

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st February 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 6th February: Leeds Cross Country Final - details to follow
- 6th February: Y6 Class Mass
- 6th February: Reconciliation Meeting
- 8th February: Y2 Class Assembly
- 9th/10th February: Confirmation Mass
- 11th—14th: Dinosaur Topic Week
- 15th February: Whole School Training Day
- 18th - 22nd February: February Half Term
- 25th February: School Re-Opens
- 27th February: Y4 Skipping Festival
- 27th February: Reconciliation Meeting
- 28th February: Y5 Class Mass
- 5th March: World Book Day (date moved due to Y6 Residential)
- 6th—8th March: Y6 Residential
- 6th March: Ash Wednesday
- 8th March: YRec Class Assembly
- 9th March: Cross Country at Middleton Park

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WHOLE SCHOOL TRAINING DAY. CHILDREN SHOULD NOT COME TO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.

YEAR RECEPTION ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN MOVED TO FRIDAY 8TH MARCH.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

By now, you should have received a sample copy of your child's class photograph.

Please make sure that class photo forms have been returned to the office by Friday 8th February.

Thank you.



FUN FOOD FRIDAYS - FISH & CHIPS OR PIZZA!

Children who are on packed lunches will be able to choose to have a hot school dinner on a Friday.



The cost will be £2.40 per day and will be available on ParentPay.

All you need to do is let Miss Wilkinson know at the start of the week!

OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS—8TH OTLEY

BROWNIES

The 8th Otley Brownie pack meets in St Joseph's School each Tuesday of Term time.

The pack is open to all girls between the ages of 7 and 10, and they can join at any age.

The aim of Brownies is to empower girls and build their self-confidence through fun, friendship, challenge and adventure. We now have room for new members.

If you would like to know more, please

email otleybrownies123@outlook.com or tel Ann Buxton on 0113 2842759

Brownies

Y5 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, Year 5 attended a Netball Tournament at Prince Henry's Grammar School following their coaching by Mrs Fenton-Green. They all played amazingly well, showing fantastic ball skills and sportsmanship.

Year 5 won the majority of their games, showing just how well they all worked as a team.

Thank you to Fran's mum for accompanying us and for cheering at the sidelines. Well done Year 5!



DINOSAUR WEEK

From 11th February, we shall be delving into the past and exploring the Jurassic World of Dinosaurs. The week starts with a dinosaur workshop which will bring prehistoric life into each classroom. The day begins with a **very exciting** whole school assembly. Children will be taken back in time and become part of a paleontological excavation. During the day, each class will also have the opportunity to watch a dinosaur egg hatch and dig for dinosaur bones. We are asking you to contribute £5.00 per child towards the costs, which can be paid via ParentPay.

We would also like each child to make a dinosaur at home to bring into school on Thursday 14th February for our Jurassic World showcase. There will be dinosaur prizes for winners of the following categories (largest dinosaur, most colourful, prehistoric looking, most creative).

At 3.15pm on Thursday we invite children, parents and carers to join us in the school hall for St Joseph's Jurassic World Showcase. Step back in time to see all the dinosaurs and the wonderful work that the children have created throughout the week. All welcome!



WELL DONE ZAK!



Well done to Zak who raised a wonderful £1,100 for Martin House Children's Charity by playing the clarinet for over 6 hours in Keighley Shopping Centre.

We are so proud of Zak. He is a great ambassador for St Joseph's.

PARENT PAY

Please can all parents/carers check their Parent Pay account and make any outstanding payments.

Please could we ask that **Dinner Money balances do not go over 2 weeks (£24.00) in arrears.**

If you have any queries, please contact Miss Wilkinson. Thank you.



NUMBER DAY 2019



We truly enjoyed a **Number Day 2019** today - everyone looked fabulous dressed in 'numbers' or something 'mathematical'. We raised over £120 for NSPCC and spent the day taking part in some creative maths challenges. NSPCC work tirelessly to protect children, prevent abuse and make child abuse a thing of the past. We shared the important message of 'Stay Safe, Speak Out' and reminded our children to care for each other.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER - ST BRIGID

We praise the Lord Jesus Christ who led St. Brigid along the paths of justice and holiness; and pray that we may follow his way.

At the springtime of the year we renew our hope – give us the grace to encourage all whom we meet today.

Lord Jesus, you gave Brigid the desire to serve and not be served – may we spend our lives in the service of others.

Amen.

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.

CONFIRMATION

The final Confirmation class will take place on: Thursday 7th February.

Families can choose whether their child receives the Sacrament of Confirmation on either Saturday 9th February or Sunday 10th February, both at 2pm.

SACRAMENT DATES

Confirmation meetings (Y6) - Thursday 24th Jan & 7th Feb

Sacrament of Confirmation (Y6) - 9th & 10th Feb at 2pm

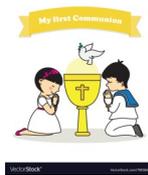
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 2nd & 9th March

Parents' meeting for 1st Holy Communion (Y4) - 13th March at 7:30pm

First Holy Communion - 11th May

HOLY COMMUNION

The children will prepare later this year, and will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday 11th May.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

On Wednesday, we were visited by two former pupils of St. Joseph's who are now in sixth form at St. Mary's. They came to tell us about the Bambisanani Partnership. Every year, for about the past 11 years, students from St. Mary's, visit a deprived area of South Africa, near Durban. They work in local schools and orphanages teaching the children how to read and how to play different sports. They also try to take items to the children that they wouldn't otherwise have access to, such as: school pumps, reading books and items so they can wash. This year, they are hoping to provide each child with a pair of socks. The Bishop Wheeler Primary Schools have all agreed that they would like to help to contribute to this initiative so we will be having fundraising events later in the year.



In Year 6 this week, our collective worship remembered the Jewish people who lost their lives under the Nazi rule to remember International Holocaust Day which took place on Sunday 27th January. We listened to extracts from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel and reflected on how we should follow Jesus' teachings of love.

Confirmation - The next Confirmation meeting will take place on Thursday 7th February **in Church**. If possible, we would like candidates to bring an adult (parent or sponsor) with them to this meeting as we will be rehearsing the actual Confirmation Mass. Hopefully, the rehearsal will finish at the normal time of 4:30 and children will need collecting from the Church.

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



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week YR have been reading the story of 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. The children enjoyed writing about what they would do if we went on an adventure to the moon. We also wrote captions for different pictures from the story.

In Maths we have been continuing our learning about 3D shape. The children are getting very good at naming the 3D shapes and are beginning to describe the properties. Many thanks for all the wonderful learning parents have sent in on Tapestry. The children have really enjoyed sharing their learning experiences from home. On Thursday we focused on the NSPCC Number day. We are now focusing on the number 7 and really enjoyed exploring this number on Thursday afternoon.



In RE we have been thinking about how we show our love for Jesus by helping others. Lots of the children said they try to help out at home by doing little jobs. In PE we enjoyed practicing our rolls. We focused this week on log rolls, dish rolls, egg rolls and teddy bear rolls. Some of children said they found the teddy bear roll quite tricky but all persevered.

YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in RE year one looked at the story of Jesus Lost in the Temple. story and created our own pop up pictures showing Jesus in the temple and Mary and Joseph outside looking for him.

In English we finished planning our Beegu poem, before writing it up at the end of the week. Miss Chappel was blown away with how neat we wrote and how many fantastic ideas we had.

In Maths we continued and finished our learning on place value. We practised finding out what is 1 more and 1 less, and compared and ordered numbers to 20 and 30.

In Science we continued learning about materials. We sorted and classified different objects according to their material.

In Golden time we finished our 'Galaxy' pictures. We took our splatter background and our textured planets and put them together before giving our galaxy and planets a name.

We retold the



YEAR 2 NEWS



In Maths we have been learning about money. We brainstormed lots of vocabulary associated with money. We have practised adding different amounts of money and writing it as pence e.g. 124p and using decimal notation £1.24. For our NSPCC number day we had lots of fun learning about symmetry and making our own symmetrical patterns. We enjoyed playing number games of Mathopoly (which had lots of number challenges) and Dice Addition.



Our spelling and grammar (SPaG) focus this week has been on the apostrophe for contraction. We enjoyed word matching activities, which helped us to recognise words with the contracted apostrophe and to understand that the apostrophe replaces any missing letters to make a new word.

In RE we listened to the story of one of Jesus' miracles. Jairus was a Jewish religious leader who worshipped God and taught God's words to others. When his daughter became ill and close to death, Jairus knew only one person could help her... When the girl died nobody believed that Jesus could bring her back to life. This miracle helped us to remember the power of Jesus' wonderful love and to believe in Him.

In Art we have taken inspiration from Beatrix Potter's beautiful Lake District countryside, which was the setting for her Peter Rabbit stories. The children produced some fantastic sketches and practised the technique of blending with chalk pastels.

Our topic on *People Who Have Made a Difference* has been all about the inspirational Rosa Parks. We learnt how her refusal to give up her seat to a white person on a segregated bus changed the rules of American society, and led towards equality and justice for everyone, whatever the colour of their skin.

YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we have been writing a non-chronological report all about St Joseph's. We have made sure that we have included lots of interesting information, expanded noun phrases and varied vocabulary. We can't wait to write another one next week all about a country of our choice.

In RE this week, we have looked at how Jesus chose His disciples, and what this means for us. We thought and reflected on the skills and qualities that would be needed, and discussed why being a disciple is so important.

We also visited the Methodist Church as part of Faith Fortnight. Mrs Pratt showed us around the church, and explained the beliefs of the Methodist faith. We really enjoyed making comparisons between Catholicism and Methodism. Whilst visiting the church, we also created some observational drawings of the inside of the church.



On Friday, we went swimming despite having to battle through the howling gales, and freezing snow! Please make sure that all children have a warm coat, scarves, hat etc.

YEAR 4 NEWS

In Year 4 English this week we have been writing some fantastic diary entries as Jared from "The Spiderwick Chronicles." We've been working hard on trying to open our sentences in more interesting ways using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to describe things in more detail. In Maths we have become more confident dividing two digit numbers by 1 digit using place value counters and charts to help us when exchanging tens for ones.

We've continued to practise our skipping skills to get ready for the festival at Cardinal Heenan High School and are enjoying learning handball with Mrs Fenton-Green. In History, we learnt all about Julius Caesar and the Roman Army. We even designed our own Roman shields.

On Friday, we celebrated St Brigid's day by wearing our own clothes and learning about the history of St Brigid. We began the day by presenting our assembly about St Brigid. Lucy wrote, "In class we talked about St Brigid's cloak spreading to build the first convent." Leila explained, "We danced and sang a St Brigid song."



YEAR 5 NEWS

This week Year 5 have been completing more work around 'Stories about Thor', rewriting the next part of the story (some of our versions were actually a lot more exciting than those in the book!) and writing diary entries as Thor about his brave fight with the monstrous sea serpent. We also had our first go at writing our own myths.

In R.E we have thought about the challenges faced by disciples but also the rewards of being a true disciple. We also looked at what we thought the most important teachings were about love. In our work about Hinduism, we retold the story of Rama and Sita as well as thinking about why it is such an important story for Hindus.

For NSPCC number day we had a lot of fun playing 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' (we all became millionaires!) and completing an equivalent fraction treasure hunt. We also used the numbers we came as, sorting ourselves into different groups and orders. Linked to NSPCC's message, we reminded ourselves about Childline and what NSPCC taught us as well as looking at what makes a good friend and how we can cope with peer pressure.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths this week, the children have been busy converting percentages to decimals and fractions and vice versa. We also discussed whether it is possible to have more than 100%. As part of our NSPCC Number Day, the children enjoyed playing a Maths version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" and I'm pleased to report that the class managed to get to £1,000, 000. Unfortunately, we didn't have the money to share with the children!



In English, we have continued to read "Kensuke's Kingdom". In the chapter that we read this week, it talked about the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki so the children have used their own research to write newspaper reports about this event. We looked at newspaper headlines from the papers this week and discussed how they showed different opinions on the same event.

Next week, it is our Class Mass on Wednesday 6th February in our classroom - all family and friends are welcome.



AWARDS



GOLDEN TABLE

Millie (YR), Blondie (Y1), Orla B (Y4), Mason (Y6)



SUNSHINE AWARDS

**WILLIAM (YR), STEFAN (Y1), OSCAR (Y2),
VICTORIA (Y3), MARTHA (Y4), AVA (Y5), MATILDE (Y6)**



WRITER OF THE WEEK AWARDS

**MILLIE (YR), OLIVE (Y1), EVA (Y2)
WILLIAM (Y3), TIMO (Y4), RUBY (Y5), JOSHUA (6)**



SPORTING EVENTS



Upcoming Events

Cross Country Final:- 6th February at Temple Newsam

Y4 Skipping Festival: 27th February at Cardinal Heenan

Cross Country League: 9th March at Middleton Park



MASSES & ASSEMBLIES



Friday Assembly/Mass Timetable 2018/2019

Spring Term 1	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Fri Jan 11 th	Whole School Mass @ 9.30am	
Fri Jan 18 th		Y5
Wed Jan 23 rd	Y3	
Fri Jan 25 th		Faith Fortnight
Fri Feb 1 st		Y4
Wed Feb 6 th	Y6	
Fri Feb 8 th		Y2