



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th September 2021

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Well done to all the children who have worked hard and done some amazing work this week. YR were learning the sound 's' (with some super actions) and related words. Walter made an amazing Lego model of a mobile home. Y1 have been learning one more. I was impressed at how fast Scarlett could subitise and work out one more. They were also writing about the first teddy bear - I wish I owned one! Y2 were using sound buttons to break words into the different sounds they hear. In maths they were using the symbols  $<$ ,  $=$ ,  $>$  in number sentences. Y3 were writing letters to thank some monkeys who helped their families. They were very thought provoking. Y4 had a great time swimming. They were listening to their class novel – The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. They were able to explain the word fraternise that they had learned from yesterday. Y5 were learning about The Mayans and their culture. They learnt that the Mayans developed the area we know as Central America. Y6 were learning the French words for different sports and composing sentences on whether they liked or disliked a sport. Their accents were **très bon!** They are also learning about WW1 to 1933 – I was very impressed with their recall and understanding of key facts. Well done Bede who could explain hyperinflation and that Germans had carry money around in a suitcase!

I was very pleased with the learning behaviour in all the classes. The children were attentive, listening carefully and answering some very trick questions.

### Parking

It has been brought to my attention that a few families are parking in the Parish Centre Carpark/on the road outside of school at the start and end of the day. These are not designated parking/drop points for the children. If a family member is picking up/dropping children, make them aware that they must use either Westgate/Beach Hill carparks.

### Start of the day

The school day starts at 8:45am. The gates will be opened at 8:45am and closed at 8:50am. It is important that children arrive on time for the start of the day as they are missing morning work/tasks.

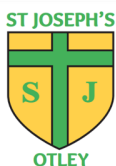
Have a great weekend, relax, and enjoy the time with your family and friends.

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

## ST JOSEPH'S OPEN DAY/EVENING

Wednesday 10th November 2021

9.30am – 11.30am and 1.30pm – 3.00pm



# School Open Day

## 10 November

Please contact school for further information [www.stjosephsotley.org](http://www.stjosephsotley.org)

Parents/Carers of children starting school in September 2022 are invited to come and see our school.

Staff will be available to answer any questions and visitors will be given a guided tour by our Year 6 Pupils.

We will also host an Open Evening on Wednesday 6th November between 6-7pm. Please sign up to attend this session by contacting Miss Wilkinson ([office@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:office@stjosephsotley.org) or 01943 463840). You will also have opportunity to meet members of staff and the Academy Council.

Please feel free to tell your family and friends about our wonderful open days. We look forward to meeting you!

# KEY INFORMATION

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
25th - LSAA Cross Country League 28th - Y5/6 Come and Try Netball 28th - Ilkley Toy Trip <b>30th - Schools Photographs</b>	1st - Harvest Celebration 1st - Year 6 Saint Day 4th - Year 4 Saint Day 6th - Flu Immunisation 8th - Y3 Assembly 14th - KS2 Cross Country Event 15th - Black History Assembly 16th - LSAA Cross Country League 18th - Parents Evening 21st - Parents Evening 21st - Show Racism the Red Card 22nd - Training Day	5th - Y2 Assembly 10th - Y6 Visit from National Holocaust 12th - Y6 Assembly 15th - Anti-Bullying Week 16th - KS2 Science Festival 17th - KS2 Science Festival 18th - Y2 Science Festival 19th - Anti-Bullying Assembly 20th - LSAA Cross Country League 25th - EYFS Training Day 26th - Y5 Assembly 29th - YR/6 Height and Weight Measurements	9th - Christmas Dinner Day and Jumper Day 10th - Y4 Assembly 11th - LSAA Cross Country League 14th - Nativity (TBC) 16th - KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties 17th - Whole School Mass END OF TERM.



## Y7 SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2022, you should apply for a place as soon as possible. The deadline to apply is 31st October 2021.

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 click [here](#) 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.



## SPORT

Good luck to all the children taking part in the Cross Country race tomorrow. Remember to park at the John Charles Centre and walk up to Middleton Park.

On Tuesday next week, some children will be taking part in a Come and Try Netball event at St. Mary's

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT PHGS FOR OLDER CHILDREN & ADULTS



<https://www.princehenrys.co.uk/page/?title=Community+Education+%2D+2021%2F2022&pid=110>

There are 8 languages and a raft of hobbies and wellbeing activities for people to choose from. Most of the courses are accessible to adults and young people **over the age of eleven (Year 7 and above)** and they welcome an increasing number of family groups.

For more details of Prince Henry's Grammar School 2021 Community Education programme, please click on the link above.



## PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 30th September from 8.30 to take the children's individual photographs.



# Calling all parents of St Joseph's



you can  
make  
friends  
and have  
fun!

we want

# YOU

The PTA needs your time,  
skills and ideas!

**Next meeting Mon 11th Oct 8pm  
Horse and Farrier Otley**





## Otley Courthouse

2 October 2021

10am to 4pm

**FREE exhibition and talks**

**7.30pm Internationally renowned, award  
winning wildlife cameraman and film  
maker IAN MCCARTHY £10**

Book your tickets now at [otleycourthouse.org.uk](http://otleycourthouse.org.uk)  
[www.wildlifefriendlyotley.org.uk/festival](http://www.wildlifefriendlyotley.org.uk/festival)

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# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

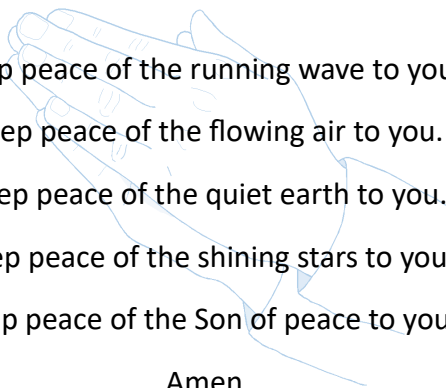
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the Son of peace to you.

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](#)

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Wednesday, our statement of the week was, "I can say how I feel".

The children were encouraged to take time throughout the day to reflect on how they were feeling. In our Collective Worship we talked about the times in Jesus' life when he felt happy, sad, scared, alone and even angry.



## MINNIE VINNIES

Well done to all of our Year 5 and Year 6 Mini Vinnies who took part in a commissioning service on Monday during our Collective Worship.

They stood up and made their Mini Vinnie promise in front of the school.

On Friday, they helped serve all of the children their cakes and drinks in the hall for our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon.



## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will start next week on Thursday 30th September. Please keep all these children in your prayers as they start their preparation for this Sacrament.



## HARVEST CELEBRATION

On **Friday 1st 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.



**Harvest**

## CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY: CLIMATE CRISIS APPEAL

Friday 1st October is the usual CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day.

To mark the day there will be a soup lunch in the Parish Centre from 12:00 noon - 1:00pm to raise funds for the Climate Crisis Appeal.

Everyone welcome.

**CAFOD**  
Just one world

# CLASS NEWS



## YEAR R NEWS

This week, Reception started learning phonics. We have learnt four new letter sounds including s,a,t and p. We thought carefully about objects that begin with the sound being taught. We also practised writing each sound in different media. On Thursday, the children took home their sound books for them to practise the sounds over the weekend.

This week we started RE. We thought about how God loves and cares for each of us. We thought carefully about people we love and people who love us. Lucas said "My Mummy loves me to the moon and back."

On Thursday, we had a very exciting morning as not only did we do PE but we also met our Y6 Buddies! The children loved meeting their special friend and had time to play with them outside on the field. There was lots of smiles and laughter!

On Friday, the children also had the opportunity to enjoy a yummy cake with their buddy as part of our Macmillan Coffee Morning.



## YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths, we have been investigating 3D shapes. We sorted the shapes into different groups based on whether they would roll and or stack. We also carried out some number investigations which involved discussing odd and even, halving and one more/less.

In Topic for our unit on Toys, we thought about some well-known toys from the past and the year that they were introduced. Did you know the Teddy bear is said to be named after United States President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt. We placed the toys on a timeline dating back to the early 1900s. We completed a sorting activity of old and new toys.

In Science this week, we have been learning about the months of the year and which months go with the seasons. We have learnt that each season is 3 months long and what happens to the weather as we move into each new season.

This week In English, we have been writing letters to our favourite Superhero asking them to come and help save the planet from the dastardly duo known as Filth and Vacuum. We have tried to appeal to their better natures by using lots of interesting adjectives to describe how wonderful they are.

This weekend Otley will be hosting a three-day festival celebrating: kindness to self, kindness to others and kindness to the planet. With this in mind we have been thinking about kindness this week and the little things we can do to show kindness to our classmates



## YEAR 2 NEWS

In our English work this week, we have been focusing on nouns and adjectives. We practised sorting nouns into group and then spotting nouns in sentences. We then discussed how we can use adjectives to describe a noun. We used adjectives to describe the characters from our text 'A Squash and a Squeeze'. We came up with some fabulous ideas.

In Maths, we have been practising using place-value charts to record numbers. We had to think carefully about where the tens and ones needed to be. We then used the symbols < > and = to compare objects and numbers.

As part of our topic work about explorers, we looked at an old picture of a group of explorers in the South Pole. We thought about what we could see in the photograph. We discussed with our partners about what we thought was happening in the picture and then came up with some questions we would like to ask to find out more.

In Art, we were introduced to a new technique called Frottage. Frottage is creating pictures using rubbings. We took rubbings of lots of different surfaces and objects such as the playground and leaves. We then used tearing and cutting to create our own mystical creatures.





## YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in our Collective Worship we reflected on 'I can say how I feel'. The worship was led by the children and in the readings, we heard about how sad Jesus felt when he heard that his friend Lazarus had died. We had a quiet time to reflect and discuss our own feelings.



In Science we learnt that granite is an igneous rock and comes from the Earth's crust. We found out that granite has a high density because it sinks, and it is durable because we couldn't grind it down with sandpaper. Also, it does not allow water to pass through it - that is called impermeable. We have learnt a lot of new vocabulary to start learning in our Science Rocks and Soils topic!

In English, Year 3 continued our journey to become royal tea tasters. We wrote a set of instructions on how to taste tea correctly, discussing different verbs we could use. We also learnt how to write an informal letter, writing in role of a character from the story.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

This week's swimming was fantastic! We are also getting much quicker at changing - please double check your child has everything they need in their bag. It would also be helpful for children with earrings to take them out for Fridays if possible.

The children had their first Big Write this week in English, creating newspaper reports about the Iron Man's appearance. We concentrated on inverted commas for speech, expanded noun phrases for imagery, and writing in a formal tone, which resulted in some fantastic pieces.



In Maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge of 4-digit numbers, and comparing their value. We used the method of exchanging to find 1, 10, and 100 less than certain numbers.

In Science, we conducted two investigations into gases, weighing fizzy drinks to determine whether gases have mass, and creating a chemical reaction between a liquid and a solid that resulted in a gas.

In History, we created our own enquiry questions about Roman Britain, and discussed what kind of evidence we need to answer these questions. The children then made timelines using a variety of unknown artefacts, discussing their reasoning.

## YEAR 5 NEWS

In English this week, the children enjoyed writing their own stories about their mysterious lost creatures based on the book we have been reading "The Lost Thing".

In Maths, we have been learning about negative numbers and re-arranged the Premier League Table according to the goal difference of each team. Unfortunately, neither Leeds or Tottenham did any better using this method!!!

On Thursday afternoon, the children enjoyed taking part in a planet scavenger hunt with Mrs Russell. The children had to answer questions about the different planets by finding the answers that were hidden around outside.

In ICT, we have been looking at all the different digital systems that are used in our everyday lives and all the steps that happen to make them effective. This week, we looked at traffic lights with sensors and ordering products online.



## YEAR 6 NEWS

In English, we recapped how to use subordinating clauses, including the use of the correct punctuation. We manipulated a range of subordinating clauses to vary our sentence starters.

In Maths, we looked at the formal methods for addition and subtraction, and how to use the inverse operation to check our answers.

Our first lesson of Leader in Me allowed us to discuss how we are all given the chance to become great leaders for ourselves and for others. In groups, we created posters and came up with a short piece of drama to show this.



In History, we looked at Hitler's rise to power from the end of WW1 to 1933. We discussed the significance of the events which led to his election as Chancellor. We created our own non-fiction pages to showcase what we had learnt.

