



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th January 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Thank you for a wonderful week in school: for your hard work and your ability to make us all smile!

I am very impressed with the wonderful artwork in Year 3 who have recreated some Stone Age wall paintings. The quality and creativity of the pieces of work are outstanding. The effort, care and skills used by the children is evident in their final piece of artwork. They are definitely pieces of work to be framed.

There has been some super writing throughout school: YR - I have had some lovely handwritten cards with lovely, neat handwriting; Y1 wrote letters to Sonny, the meerkat; Y2 were using noun phrases to describe the moon linked to their book; Y3 have written a detailed piece of factual writing on Stonehenge; Y4 have been writing limericks; Y5 were using a range of figurative language to write poems based on a waterfall then turn the poem into a descriptive passage; Y6 have been continuing with letters of complaints – well done all!

A big well done to Reception who led collective worship this week. The children retold the story of Jesus healing the lame man by the pool. They talked about all the different people in our lives who help us. The children read beautifully and with confidence.

Westgate Path

The council have called into school this week to say there are going to put up a dog bin and add signage for dog owners to clean up their dog poo after them. Hopefully, things should improve.

Covid cases – at present we still have several covid cases in school. We are keeping classrooms well ventilated and maintaining high levels of hygiene. However, if in doubt, to protect others, do a lateral flow test and if needed, book a PCR. Until covid case numbers school fall in school, we will continue to wear masks. I ask that parents continue to wear masks whilst on school premises.

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

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

1st February - Y4 Skipping Workshop
2nd February - Y4 St Brigid Feast Day
2nd February - Y4 Mass
3rd February - Time To Talk Day
4th February - NSPCC Number Day
4th February - Y5/Y6 Basketball Festival
5th February - LSAA Cross Country Event

8th February - Safer Internet Day
10th February - Y4 Dodgeball Festival
11th February - KS1 Mass
14th February - Y6 Bikeability
18th February - Y3 St Bernadette Feast Day
18th February - Y5 Mass

HALF TERM



KEY INFORMATION

NUMBER DAY

On Friday 4th February, we will be taking part in Number Day and pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, t-shirt or even a onesie!). We do not expect parents to purchase costumes for this. We ask you to write a number on a plain t-shirt, or we can attach a number on the day.

To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. The NSPCC needs our support. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.



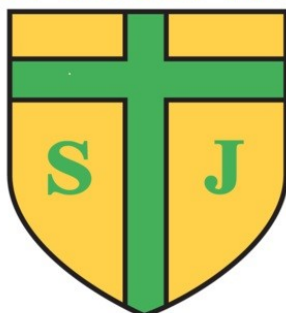
A TIME TO TALK

As part of our ongoing positive mental health work, we will talk to the children about Time to Talk Day. As the campaign states, *'Time to Talk Day encourages everyone to be more open about mental health – to talk, to listen, to change lives.'*

Around school, you'll find posters and tip cards packed with ideas on how to start your conversation. There is also information about how to support others, and where to go if you need support.



ST JOSEPH'S



OTLEY

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

We are happy to announce we are launching a Facebook page for St Joseph's Otley.

<https://www.facebook.com/stjosephsotley>

This page is an information-only page - a place to showcase the fantastic opportunities and experiences available at St Joseph's. We will include a variety of photos and highlights from throughout the year.

For up-to-date information about events, please see the school newsletters and continue to contact school via office@stjosephsotley.org or by phone 01943 463840.

We would love for you to share our page with friends and family.

PE UPDATE

Congratulations to the children who qualified for the Leeds Cross Country Final which is taking place next month, letters have been given out this week to the children who qualified.

These are children who finished in the top ten in the Cross Country event in Otley in October or for doing well in the Saturday morning Cross Country races.

In previous years, more children would have qualified but due to the current situation they have reduced the number of children participating in this event.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Out of nothingness we came through birth into life:

With the Spirit of God within us.

From the life of God the universe unfolded into being:

With the Spirit of God within it.

From the heart of God creation goes on till the end of time:

With the Spirit of God within it and with our spirit in it.

Let us embrace the God who enfolds us.

We delight in God and in ourselves.

OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

MASS TIMES

Saturday Morning: 10am

Saturday Evening Vigil: 6:30pm

Sunday Morning: 9:30am & 11:15am

There is also a weekday morning mass before school at 8:30am each morning except Tuesdays. Please can I encourage parents to take their children to mass on a regular basis and please note that the church is open to parishioners all day long if you wish to spend a few moments in quiet prayer or reflection.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Collective Worship this week, we started looking at our new virtue for the next few weeks which is: **simplicity**

Over the next few weeks, we will be encouraging the children to reflect and do the following things:

- I understand simple things can make me happy.
- I am thankful for all I have.
- I can work, play, rest and pray each day.
- I take care of my belongings and those of others.
- I share my things with those who need my help.
- I do not waste food or resources.
- I only take what I need.

Our Statement for this week was: I co-operate with others in work and play.

The children thought about different ways they can co-operate with each other and why it is important. They listened to a reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, giving them advice about how they should treat one another.

Our prayer of the week has been the Hail Mary.

Hail Mary

**Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst
women, and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary,
Mother
of God,
pray for
us sinners,
now and
at the
hour of
our death.
Amen.**



MASS DATES

Class	Date	Time
Year 4	Wed 2.2.22	1.30pm
Key Stage 1 (Y2 lead)	Fri 11.2.22	1.30pm
Year 5	Fri 18.2.22	10.45am
Whole School	Ash Wednesday 2.3.22	10.45am
Year 3	Thurs 10.3.22	10.45am
Key Stage 1 (Y1 lead)	Wed 23.3.22	10.45am
Whole School	Fri 1.4.22	10.45am



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

CLASS NEWS



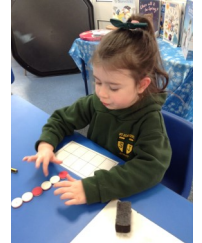
YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, we have been reading non-fiction books about Space. We discussed the key features of these books such as contents page, index and glossary. We learnt lots of interesting facts about Space and then had a go at writing our own.

In Maths, we have started our new topic 'Growing 6,7 and 8.' Our focus this week has been on the composition of the number 6. We used ten frames and double-sided counters to make the amount in different ways. Maisie said " I know that 3 add 3 makes 6." We then tried recording our addition sums using the appropriate symbols.

In PE, we enjoyed engaging in a special 'Space Dance' routine. The children were super at pretending to be shooting stars and astronauts floating in space.

This week, we have enjoyed taking part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch event. On Tuesday, we made bird feeders to encourage the birds into our outside area. We saw lots of blackbirds. Have a go this weekend and see what nature you can spot in your garden!



YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE, we learned about how God revealed his Son's identity to Anna and Simeon when baby Jesus was taken to the Temple to be dedicated to the Lord. The children used puppets to enact this story.

In English, we have been reading a new book called Meet The Meerkat which is all about Sunny and his adventures. Sunny has been writing letters and is hoping to visit Otley soon. We thought about all the fun things Sunny could do during his visit and have been writing a letter back to him in the Kalahari Desert.

In Topic, we have been learning about deserts. We learnt that a third of our planet is covered in desert! We also learnt that deserts can be hot or cold. We thought about some of the animals that have the desert as their habitat.

Y1 have worked hard in Maths this week, we have been using our number bonds to ten to help us with addition. We have been using ten frames and counters to help demonstrate how much easier addition can become when you split a number into two parts (also known as bridging to ten). Some have us have found this tricky but we've persevered all week. Please help your child to master this concept by practising their number bonds at home.



YEAR 2 NEWS

We have started a new Maths topic this week. We are now learning about multiplication and division. To start our topic, we have been thinking carefully about what makes equal and unequal groups. We then started to develop our understanding of what an array is. We talked about how rows go from side to side and columns run from top to bottom. We also found out that arrays are made of an equal amount.

In English, we have been thinking about the structure of the story 'Orion and the Dark' . We talked about how the story has a beginning, middle and end and the events at each point. We then worked in pairs to plot this on a story ladder. After that, we discussed the other fears of Orion and thought about how we could make up our own stories about Orion. We then planned our own ideas on a story ladder.

As part of our RE work, we listened to the story of The Feeding of the Five Thousand. We thought about how the crowd must have felt and what they might have been thinking when Jesus shared the bread and fish. We also discussed the importance of the story and what we can learn from it. Joseph H said, "We can learn to help people who do not have enough food and to be kind to others."



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, Year 3 received a letter from the tear thief asking for our help. We created persuasive posters to encourage children around school to only cry 'valuable' tears for her.

In Maths, we have been looking at short multiplication with and without an exchange. We used lots of practical apparatus whilst learning how to set out the written method. Keep practising times tables to help us apply them quickly to our maths!

In History, we learnt about Stonehenge. We researched information, creating a mini fact file.

In PE, we learnt about the key shapes of gymnastics and applied them to sequences. We then thought about different methods of travelling and added our favourites to our sequences.

In French, we have been focusing on developing our linguistic skills with the emphasis on trying to develop our speech and pronunciation. This half term's focus has been what we might or might not have, for example; *"Non, Je n'ai pas de crayon"* and *"Oui, j'ai un stylo."*



YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in English, we have written our own limericks based on the limerick recited by the parrot in Cinnamon. Here is an example by Amelia:

In Maths, we have been working on 3-digit and 2-digit division. We have been working on manipulating numbers in order to partition them effectively. We have also found how important times tables facts are in dividing large numbers, and recognising remainders!



In Science, we observed the results of our experiment testing different substances on eggshells. We then learned about different organs in the digestive system, and wrote 'The Journey of Food' about them.

In RE, we learned about the different readings during the Liturgy of the Word. The children reflected on why it is so important to listen to the Bible and reflect on its messages for us.

Cinnamon was a lovely girl,
Her eyes shone in the sun like a pearl,
She could not talk,
But enjoyed a night walk,
And brushing her velvet curls.

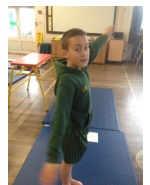
YEAR 5 NEWS

This week in Year 5, we have started looking at non-chronological reports. We have read several different information texts about the World's tallest summits. The children have identified the features of these texts, played grammar noughts and crosses, and made notes on the pieces which they have then used to write a paragraph.

In Maths, we have continued looking at multiplication and have been multiplying 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. The children have found this quite tricky as there is a lot to remember but they have persevered and are beginning to become more confident using the written method.

In PE, the children enjoyed using the equipment and practised making different shapes whilst jumping from platforms. We also practised some of the skills needed for performing cartwheels.

In ICT, we used laptops and ipads to look at a pre-prepared database about different countries. The children thought of different questions they wanted to know and then used the database to find the answers.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have been finding fractions of amount including find the whole. To help us, we represented these calculations as bar models – this made it so much easier to find the missing values.

In English, last week we wrote letters of complaint to Mr Beardsley about our poor technology in school. With these written letters, we edited, redrafted and typed them up. We found redrafting a little bit difficult but when we discussed it as a class and looked at examples, everyone managed to draft parts of their work.

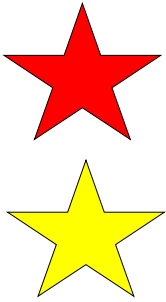
During our Art lesson, we looked at the artist Käthe Kollwitz who was a German artist in the early twentieth-century. We discussed how her art showed expression. We had a go drawing a face and adding details of shadows to express mood.

In PE, we continued working on our Basketball skills which we demonstrated by playing games against each other. We have worked on our dribbling, attacking and defending skills in Basketball.





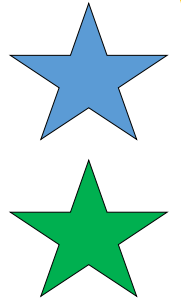
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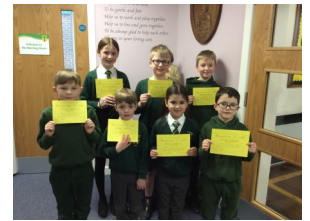
FOUNTAINS

FOR EARNING THE MOST HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

ELLIS (YR), AVA (Y1), JOEY (Y2),
HUGO (Y3), INDIA (Y4), ARRON (Y5), LEXIE (Y6)



RE AWARD

GRACE (YR), BRODIE (Y1), JOSEPH H (Y2),
CLOVER (Y3), NOAH (Y4), LUCAS (Y5), RHYS (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