

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th February 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Having spoken to the children, they seem to have had a busy and exciting half term with visits to London, the beach, cycling, walking, visiting friends and family etc!!! I hope you all had a restful week and some lovely, quality family time.

The children have been busy this week and there has been some super writing from Esme, Georgia and Anna in YR. Y6 have been tackling some tricky algebra with ease!

A big thank you to Y5 for leading Ash Wednesday Mass; they prepared well and read with confidence - with a special mention for Finn who read beautifully. Lent is a very important time in the Liturgical year. It is a time where we either fast, give to charity or pray in preparation for the Easter Triduum. What are you going to do for Lent?

**Flood update:** the new flooring has been laid; Mr Ed is refitting all the doors as many of them had swollen in the flood; hopefully the plumbing and new sink units will be installed this week or early next week.

We are hopeful the children will be able to return to their classrooms at some point during week 3.

### Reminders:

**Punctuality:** Remember gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am. It's important the children arrive on time for the start of the school day. For some children, arriving late is unsettling; to ensure the best start and learning behaviour for your child/ren, be punctual.

**PE Uniform:** On PE days the children must come to school in their green PE shorts and/or **green joggers**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a lovely weekend; enjoy your time together – we can't go back in time so make the most of every moment.

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

## PANCAKE DAY

On Tuesday, we had great fun raising money for our Lent Charities. The children took part in activities such as pancake races, pancake tossing and decorating their own pancake. The children could choose from syrup, lemon, sugar, fresh fruits, sprinkles and chocolate spread. Some children chose to put **ALL** the toppings on one pancake !

Thank you to Sainsburys for their kind donation of some of the toppings including syrup, lemon and sugar. We raised over £100 for our Lent Charities.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 27th February - Reading Week
- 28th February - Toast Tuesday
- 1st March - YR Saint Day
- 2nd March - World Book Day/Reading Breakfast
- 3rd March - Faith Lunch
- 8th March - Y4 Skipping Festival
- 11th March - Cross Country
- 14th March - Y2 Handball Festival
- 17th March - Mother's Day Stall
- 17th March - Y1 Saint Day
- 17th March - Y6 Leeds United PSHE Event
- 17th March - Scholastic Book Fair!

# NEWS

## FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

### FOSJ SOCIAL

FOSJ would like to invite you to a social on Wednesday 8th March at the Horse and Farrier. Arrive anytime from 7.30pm. We will be discussing upcoming events like the Camping trip, King's Coronation, and the Rainbow Run. Pop in for a drink or share some ideas; we would love to see you all.

### SAVE THE DATE—CAMPING TRIP

FOSJ Camping Trip will be taking place on 30th June - 2nd July. We can't wait to make some brilliant family memories with you all.

### COULD YOU BE THE NEXT FOSJ SECRETARY?

We are looking for a Secretary to join our team. Please email [FOSJ@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:FOSJ@stjosephsotley.org) for more information. Join our friendly relaxed team for the Summer Term.

## SPORT

Well done to the football team who took part in a Cup match against St Joseph's School, Hunslet on Tuesday.

Unfortunately, we did not win but it was a very close game and the teacher from St Joseph's was very complimentary about the behaviour and attitude of all of our players.

Thank you to the parents who were able to come and watch. Please can all kit be returned to school ASAP.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

### World Book Day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is World Book Day! To mark this day, we are thinking a little bit outside the box and completing a 'vocabulary parade'. For this to take place, we are asking all children to come to school dressed as a children's book character or as a word—this could be a noun, an adjective, a verb or another other exciting WOW word.

We are not asking you to spend any money, but to be creative with the resources you have available at home. Your chosen word should be clearly displayed within your outfit. As well as a 'vocabulary parade', we will also have a competition for the best dressed/ most creative word in each class. You can find examples if you search for 'vocabulary parade' online.

### Book Swap

We would like to invite the children to bring in a book they no longer want, to swap with another child. Books need to be age appropriate and should be in good condition. There will be a book donation box in each classroom, and we ask that books are donated by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

If you have any other books that you feel would be suitable for younger age groups, please feel free to donate those too. We hope to be able to send every child home with a new book by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We look forward to celebrating the joy of reading in school.

### Reading Breakfast

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we welcome you to join us early to enjoy a reading breakfast with your child. You will be welcomed in to school from 8:15 to enjoy a light breakfast and a drink and to take the opportunity to visit the school library and choose a book to read with your child. We ask that you make a donation for the food and drink to cover the costs. Your child can share with you their favourite books at school, how they change their reading books and take the opportunity to have a relaxed start to the morning reading for fun.

### Library Visits

Y1 will visit the library on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. We will be setting off at 1:10pm and returning at 2:30pm. We need 3 parent volunteers. If you are able to walk with the children, please email [office@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:office@stjosephsotley.org).

Y4 will visit the library on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We will be setting off at 1:10pm and returning at 2:30pm. We need 2 parent volunteers. If you are able to walk with the children, please email [office@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:office@stjosephsotley.org).

### 'BE DOG SMART' DOGS TRUST VISIT



On Monday, Lauren from the Dogs Trust came to talk to the children about being safe around dogs and how to build safe, loving relationships with our canine friends. The children learned lots of interesting facts; how to approach a dog and what to do if you think a dog may attack.

Thank you to Lauren for taking the time to deliver fun and informative workshops!

For more information, please see <https://www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk/resources/3-5/besafebekind-eyfs.pdf>



### THINKING DAY—GIRLGUIDING

On Wednesday, some of our girls in Y3 took part in World Thinking Day, one of the highlights of the guiding calendar. This day was chosen because it's the joint birthday of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the scout and guide movement, and his wife Olave, who served as World Chief Guide. It's a day when 10 million girls and young women in 152 countries celebrate and explore how we're all part of a bigger movement - our World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). This year, the theme is Our World, Our Peaceful Future.



If your daughter is interested in joining a Girlguiding unit, we have units in Otley for all ages - Rainbows (4-7), Brownies (7-10), Guides (10-14) and Rangers (14-18). Please visit: [Girlguiding | The Leading UK Charity for Girls & Young Women | Girlguiding](#) to register.

All units would also welcome new adult volunteers to help provide more fun and exciting opportunities to the girls and young women in our units. Places for girls in our units can be limited due to low numbers of volunteers in this area. Please visit the website to register as an adult volunteer, or enquire about a trial visit.



## Certificate of Excellence



### Platinum

Awarded to:

## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Otley

Your vaccination uptake rate is:

# 74%

Congratulations on receiving this certificate, your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. IntraHealth look forward to working with you again next season!



# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O Holy Spirit please!

Replace the tension within me with a Holy Relaxation.  
Replace the turbulence within me with a Sacred Calm.  
Replace the anxiety within me with a Quiet Confidence.  
Replace the fear within me with a Strong Faith.  
Replace the bitterness within me with the Sweetness of  
your Grace.  
Replace the darkness within me with a Gentle Light.  
Replace the coldness within me with a Gentle Warmth.  
Amen

## OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### MASS TIMES

Saturday Morning: 10am  
Saturday Evening Vigil: 6:30pm  
Sunday Morning: 9:30am & 11:15am

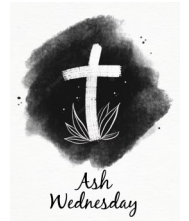
For updates, please check the weekly bulletin for  
up-to-date Mass times.

[http://www.olasotley.org/  
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## LENT - ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Year 5 led our Ash Wednesday Mass and it was extra special having Father Lawrie back in Church with us. During the week, the children have been talking about Lent and thinking about what Lent promises they would like to do this year. Some children have decided to give up things and some have decided to do something extra.



## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Thank you to Year 3 who led this morning's Collective Worship. With Fairtrade Fortnight starting next week, they discussed how our choices can affect the world around us, and why choosing Fairtrade products is so important.

They shared the stories of some farmers from different countries around the world, and how Fairtrade means they receive better working conditions and fairer pay. The class also shared some of the poetry they had written about this topic. We were reminded of the words of Leviticus about treating people fairly and will be thinking carefully about the choices we make, and their effect on others, over Fairtrade Fortnight.



## VIRTUE

On Thursday, we thought about our new virtue in Collective Worship which is Self-Control.

We thought about times when we may be tempted to do make the wrong choices or not to keep our Lent promises, but we know that Jesus is there to help us when we might be tempted. We listened to the story of Jesus being tempted in the desert and reflected on how he showed self-control.



## CAFOD SOUP LUNCH AT PARISH CENTRE

Friday 3rd March - 12:00pm - 1:30pm  
Everyone welcome for a soup lunch and a time of prayer at the beginning of Lent. Donations to CAFOD



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10am for children in Year 4. There will be four preparation meetings for the children which will take place after school on the following dates: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.



## Prayer of the Week

### **Guardian Angel Prayer**

Angel of God,  
my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love  
commits me here,  
ever this day  
be at my side,  
to light and guard,  
to rule and guide.

**Amen.**



**As a family with God in our hearts,  
we love, laugh and learn**

# CLASS PAGES

## YEAR R NEWS

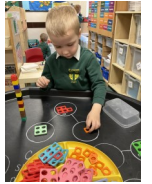
What a great week we have had in Reception! On Monday we had a visit from the Dogs Trust. We learnt how to be safe around dogs and how to take care of them.

Our new topic this half term is Transport. In Literacy, we have been reading the story of 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. We made lists of some of the things that were seen on the little girls journey.

In Maths, we have continued learning about finding the total of 2 groups. We learnt about part- whole models, and how the two parts add together to make the whole amount.

In RE, we learnt about kindness and how Jesus wants us to show kindness to each other. We each wrote an act of kindness and added it to our 'Kindness Jar.'

On Tuesday, we had lots of fun with our Buddies decorating pancakes. We also practised flipping pretend pancakes. Everyone agreed it was lots of fun and a delicious start to our day!



## YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE, we have reflected on how we prepare spiritually throughout the forty days of Lent. We thought about the three traditional practices to be taken up with renewed vigour during this time: prayer, fasting and almsgiving and identified the different ways that we have been doing this CAFOD Faith lunch, Toast Tuesdays etc...

On Friday in Art, we learnt about the colour spectrum and primary colours. We know that we can mix the primary colours (red, yellow & blue) together to make new colours.

This week in Maths, we have begun to look at different methods for addition, within 20 this has included using our number bond knowledge to help with our understanding when adding 10 more. We have also begun looking at subtraction.

In English we have written postcards telling Milo's meerkat family (over in the Kalahari desert) all about the exciting things he's done with Y1.

In Topic, we have been thinking about settlements. In Y1 this includes: Otley, Guiseley, Menston, Yeadon and Arthington). We thought about our postcode and the street that we live on. We enjoyed looking at all the different pictures of our houses. We drew pictures of our homes.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have been practising doubling and halving numbers. We noticed a connection with the 2 times table when we are doubling. We also looked at odd and even numbers and investigated whether or not we also end with an even number when we add two single digit numbers together.

In English, we started a new book - The Tiger Who Came to Tea. by Judith Kerr. We all enjoyed discussing what it would be like to have a tiger round for tea. We then thought about having a tea party of our own. We looked at an invitation and discussed the features of an invitation.

This half term, in RE, we are learning all about The Mass. This week we discussed why people go to Mass and why it is important to Christians. We learnt that people go to Mass to be closer to God, to receive a blessing, to listen to readings and because Jesus calls us to Mass. We know that Mass is important because it is a gift from God.

We all had a wonderfully 'sticky' time on pancake day. We all chose our favourite toppings and loaded our pancakes. We then went out to the pavilion to enjoy our perfect pancakes!



## YEAR 3 NEWS

In Science, year three have started their new topic looking at plants. We discussed what the requirements for life and growth are and then devised an experiment to test the impact on a plant if these requirements are removed. We will observe our plants over the next few weeks and record and analyse our results.

In Art, we have designed and created our own printing blocks as part of our William Morris artist study. We'll be using these to create our own repeated patterns in the style of the Victorian artist.

In Maths, we have started our Length and Perimeter topic. We have been building on our understanding of metres and centimetres, and learning how to measure in millimetres.



## YEAR 4 NEWS

In RE this week, the children learnt about the Jewish holy day, Sabbath. The children thought about different questions that they would like to know about the Sabbath and then watched a short video to help them answer some of the questions. They learnt about the importance of resting on the Sabbath because that is what God did on the 7<sup>th</sup> day after he created the world.

Our focus in Maths this week has been about perimeter. The children have calculated the perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes - trying not to get it confused with the area.

This week, Year 4 finished reading our book, "The Matchbox Diary" and wrote a summary of the book. They also wrote their own recount about an event in their lives trying to use fronted adverbials.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths this week, the children have continued to look at multiplication questions and using the column method to answer them, more specifically looking at multiplying 3-digit and 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. The children have worked really hard with this topic so far and are showing good levels of understanding, even when some questions can be challenging.

In Art this week, Year 5 have enjoyed spending time looking at, in depth, more of Frida Kahlo's self portraits. Analysing the techniques that are the same among some of her portraits and what techniques have changed. The children then had chance to use a mirror to look closely at their own facial features and where they are positioned and whether or not their classmates features looked the same too. They then had chance to begin sketching a proportionate self portrait using the same methods that Kahlo used for hers.

In Geography, the children have really enjoyed learning about the Grand Canyon. The children spent time reading and researching different features of the Grand Canyon, from how hot it is, to how many tourists visit their each year. They were surprised with some of their findings. We then moved on to look at how it was formed, due to water erosion, rain fall and ice erosion. The children found this fascinating.



## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we started our new topic of algebra which we initially thought might be quite tricky but it definitely is not. We have really enjoyed understanding how a letter can be used as a unknown value. Through use of manipulatives, we showed expressions and this really helped us to understand how a letter has a value.

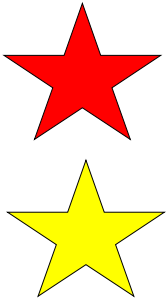
In English, we continued to develop our knowledge about orangutans in the wild. We used the chocolate bar approach to collect more facts and then used those facts to write a non-chronological report.

In Computing, we looked at the use of spreadsheets and how they can display data. We created our own spreadsheets and learnt how to use the function: auto sum.

On Tuesday, we spent some of the morning with our YR buddies putting topping on pancakes – they were delicious but a bit sticky!



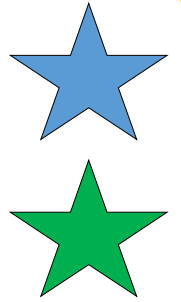
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

## BOLTON

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



### SUNSHINE AWARD

RYKER (YR), JUDE (Y1), SCARLETT (Y2)  
BEAU (Y3), RUBY (Y4), JACOB (Y5), ANITA (Y6)



### MATHS AWARD

AVA (YR), LUNA (Y1), ALEXANDER (Y2)  
HARRISON (Y3), JACK (Y4), ARCHIE (Y5), GEORGE (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



# GUISELEY JUNIORS UNDER 6 GIRLS ARE RECRUITING!!

IF YOU HAVE A **GIRL** WHO IS IN YEAR **ONE** AT SCHOOL AND LOVES SPORT WHY NOT COME ALONG. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO **GUISELEYJUNIORS.CO.UK** & COMPLETE A PLAYER ENQUIRY FORM AND WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU.

