bernadette around the UK and that it will be in Leeds Cathedral from Monday 3rd October 2022 to Tuesday 4th October 2022. The children listened to the story of Saint Bernadette and found out about Lourdes. St. Bernadette was just an ordinary, young girl who saw something amazing and told the truth about it. Bernadette had eyes of faith and she loved God deep in her heart.

STATEMENT OF THE WEEK

This week's statement was: I can say how I feel. We thought about why we feel different emotions and linked it to the Zones of Regulation. We also thought about the different emotions that Jesus showed in the Bible and that he felt happiness, sadness and even anger just like us so he understands our feelings and can help us.

CONFIRMATION

On Monday, children in Year 6 will be starting their Confirmation classes, these will take place after school until 4:15 and children will need collecting from the School Office afterwards. Please keep these children in your prayers as they start their preparation.

MINI VINNIES

Children who wanted to be Mini Vinnies in Year 5 were given an application form this week. If possible, this needs to be returned to school by Monday as we will be having our Mini Vinnie Induction Service on Monday.

HARVEST CELEBRATION

On Friday 7th October, we will be having our Harvest Celebration in school.

On this day, we are asking children to bring in non-perishable food items so that they can be donated to the Otley Food Bank. We are always overwhelmed with your generosity.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Next Friday, Friday 30th September, we will be holding our own Macmillan Coffee Morning in school. We invite children to bring in £1 and in return they shall get to choose a bun and have a drink. Parents are very welcome to donate cakes for this event, but are under no obligation to do so. Thank you for your support in advance.

CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

Another fantastic week here in Reception. The children are all settling into school brilliantly. We have been very busy exploring all the different activities and games in our classroom and outside too.

We are practising our listening skills and how we communicate with each other and with adults around school. We have played some games to help us to learn everybody's names and to practise taking turns.

We have also been introduced to the 'Colour Monster' and thought about our own feelings and emotions.

On Friday, we met our Year 6 Buddies. We loved meeting them and getting to know them. Our Buddies are a special friend who will look after us around school.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE this week, we have been reflecting on the Creation Story, we have watched short clips and sang songs about how God created our wonderful world. We thought about which of the 7 days was our favourite? Poppy said, "Day 1 Night and Day because I like sleeping in my bed."

In Maths, we have been investigating 3D shapes. We sorted the shapes into different groups based on whether they would roll. We also practised counting forwards and backwards and used number squares to help us find one more and one less.

In English, we have been sequencing the main events in our story: Stanley's Stick. After we had arranged the different parts of the story, we used time conjunctions to match each sequence.

In ICT, we have been using the Paintz app to create and edit our self-portraits. We had fun experimenting with lots of different tools these included: pencil, airbrush, magnifier, and fill colour. Some of us even put text in our pictures to label them.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In our English work this week, we have been thinking carefully about the different emotions and feeling of the old lady in 'A Squash and a Squeeze'. We completed an emotions graph and found that her feelings changed throughout the story. We then decided to see if we could think of different synonyms to describe the characters feelings.

In maths, we have continued to think carefully about how numbers are made by partitioning them into groups of tens and ones. We have also practised writing numbers to 100 in words. Everybody has a list of number words to practise spelling over the next few weeks to support us in our learning.

As part of our History work about explorers, we have been learning about the explorer Captain Scott. We learnt about his Terra Nova Expedition to Antarctica to be the first person to reach the South Pole. We then ordered the events of his ill-fated journey and adding extra detail. We learnt that just his journey to Antarctica was problematic as his ship was struck by a storm and they got stuck in the ice. To make matters even worse, another explorer called Amundson had decided to go there too. Amundson reached the South Pole a whole month before Scott!



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YEAR 3 NEWS

In English this week, Year 3 gathered lots of descriptive language about rats. However, some of us were on the 'cute and fluffy' side and some 'disgusting and intimidating'. We then used these descriptions to write a diary entry about our home being invaded by rats.

In RE, we explored the Church Family and what it means to be part of it.

In Maths, we consolidated our learning on partitioning and representing numbers to 1000 with some problem-solving activities. We then learnt how we can flexibly partition each 3 digit number.

In Science, we got to be geologists and carefully handled and examined rocks before deciding how we could sort and group them by different properties.

In Geography, we looked at the land use of Otley and identified physical and human features of our local area. We enjoyed spotting local buildings and locating them on a map.



YEAR 4 NEWS

On Thursday afternoon, Year 4 enjoyed their reward of ice-creams for achieving their class target!

This week in English, the children have been writing their own narrative based on what we have read so far in The Iron Man. They have tried to use paragraphs and include similes as well as adjectives. The children have had lots of creative ideas - well done!

In RE, the children thought about what it was like moving to a new home and they then listened to the story of Abraham who God asked to move to a new country which he did as he was a man of great faith.

In Art, the children practised their observational skills by drawing different types of leaves.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In English this week, the children have been continuing with reading The Lost Thing. They have looked closely at how to use relative clauses within their work to add more detail and have used a variety of different relative pronouns. As a class we carried out a freeze frame activity in order for the children to infer feelings from characters within the story and use this to be able to write a diary entry from their characters point of view.

Maths, we have continued with our place value topic, looking closely at a variety of different methods we can use to help with partitioning numbers to 1,000,000 such as, number lines and part-whole models. Towards the end of the week, we have started to compare and order numbers to 100,000 and 1,000,000.

This week, we have started our new topic in Art - specifically looking at Chinese art. We spent time looking at many different pieces of Chinese art, from vases to paintings and discussed the different art that was produced within the different Dynasty's over the years. The children used a view finder and sketched a small section of different pieces of Chinese art, trying to replicate the intricate detail used.



YEAR 6 NEWS

We've had a very busy week in Year 6 this week! On Tuesday, we went on residential to Herd Farm and we had a brilliant time! We managed to squeeze lots of great activities, such as: archery, assault course, zip line, crate stack and night walk. After we had returned to school, we wrote letters of thanks to Herd Farm instructors thanking them for a wonderful time and for helping us develop our team-building skills. We shared our favourite memories, which I am sure will last a lifetime.

On Thursday, we began planning and creating Collective Worship PowerPoints for the autumn term. We were reflective in thinking about the response and go forth.

Friday afternoon, we were able to meet our buddies for the first time. We had a great time getting to know them and playing with them in Reception.



Is your child starting Year 6?

It's time to think about secondary school!



You can apply online until
31 October 2022 for a Year 7 place
in **September 2023**

Before you apply, find out more at
www.leeds.gov.uk/apply

- Learn about the admissions process
- Research schools so you can list your 5 preferences
- Read each school's admissions policy
- Understand where your child might be offered a place
- Check if your home address gives you priority

If you still have questions... join our Q&A sessions
on social media in September and October



Call us on
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Watch our quick
guide to school
admissions



Autumn Term



Autumn Term Events 2022

Wednesday 14 th September	FOSJ AGM	All welcome. Venue TBC
Thursday 15 th September	Doughnut Sale	Doughnuts for sale at pick up 3-3.30pm. Cash and Card (inc. Apple payment) accepted. After school Club children will need money sent into school please, so they can still buy a doughnut.
Tuesday 20 th September	Rainbow Non- Uniform Day	Children to wear non- uniform in exchange for a donation in the colour of your class
Friday 7 th October	Rainbow Raffle Draw	Tickets for Rainbow Raffle Hampers will be sent home in book bags on Monday 26 th September. All entries to be sent in by Thursday 6 th October. Winners announced in assembly on Friday 7 th October.
Thursday 20 th October	Pumpkin Pick up	3.15pm onwards enjoy picking a pumpkin from our Pumpkin Pickup truck. Gingerbread and Hot Chocolate will be available. Cash and card accepted.
Friday 18 th November	Christmas Wreath Workshop	7pm in the school hall. Christmas Wreath Workshop including refreshments



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Friday 25 th November	World Cup Live England v USA	Live streaming of the World Cup football match. Pizza and Beer available. Cash and card accepted
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Disco	Key Stage 1: 3.30pm – 4.20pm Key Stage 2: 4.40-5.30pm
Saturday 10 th December	Winter Wonderland	10am – 2pm School Hall
ALL YEAR	Nearly New Uniform Collection Bin	FOSJ Nearly New Uniform collection bins will be situated on the playground all year round. Please deposit uniform into these bins at pick up.



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