



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th November 2021

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Thank you for a super week in school – it has been Assessment Week and the children have worked very hard. The teachers are proud of the children. They have had a great attitude and tried their very best in all the assessments - well done to everyone.

Father Lawrie blessed the Advent wreaths this morning. Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent when we begin our preparation for the birth of Jesus (and open our Advent Calendars!). Y5 explained the meaning of the Advent wreath – the evergreens and the different colour candles. Maybe you could make an Advent wreath with your family for your home – and light the different candles each Sunday.

**Covid cases** – the number of cases in school is rising. If in doubt, to protect others, do a lateral flow and book a PCR.

Have a wonderful weekend; have fun and enjoy time together.

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

## SPORT

On Saturday morning , 32 children from key stage two (about a quarter of the key stage) took part in the third cross country race at Wharfe Meadows. All of the children did brilliantly and many achieved personal bests in terms of the finishing positions even though there was a high turnout. Not only was I impressed with the fantastic running, but also the amazing team spirit our children showed with the encouragement and support they gave their peers. I had lots of positive comments from organisers and parents about our pupils - well done everyone! A massive "Thank you" to all the parents and Mrs Holmes who sacrificed their Saturday morning so that the children could represent the school.

This is where each team finished for this race:

Under 9 Girls - 12th out of 23 schools      Under 9 Boys - 6th out of 26 schools

Under 11 Girls - 11th out of 26 schools      Under 11 Boys - 11th out of 26 schools

All results are on the Crocc Country website: <http://www.lsa.org.uk/>

The next race is on Saturday 11th December at Leeds Grammar School with a **1pm start**.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
29th - YR/6 Height and Weight Measurements	2nd - 9th - Scholastic Book Fair
	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
	<b>END OF TERM</b>

## POPPY APPEAL



Thank you to all those who purchased something from the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

**We raised a fantastic £241.34!**

The charity provides financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants.

# KEY INFORMATION

## 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 8th and 9th of December between 3.15pm - 3.30pm.** Alternatively, you will receive a link so you can look together/order online too.



## Reading Breakfast

On Wednesday 8th 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.



## FOSJ UPDATE



Thank you to all those who attending the Film Night on Friday, we had a wonderful time and raised a fantastic **£484.15!**

We have also raised a brilliant **£248.85** from the sale of Christmas cards/gifts via My School Printing.

Finally, there is still time to join our raffle. We have raised **£153** so far!

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school-otley-ls21>



## 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 bananas or 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.



## CAN YOU HELP MISS HULBERT?

This Christmas, Miss Hulbert and her daughter are spending Christmas Eve and Christmas Day cooking and serving Christmas dinners to elderly people in Wetherby and Bramham, who would otherwise be isolated and be spending Christmas Day on their own. The charity is Bramham Village Hall Community Christmas Dinner. Everyone attending will receive a Christmas dinner, drinks and a hamper.

If you are able to donate any of the following to support the event, please bring to the school office or Miss Hulbert. Please bring to school by Friday 17th December.

- Christmas decorations and/or Christmas crackers
- Small Christmas gifts and/or mince pies.

Thank you very much for any donations and support.





# CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY



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

Monday 29th November	Christmas Craft Week
Thursday 9th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Tuesday 14th December - 1.30pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Performance
Wednesday 15th December - 1.30pm	Year Reception Performance
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 16th December	School Disco - Information to follow
Friday 17th December	Whole School Mass @ 1:30pm

## **CHRISTMAS CRAFT WEEK - W/C MONDAY 29th NOVEMBER**

Our Christmas festivities start with Christmas Craft week w/c 29th November.

Each child will create a Christmas card, a calendar and a decoration for our school Christmas tree.

As the crafts can be messy, we would suggest sending in an old shirt which they will wear over their school uniform.

## **REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR APPEAL - FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

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.

The idea is that each day one child from each class will donate a tin for a hamper and a **new toy** suitable for your child, so that by the end of Advent each class has a magnificent hamper and a selection of new toys that can be given to people in need. Please see the letter sent home last week for more information.

## **SCHOOL DISCO - THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2021**

**DISCO TIMES : REC & KS1 3.30PM – 4.30PM. KS2 4.40PM – 5.40PM**

The disco will run in two parts; Reception and KS1 together followed by a KS2 disco.

A £3.00 charge is payable on entry to the disco: KS1 children should have this in a sealed, labelled envelope to prevent it being lost. Their class teacher will collect the money from them on the morning of the disco. The £3.00 charge will include entry, a drink, a bag of crisps, a bag of sweets and a glow stick.

- When parents collect their KS1 children please ensure that you “check out” with the staff on the desk.
- At the start of the KS2 disco, children should come to the main entrance and “check in” with staff and pay at this time
- When you collect your KS2 child, please ensure that they “check out” with the staff on the desk.

**PLEASE NOTE KS2 CHILDREN MAY NOT ATTEND THE KS1 DISCO AND SIMILARLY KS1 CHILDREN MAY NOT STAY FOR THE KS2 DISCO**





# CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY



## YEAR REC AND KS1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

### Reception present... "Wriggly Nativity"

On Wednesday 15th December at 1:30pm in the School Hall

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Maximum of 2 per family. We would ask that adults wear a mask until seated.

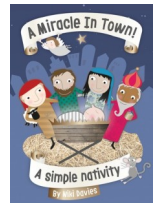


### Year 1 & Year 2 present... "A Miracle in Town!"

On Tuesday 14th December at 1:30pm in the School Hall

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Maximum of 2 per family. We would ask that adults wear a mask until seated.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY - THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER

On Thursday 16th December, children will have a whole school party in the hall. This cannot happen without the help of our fabulous parent volunteers! If you are able to help, please contact Miss Wilkinson as soon as possible.

In order to facilitate this, we ask for parents and carers to contribute to the food for this event. A letter will be sent home giving details of what each child needs to bring with them on the day. If you are unsure, please speak to your child's class teacher.



## CHRISTMAS CHARITY EVENTS



Our Mini Vinnies have recently met to discuss the chosen charity events for Advent. Along with the Reverse Advent Appeal, they have also decided on the following charity events.



### Non-Uniform Day—NHS Cenotaph

#### Friday 3rd December

We are inviting children to take part in a non-uniform day in honour of the millions of people who have served in the NHS and emergency services. This is part of a campaign called #UniteTheUniforms for @999Cenotaph.

The campaign will see students invited to **wear the colours of the emergency services** (red, blue, green or orange) and **donating £1** towards building the UK's first 'Emergency Services Cenotaph' which is supported by His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge, the Prime Minister and First Ministers of NI, Scotland and Wales.



#### Reindeer Run

#### Monday 6th December

On Monday 6th December, we will take part in a sponsored Reindeer Run for Sue Ryder's Wheatfields Hospice in Leeds.

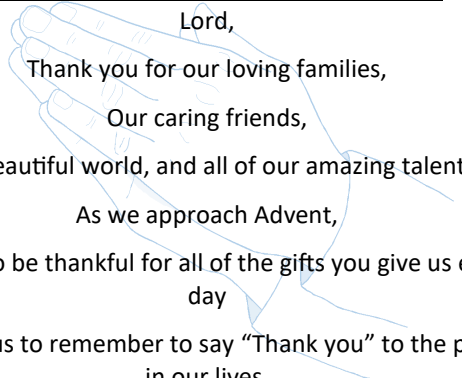
We will send out sponsor forms at the end of next week.

Your child may come to school in PE Kit, but with something festive to wear on their head e.g. reindeer antlers, santa's hat, tinsel etc.



# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK BY ANITA



Lord,  
Thank you for our loving families,  
Our caring friends,  
Our beautiful world, and all of our amazing talents.  
As we approach Advent,  
Help us to be thankful for all of the gifts you give us every  
day  
And help us to remember to say "Thank you" to the people  
in our lives.  
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](#)

## CONFIRMATION

On Saturday morning, our Year 6 children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in Church. We pray that they have a very special and holy day.

Please can all candidates aim to arrive at the church for 9:45am, thank you.

## ADVENT

This morning, Year 5 led our whole school worship with the theme of Advent as this Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Year 5 shared different ways we can use Advent as a time of preparation for Jesus' coming and to help us get closer to God. They also explained the meaning behind the Advent Wreaths. We were joined by Father Lawrie who kindly blessed all of our wreaths for us.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, a group of Year 5 children prepared and shared a Collective Worship with children from Holy Name and SS Peter & Paul's Schools who are part of the Trust. The theme was Thanksgiving and the children were encouraged to think about all of the things that they were thankful for as well as listening to a meditation about the Ten Lepers. Well done to the children in Year 5 for leading such a thoughtful and calm worship.

## DIOCESAN REVIEW: FROM PARISH TO MISSION

Earlier in the autumn, it was announced that there would be an opportunity for all members of the Leeds Diocese to share their views on the future of the Catholic Church which will contribute to the Holy Father's plans for a worldwide Synod of Bishops convening in Rome in 2023. If you would like to share your views on the future of the Catholic Church in Leeds then there is an online survey that you can complete on the following website.

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-mission-survey/>

## OLAS CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

The Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady and All Saints will take place at 5.00pm. There will be no carol concert beforehand this year.

If you would like your child to participate in the mass either by reading or taking part in the nativity tableau, please contact Denise Emmett 07854969701 or [deniseemmett@live.co.uk](mailto:deniseemmett@live.co.uk) by 3rd December at the latest please.

We will be having a practice in church straight after school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.



# CLASS NEWS



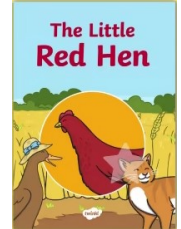
## YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, we have been continuing our focus on the story of The Little Red Hen. We wrote a list of ingredients for us to make our own bread. We are looking forward to doing this activity soon. We have also been very busy writing our letters to Santa. We can't wait to go and post them next week!

In Maths, we have continued our focus on the composition of numbers 4 and 5. We looked at the number bonds for 4 and 5 and enjoyed making the different combinations. Some children even had a go at recording their number sentence!

In RE, we learnt about why we celebrate Christmas. We enjoyed listening to the story of the First Christmas and could relate many parts of it to our own class nativity that we are busy learning. The children enjoyed using small world characters to retell the story.

Thank you to parents for your support in helping your child to learn their nativity lines. The children have been busy practising and are very excited to share the 'Wiggly Nativity' later in December.



## YEAR 1 NEWS

In Science, we have been learning about the properties of materials and how to describe them. We have learnt some very sophisticated scientific vocabulary: transparent, flexible, rigid and opaque. We made booklets to show our understanding of the various properties of wood, glass and wool.

In RE this week, we have been thinking about Advent, it's meaning and it's 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 thinking about what we would like from Father Christmas this year. We're confident that he will be visiting us as we've been good! Next week, we will be writing letters to Father Christmas in the North Pole and the best bit will be walking into Otley to post them.

Rehearsals are now under way for our Christmas performance. Please help your child to practise learning their lines loudly and clearly as this is now now only a few weeks away.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have been extremely busy during our assessment week. Mrs Holmes is extremely proud of everybody. We have shown lots of perseverance to complete each of the booklets.

In English, we have been reading several poems about Winter. We had to think about what we liked and disliked about them, what questions we would like to ask about them and finally we looked to see if there were any links between the poems. We then had a go at writing our own senses poem about Winter. We worked hard to use exciting adjectives to make it interesting for the reader.

In RE this week, we learnt about the meaning of the advent wreath. We discovered why we use evergreen to show that God is ever with us. We also learn about the meaning of each candle.

We have all enjoyed our Design and Technology work this week. We investigated several different types of chairs and thought about the material they were made from, their stability and whether they had any special features. We then went on to look at the stability of different shapes and how much weight they would hold. We found out shapes with corners, such as cuboid and triangular prism were less stable and the cylinder, with no corners, were very strong. We managed to put 71 books on top of 4 cylinders! When we taped all of the cylinders together, they even took the weight of a child!



## YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in Computing, Year 3 continued their learning on animation. We used iPads to create our own stop-frame animation - they looked really effective!

In Art, we took our line drawings from last week and turned them into cave drawings! We upscaled our drawings onto large pieces of paper before using crushed charcoal to get the effect of a cave surface. We finally used charcoal to create our animal drawings.

In Dance this week, we continued learning our 'tutting' street dance. We worked in groups to create a series of movements in unison to perform to the verse of the song.

In Collective Worship, we listened to a letter from St Paul to his friends, helping them to think about their lives and about taking the time to rest and pray. We discussed and reflected on how we can follow this guidance in our own lives.



## YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have used all our previous learning on formal letters to help with our Big Write this week. We also looked for similes in 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter', and our homework this week will focus on metaphors and similes.

In Maths, we have had lots of different assessments including two reasoning papers. We also did a practice Multiplication Check. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables as often as possible to support their recall.

In RE, we looked at Joseph and his trust in God. The children used their knowledge of Joseph's life and Old Testament figures to suggest role models that might have inspired Mary and Joseph to have faith in God.

In Science, the children used their own musical instruments and props to create a short film about sound. They used scientific vocabulary and explained all the different things that they had learned.

In PSHE, we looked at how to play safely and trust our friends. The children are very confident about how to deal with online safety and the importance of privacy online. We have also been looking at the topic of clothes in French and describing them using different colours.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

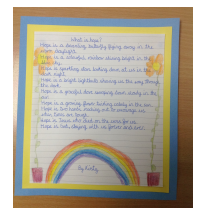
In History, we learnt that the Athenian army defeated the Persian army even though it was 10 times bigger in the Greco-Persian Wars. We thought about how this might have happened and then read secondary sources to support our ideas.

Our new Maths unit is multiplication and division. This week, we have talked about multiples. Please encourage your children to go on Times Table Rockstars three times a week as this will help with their Maths work.

In English, we have started looking at newspapers and have identified some of the features such as: headlines, byline and quotes. Over the weekend, the children might like to look at different news or sports reports to identify any features.

In Science, the children learnt about thermal conductors and insulators (these are very close to my heart at this time of year!). The children discussed how we could test what is the best thermal insulator for keeping water warm, thinking about what they would measure, change and keep the same. Next week, we will be carrying out the experiment.

In RE, we learnt about the difference between a covenant and a contract. We also learnt about the covenant God made with Noah after the flood.



## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have been developing our mental arithmetic skills by exploring different methods to answer questions. We also looked at the order of calculations which we use when there is more than one operation in a number sentence. We created our own for our partners to answer.

At the beginning of the week, in English, we identified the features of a memoir in preparation creating our own about Anne Frank. We looked at various memoirs that were written about other famous people, specifically Walt Disney.

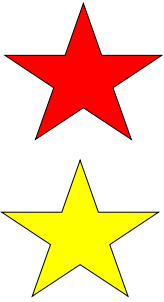
In RE, we learnt about some of the injustices that migrants and refugees face. During the lesson, we got into groups and pretended to be refugee families. We had nine different scenarios on our journey, in these we had to make some hard decisions about what we would take and decide this within our group.

On Friday, we used watercolours to create poppy artwork. We looked at blending colours and using various amounts of water to create different shades of colour.



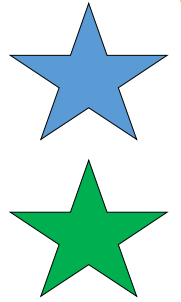


# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

## KIRKSTALL



FOR EARNING THE MOST HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK

### SUNSHINE AWARD

FREDDIE (YR), WILLIAM H (Y1), ALBERT (Y2),  
AMELIE (Y3), FINN (Y4), OSCAR (Y5), ALISTAIR (Y6)

### RE AWARD

JEMIMAH (YR), ALEXANDER (Y1), ISAAC (Y2),  
EDWARD (Y3), AUSTIN (Y4), PHOEBE (Y5), ANITA (Y5),  
LUCAS (Y5), MIA (Y6)

### VIRTUES AWARD

GEORGE (YR), ROSE (Y1), EVIE (Y2),  
LOUIS (Y3), SAMUEL (Y4), KIRSTY (Y5), ABIGAIL (Y6)

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Week Commencing  
01.11.21 - 05.11.21

No of Lates	
Rec	2
Y1	4
Y2	2
Y3	7
Y4	3
Y5	1
Y6	2

% Attendance	
Rec	96.43
Y1	97.97
Y2	93.33
Y3	97.69
Y4	93.33
Y5	96.00
Y6	97.50



### Attendance Matters





# OUR VIRTUE—HOPE

What is hope?

Hope is a dazzling butterfly flying away in the warm daylight.

Hope is a colourful rainbow shining bright in the blue sky.

Hope is sparkling stars looking down at us in the dark night.

Hope is a bright lightbulb showing us the way through the dark.

Hope is a graceful dove swooping down slowly in the air.

Hope is a growing flower twirling calmly in the sun.

Hope is two hands reaching out to encourage us when times are tough.

Hope is Jesus who died on the cross for us.

Hope is God, staying with us forever and ever.

By Kirsty

