

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th November 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Apparently, it is 30 days until Christmas Day (gosh) – the run up to Christmas is always very busy. The choir is busy rehearsing various Christmas carols/songs for the different organised events; YR and KS1 are underway with their rehearsals. I have to say it is lovely listening to all the singing while I work.

Year 2's Advent Assembly reminded us of the importance of preparing spiritually for the coming of Jesus Christ. They also reminded us of the significance of the Advent candles. Father Lawrie blessed the Advent wreaths this morning. Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and I know Father Lawrie would love to see all the children and their families at the Advent Masses to be part of the preparation for Christmas. Of course, I am sure you cannot wait to open your Advent Calendars too! Thank you to Miss Walker and Miss Grant for the beautiful Advent wreaths in school.

Christmas Craft Week (CCW) – it is CCW next week so please send your child with old shirt/t-shirt to protect their clothes.

Have a wonderful weekend; the time we spend with people who are close to us is precious so enjoy quality time with family and friends.

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



STOLEN: SCHOOL IPADS

Sadly, we have had two iPads stolen from Y3. On the school tracker, they were in the school building last Friday and we were unable to locate them. They have now been traced to London. This has been reported to the police. This is very sad as they were bought from the voluntary contributions from parents.

I would like to point out that specialist software makes the iPads useless outside of the school building. They cannot be wiped clean/ jail broken. The cost is over £600. We cannot afford to replace them. It is important that we all take responsibility for our actions.

We have had damage to the toilets and now stolen iPads.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 28th November - EYFS Training Day
- 30th November - Y1 Class Trip
- 1st December - Football Tournament
- 1st December - YR Open Evening
- 2nd December - FOSJ Christmas Wreath Making
- 2nd December - YR and Y6 Height and Weight
- 2nd December - Y3 Class Mass
- 4th December - Victorian Fayre
- 7th December - Christmas Performance
- 7th December - Y3/Y5 Christmas Tree Festival
- 8th December - Y5 Badminton Festival
- 8th December - Christmas Dinner Day
- 8th December - YR/Y6 Christmas Tree Festival
- 8th December - Christmas Disco
- 9th December - Y1/Y2/Y4 Christmas Tree Festival
- 10th December - Winter Wonderland
- 12th-16th December - Y4 Swimming
- 14th December - Y5/Y6 Netball Tournament

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Dates for the Diary

- 1st December - Football Tournament
- 8th December - Y5 PHGS Badminton Festival
- 10th December - Cross Country at Cardinal Heenan
- 12th-16th December - Y4 Swimming
- 14th December - Y5/Y6 Netball Tournament



Mrs Harvey will send letters about these events over the next few weeks.



SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA



Please ensure that your child is symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school as this greatly reduces the risk of spreading infection. We will continue to encourage children to wash their hands frequently especially before eating.

REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from school, please contact the office in the morning to report the absence. If your child is absent for more than one day, the office need to be contacted on every day that your child is off school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Otley 198 group of HCPT are looking for helpers to accompany them on a pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter 2023. We could especially benefit from a [nurse](#) or someone medically trained but would welcome any suitable adults. We are a friendly group who are very excited to be travelling again following the break during Covid.

If anyone knows any young people who may benefit from travelling as a sponsored child with the group, please feel free to nominate them too. More details about the pilgrimage can be found here <https://www.hcpt.org.uk/easter>.

Please contact the group leader, Jake at group198@hcpt.org.uk if you wish to travel with us or would like to nominate a child to be sponsored.

CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY

Who would believe that is **just 2 weeks** until Christmas Dinner day! We will be donning our Christmas jumpers and hats once more as we celebrate together. If you are normally on packed lunches and would like a Christmas Dinner on this day (priced £2.45) then please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Please note that these events are subject to change and we will keep you updated as the weeks go on.

Friday 28th November	Christmas Craft Week
Sunday 4th December	Victorian Fayre
Wednesday 7th December	Y3 & Y5 Christmas Tree Festival
Wednesday 7th December	KS1 Nativity Performance
Thursday 8th December	YR & Y6 Christmas Tree Festival
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 8th December	School Disco
Friday 9th December	Y1, Y2 & Y4 Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday 10th December	Winter Wonderland
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 16th December	Christmas Carol Service

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FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS



Wreath Making Event

FOSJ is excited to announce that tickets are **NOW** available for the wreath making workshop! Friday 2nd December at 7:30pm. £20 per person with prosecco on arrival. The event is BYOB. All materials provided (apart from secateurs so please bring your own).

Your payment confirms your booking- you will not receive a physical ticket. Deadline for bookings is Friday 25th November at 10pm.

BOOK FAIRS

This year, we are excited to be hosting a book fair in the lead up to Christmas. Children will be invited to peruse the books during the school day, which will then be available for parents to purchase with their children after school in the school hall on the 5th, 6th and 8th of December between 3.15pm - 3.30pm. Alternatively, you will receive a link so you can look together/order online too.



Reading Breakfast

On Tuesday 6th December, 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—8.40am to enjoy a light breakfast and a drink for a small donation and to take the opportunity to visit the school library or the book fair to choose a book to read with your child. 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.



REMINDERS

- **IMPORTANT:** Children **MUST** bring a water bottle to school each day as school does not have any spare
- All children need to bring a coat to school with them
- No nuts allowed
- Hair must be tied back
- Jewellery should not be worn, especially on P.E days
- Children **MUST** wear the correct P.E Uniform. In particular, sports leggings are not allowed.
- If you have any spare, clean underwear, please bring into school for accidents. **ALL YEAR GROUPS!**



OTLEY LIGHT SWITCH ON

Monday 28th November 2022 | 5:45 pm – 7:30 pm

The traditional countdown to Christmas will commence with the Christmas Lights switch-on to be held in Otley Market Place on Monday 28th November.

This event will start at 5.45pm with a range of music entertainment provided by local school choirs, the Woolpack Music Studios and Otley Brass Band and a range of attractions in the square.



The Town Mayor will switch on the Christmas lights at 7.00pm, followed by a spectacular firework finale.

ADVENT APPEAL

As Advent approaches we are thinking about people who do not have food to eat and toys to give, so as a school we would like to participate in the Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal. We will be having our annual toy collection.

If you are able to, please donate a new toy to school by Friday 2nd December which we will then pass onto the SVP group and Catholic Care so that they can be donated to children who otherwise may not receive any gifts at Christmas.

We will also be purchasing food items to create hampers for those in need. If you have not made a donation yet, there is still time to do so.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly Father,
help us to value the time spent with You
and with each other.
Help us to think about what is really important in life
and give ourselves generously.
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)



CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the 20 Year 6 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday night at St Anne's Cathedral. We were so proud of all the children who showed maturity and reverence during the service. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey. On Sunday, the children will receive their certificates at the 9:30am Mass in Church. All the children are invited to bring a food donation for the SVP. Thank you.



FAITH IN ACTION

The Faith in Action Award group will meet on Monday 28th November for the first time. The meeting will finish at 4:15 when children can be collected from the office.



BLESSING OF THE WREATHS

This morning, we had a very special collective worship telling us all about Advent which starts on Sunday. We were joined by Father Lawrie who blessed our Advent wreaths for us. A massive thank you to Miss Walker and Miss Grant who have done an amazing job of making the wreaths for us - they are beautiful.



As part of our preparation for Christmas in Advent, we will be sending our travelling cribs to every family during this season. Please take time to look at these with your children and then return them the following school day.

Y5 CLASS MASS

On Friday, Y5 celebrated Class Mass with Fr Lawrie and some of the Y5 relatives. The theme of the Mass was 'Creation'. This was our RE topic last term and we thought about how God wants us to be stewards of the Earth. We thanked God for our beautiful world and all the people in it. The children read and sang beautifully and Miss Grant was very impressed.



A prayer to Christ the King

Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King
The beginning and end of all things,
You have made your Church to be a people
that bears witness to the goodness and beauty of your kingdom.
By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as one body,
called to live as one family of God.
Fill our hearts with your grace,
that we would be close to you
by being close to the vulnerable and marginalized.
Give us the patience to share one another's burdens,
And give us the courage to always be friends of the truth.
May we remain with you always.
Amen.

CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

Reception are busy practising our nativity play. We can't wait to show our grown ups our performance. Make sure you keep practising your child's lines at home.

On Monday, we followed instructions and made bread like the little red hen. We enjoyed eating it together. Later in the week, we wrote our own instructions to teach others how to make bread too.

In Maths, we have been looking at circles and triangles and making art work like Kandinski. We have also focused on positional language. We read the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt,' and on Friday we went on our own bear hunt around the school grounds. We went over, under, through and around. We even found a bear! His name is Ramble and he is a travelling teddy. Ramble will be coming home with a different child each night, take some photos of your time together and put them on tapestry.

In RE, we have been learning about Advent. We made Advent promises. James said, "I will help my mummy." Daisy promised, "To help people when they are in trouble." We did some fantastic writing about our promises too.

Make sure to log on to Oxford Owl to find books relevant to the specific sounds we have learnt in phonics this week.

YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE this week, we have been thinking about Advent, its meaning and its symbolism: the Advent wreath - an evergreen circle which is a symbol of eternal life and the candles which recall the weeks that pass until Christmas. We made our own Advent wreaths and wrote about how we hope to do something nice for our Advent Angels.

In Maths, we have been measuring objects with various items such as paper clips, plastic cubes and whiteboards pens. We have been using these resources to help us when adding these amounts together with simple addition problems.

In English, we have been writing instructions for the perfect bowl of porridge. We thought about our ingredients, utensils and the steps required to make the porridge. We started each instruction with a bossy verb (imperative). On Wednesday we made our own porridge. We followed our own instructions and it tasted delicious. The food sampling didn't end there as in DT, we have been thinking about healthy eating. We tasted some fruit and vegetables and wrote about how they tasted, smelt, looked, and felt like these included: pomegranate, pineapple, celery, and red pepper.

In ICT, we have been learning how to log onto the laptops. We used a website called studio.code to practise using the track pad on the laptop to drag and drop images in jigsaws, this helps to familiarise us with these functions. If you want to help your child to practise at home the website is ncee.io/drag

YEAR 2 NEWS

As part of our RE work, we have been learning about the meaning of the Advent wreath. we learnt about the meaning of each candle and why we use evergreen leaves in a circular shape. We then thought very carefully about the Advent promises we would like to make.

In Maths, we have continued to develop our addition and subtraction skills. We practised adding and subtracting ten from any number and noticed that only the tens part of the number changes. We then learnt how to make an exchange when we are adding two 2-digit numbers. We are getting good at using the base ten to support us with this and drawing our workings on a place value frame.

In English, we looked at a variety of winter poems and compared them. We discussed our likes and dislikes and what connections we could see about the poems. We then thought about winter and used our senses to help us describe what we might see, hear, feel, smell and taste in winter. We used our ideas to create our very own winter themed poems.

Year 2 enjoyed designing their own finger puppets in DT. We thought carefully about our designs and the colours we could use. We then used a template to help us cut out our designs in felt. We are looking forward to completing our finger puppets next week.

YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we continued reading *The First Drawing*, looking at the speech between characters. We looked at different sentence types within the text and wrote our own as speech bubbles. We then turned this into direct speech using pasta shapes as speech marks. We followed the golden rules of punctuating direct speech.

In Maths, we started the week adding 2 and 3 digit numbers using the method of column addition and then using a number line to practise mental addition. We then moved on to subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers, using the same methods.

In Science, we looked at what fossils are and how they are formed. We learnt which rock type they are formed in, and we ordered the stages of the fossilisation process.

In RE, we looked at Advent and how to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We produced Advent prayers to show the true meaning of Christmas.

YEAR 4 NEWS

In English this week, the children have been finding out about Roman gladiators to help them write a diary account of visiting the Colosseum in Roman times. In their writing, the children have been trying to include expanded noun phrases with determiners, adjectives and a noun. As part of our research we found out that the word 'vomit' comes from the Latin word 'vomitaria' which means discharge quickly.

We have continued to focus on multiplication and division in Maths this week. This week, we have been practising our 7 and 9 times tables. The children are continuing to grow in confidence, speed and accuracy- well done!

On Thursday afternoon, we were feeling very brave and we had a go at sewing two pieces of felt together using running stitch as practise for sewing our stockings.

In RE this week, we have been reading about Mary in the nativity stories to find out how she showed trust in God. We then put our diary writing skills from English to good use by writing a diary pretending that we were Mary after she had given birth to Jesus in Bethlehem. Next week, we will be focusing on Joseph.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, Year 5 have been writing up their newspaper articles, reporting on the events that occurred after Pandora decided to open the box. The children were able to identify the different language features that should be included within an article, such as, expanded noun phrases, relative clauses and reported speech.

This week, we have started our new DT topic of building bridges. We spent time looking at different bridges and in particular, the pillars that are used to hold up the main deck of the bridge. We then went on to explore how different pillars with different shaped cross sections can differ in the support that they give. The children really enjoyed the practical side of this lesson where they worked in groups to create a pillar out of paper with different cross sections.

In Maths, we have been focusing on square and cube numbers. The children were able to recognise that to find a square number they simply multiply a number by itself. For example, $4^2 = 4 \times 4 = 16$ which is the squared number. Similarly, to work out cube numbers, however you multiply the number by itself three times. For example, 3^3 would be the same as $3 \times 3 \times 3$ which equals 27.

YEAR 6 NEWS

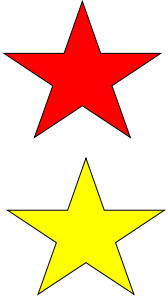
In Maths, we have ordered and compared fractions. We first looked at fractions where we needed to convert the denominators to the same in order to compare them. Then, we moved on to comparing fractions with the same numerators.

In English, we have continued to read Anne Frank's diary - the Frank family have fully moved into the Secret Annex and the Van Pels have moved in too. Throughout the week, we have developed our understanding of using speech to convey character and advance action using the acronym SEAT. We are looking forward to using these skills in our next diary.

In Art, we took at piece of art and cut it into five sections but only kept three of them. With the three sections, we stuck them in our books and had to fill the gaps of the other two sections with our finest sketching and painting skills.

This week, we have been learning some phrases to welcome our newest class mate. We know how to say my name is and hello too. We are going to keep working on learning Ukrainian throughout the year!

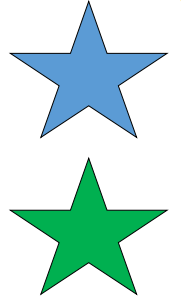
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

LOGAN (YR), ORLA (Y1), OLIVER (Y2),
BENTLEY (Y3), HENRY (Y4), OLIVIA J (Y5), VERONIKA (Y6)



RE AWARD

JAMES (YR), DYLAN (Y1), JOSHUA (Y2), ALBERT (Y3),
CHARLIE & MAX (Y4), ISAAC (Y5), ALFIE (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

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Wreath Making



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Christmas Wreath Workshop

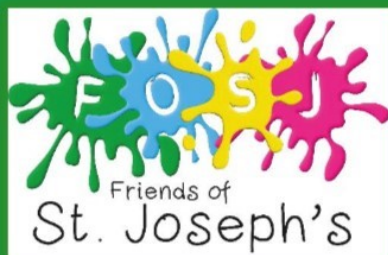
Friday 2nd December 2022

7.30pm @ St Joseph's

£20 (scan QR code to book)

Glass of prosecco on arrival & BYOB

*All materials provided but please bring
your own secateurs*



St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School Otley
a Voluntary Academy

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