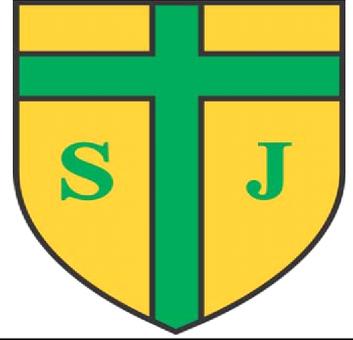


ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL OTLEY,
A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 19th January 2018

ACTIVE VOICE

Our Y4 and Y5 School Council Representatives had a great time at The Pupil Voice Event Prince Henrys Grammar School today.

Special thank you to Your Community for organising such a fantastic event, and to Mrs Russell for accompanying the children.



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.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME



Our building is in need of repair and development. Without your support it will be impossible to continue to develop the school environment for the benefit of our students. This scheme has enabled the school to contribute towards the cost of building works and other improvements to the school.

**However, currently only 22 families make a monthly, quarterly or yearly contribution.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are inviting parents to join our highly successful Voluntary Contributions Scheme.

In line with other schools in the Bishop Wheeler Trust, most families contribute to the scheme by monthly, quarterly or yearly direct debit of £5, £10 or £15 per family.

Without the commitment and regular income from VCS we will struggle, in future years, to maintain and improve the facilities of our school. We therefore appeal to you to set up a regular donation to the VCS fund.

Any contribution, however big or small, will be gratefully received.

Although the contribution is voluntary it is essential to the future of the school.

For more information, then please speak to Miss Wilkinson in the Office.

Thank you.

REMINDER: PARENT PAY

Please can all parents/carers check their Parent Pay account and make any outstanding payments. There are payments due for after-school clubs, trips and dinner money. Please could we ask that **dinner money balances do not go over 2 weeks (£24.00) in arrears**. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Father,

I thank You for looking beyond my faults and for loving me unconditionally. Forgive me when I fail to love others in the same way. Give me eyes to see the needs of the difficult people in my life, and show me how to meet those needs in a way that pleases You.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen.

SPACE WEEK

DON'T FORGET—SPACE FANCY DRESS ON MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

- Rocket making competition
- Decorate a biscuit (30p minimum donation)
- Planetarium
- Universe Quiz
- Showcase



CHILD FRIENDLY LEEDS AWARDS

This year marks the 5th birthday of Child Friendly Leeds and the Child Friendly Leeds Awards at Leeds City Varieties.

Eliza (Y5) was part of the judging panel and even presented an award on the Awards Evening. Eliza joined the Leeds Youth Panel as a result of her time spent on St Joseph's Council.

"I presented 'Child of the Year U11' award to a boy named Taylor, who had raised over £5000 for Candlelighters (a charity which helps children with cancer)" explained Eliza.

The night was filled with young singers, dancers, and bands providing entertainment. The awards ceremony symbolises the city's continuing high prioritisation of children and young people, and the growing sense of pride and momentum around making Leeds the best city to grow up in.



COMING SOON! MARCH READING MONTH

Reading Month!

During March 2018, we are celebrating our love of reading by taking part in a variety of activities! Listed below are some of the fantastic things to look forward to!

- **World Book Day:**

On **Thursday 1st March** we will be celebrating World Book Day. We would like to invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character as we take part in a host of book related activities.

- **A reading breakfast**

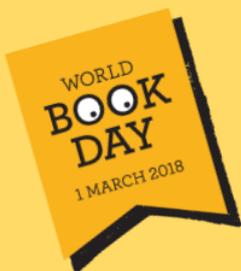
- **A book swap**

- **A visit from a children's author Jason Beresford**

- **Trips to the local library**

- **'Reading Anywhere' Challenge**

- **We are also looking to build our school library with a 'Donated by...' scheme**



DATES FOR THE DIARY

CAFOD LUNCH

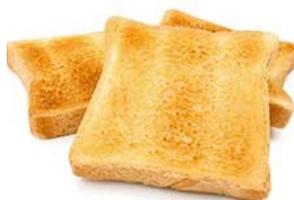
On **Wednesday 21st February** we will participate in our annual whole school CAFOD Faith Lunch. Not only is this a successful fund-raiser, but it serves as a thought provoking meditative day of reflection at the start of Lent.

On this day a simple lunch of sandwiches and fruit will be served to KS2 children, allowing us to raise funds for the less fortunate than us and reflect on our own good fortune. As KS1 receive a free school lunch they will not participate, but are being invited to show their support by sending in a donation.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all staff and children to appreciate all that we have and to experience in a small way the difficulties facing many people across the world.

Thank you, Mrs Tremlett and the Mini Vinnies.

LENT TOAST SALE



As always we will be selling toast again during Lent to raise funds for the Good Shepherd Appeal.

Toast will be sold on a Tuesday from **Tuesday 20th February** and will cost 25p per slice (max 2 slices per child).

We would really appreciate any help from parents to help the smooth running of our 'toast conveyor belt'.

Please speak to Miss Wilkinson in the office or Mrs Tremlett if you are able to help.



LENT BUN SALE

We will be hosting 2 bun sales during the Lent period—these can be homemade or shop bought.

KS1 bun sale—26th February

KS2 bun sale—5th March

Buns will be priced at 25p each.

If you would like your child to purchase a bun at morning break on either or both of these days, please send them in with 25p. If there are buns left over, they will be sold in the Pavillion after school and your generosity in supporting our Lenten Charity fundraising is appreciated.



FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 23rd March 2018 6pm to 8.00pm

Adults vs Children (the questions will be aimed at the children – but can the adults match their knowledge?)

There will be a children's bar, adults bar, tuck shop and food – and a trophy for the winning team!

Tickets cost £10 per family or £2.50 per person for a family of less than 4.

Why not come and join us for a fun evening! - Tickets NOW AVAILABLE in the school office on a first come first served basis!

Y3 AND Y4 EASTER PLAY



Y3 and Y4 are busy auditioning and rehearsing songs for their wonderful production

'Glint of Gold'.

This will take place on Wednesday 28th March 2018.

Year 4 children will take the lead roles and will be joined by Year 3 in supporting roles and music ensemble. Keep your eyes for more information.



Class News



Year 2 News



This week in Maths we have been practising our times tables with catchy tunes to make it a fun way to remember them. Also, we have been learning about Multiplication. In our work we wrote about the different words that mean Multiplication, as well as how to show it on a number line.

In English we have been working on the spelling rule for plurals and the definition of a noun, adjective, verb and adverb, with some activities to help us. Our nursery reports involving nursery rhyme characters are also keeping us busy with eye-catching headlines, powerful words and quotes to make them exciting to read.

In Science, we have continued with our topic on materials. We found items around the classroom which were made of wood, paper, metal, plastic and glass and put them in our corresponding monster bags!

Year 5 News

On Tuesday, we learnt all about our solar system and how the planets move, linked to our science topic 'Earth and Space'. We are looking forward to topic week and can't wait to find out more. We have been highly sophisticated scientists and looked at the works of Aristotle, Copernicus, Ptolemy and Galileo! We compared their ideas and models of the solar system and how they changed over time. We learnt about the geocentric model, meaning earth at the centre, and the heliocentric model, meaning sun at the centre. If you want to know what either of them are just ask any member of year 5.

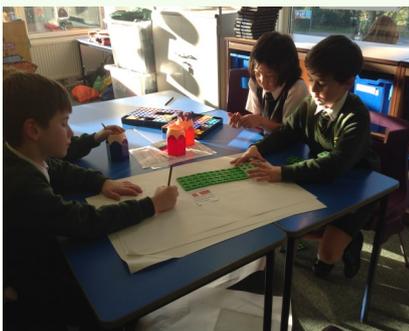
We also enjoyed an extra morning of PE with Mr Wilce on Wednesday. We love working as a team and fun competitions.

In the afternoon we started learning to play the African drums. We can't believe how loud Mrs Tremlett was letting us be in the classroom! (Something reserved only for music lessons).

Amongst all this, we have also been mastering short division! Another fantastic week of effort from all the children and we have now mastered this particularly challenging aspect of maths.



Year 3 News



This week in Maths, we have been doing lots of problems solving linked to our timetables. We have used lots of talk and concrete objects to help us answer the questions. We have enjoyed working in groups to solve problems.

In English, we have been reading Fantastic Mr Fox. We have been pretending to be the characters with a bit of hot seating, we had to think of how the character would act and what questions we would like to ask them. We have written speech between characters, this meant that we had to introduce inverted commas to punctuate our speech and we've even had a go at predicting the ending of the story.

In Music with Mrs Shakespeare, we regularly do warm up games before we play the Ukuleles, this week we were introduced to a new game. We had to work in unison with our partner and the rest of the class. We had so much fun.

Year R News

This week Reception have had lots of fun bird watching as part of the RSPB Big Bird Watch event. We enjoyed making bird feeders and have then been writing instructions to help other classes make their own bird feeders.

In Maths we have been learning about subtraction. Some children enjoyed recording their number sentences. Practice doing this at home with your child.

We really enjoyed doing our first class assembly today. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



Year 6 News

This week Year 6 have been receiving "Bikeability" training- learning how to ride their bikes safely on roads. The children have all done really well in cold conditions.

On Wednesday, we celebrated our class Mass with the theme of "Jesus, Bread of Life". Thank you to Father Lawrie for celebrating it with us and thank you to everyone who was able to come. Well done to the children for their lovely singing and super reading.

In Maths, we've continued to look at converting percentages into fractions and decimals and have also moved onto finding percentages of amounts.

Year 4 News

Year 4 have been very busy looking at writing formal letters to the authors of Spiderwick Chronicles. They have also continued with their super mastery of formal calculations too. (Obviously formal is a key word this week!)

On Thursday St Brigid's day was celebrated with mass and cloak making. Each child designed their own symbol on cloth which are all going to be sewn together to make a cloak. A special thank you to Archie C's mum for agreeing to help us with the sewing!

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for mass.



Year 1 News

In English we continued looking at The Naughty Bus by planning and writing our own Naughty Night Bus adventures - we had some fantastic ideas about what he could get up to!

We have been learning about subtraction in Maths, using lots of different methods to help us.

In PE we put all the gymnastic moves we have been learning to create a sequence in pairs. We had some lovely ideas of different ways of travelling and shapes we can make with our bodies.

In art we learnt how to paint using water colour.



On the Golden Table last week:
Skyla (YR), Lily (Y2), Edward (Y5), Evie (Y6)



Sunshine Awards goes to:

Olive (YR), Alfie (Y1), Matthieu (Y2),
Harry (Y3), Pippa (Y4), Monty (Y5), Molly W (Y6)

Mathematician of the Week Awards goes to:

Joseph B (YR), George D (Y1), Victoria (Y2),
Holly (Y3), Megan (Y4), Harry (Y5), Haley (Y6)



UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS FOR THE DIARY



5th February - Bishop Cup Football Match at St Paul's Alwoodly

21st February - Leeds Cross Country Final at Temple Newsam

14th March - KS2 Cross Country League Race 4 at Middleton 3:30pm - 5:00pm



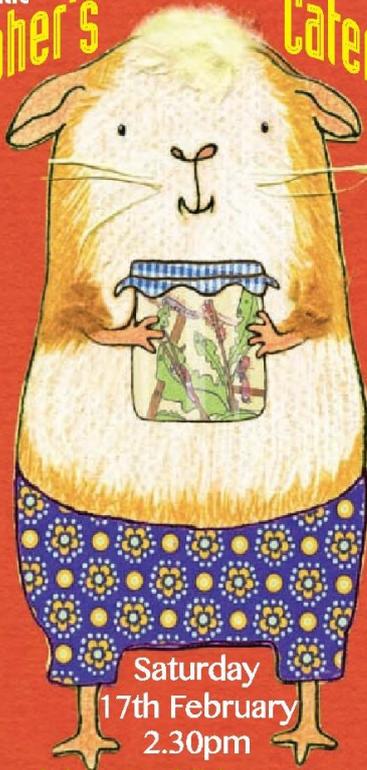
Spring Term 1	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Fri Jan 5 th	Mass whole school	
Fri Jan 12 th		Year 4
Wed Jan 17 th	Y3	
Wed Jan 31 st	Y6	
Thurs Feb 1 st	Y4	
Fri Feb 2 nd		YR
Spring Term 2	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Thurs Feb 22 ⁿ	Y5	
Friday February 23rd		Y3
Fri March 2 nd		Y5
Thurs March 8 th	KS1 Mass led by Year 1	
Fri March 9 th		Y2
Fri March 16 th		Y1
Tues March 27 th	Mass - whole school	

CHANGE TO ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

Please check the timetable for changes. Thank you.

Topsy Turvy Theatre
present:

Christopher's Caterpillars



Saturday
17th February
2.30pm

£9 adults, £7 children - Ages 2-7

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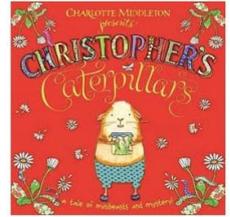
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Topsy Turvy Theatre present: Christopher's Caterpillars

Written and illustrated by Charlotte Middleton, and adapted for the stage by Claire Alizon Hills, Topsy Turvy Theatre return with everyone's favourite guinea pig in his latest adventure - Christopher's Caterpillars.

Christopher Nibble and his best friend Posie have been busy growing plants and food in their garden whilst taking care of their six hairy pet caterpillars. But when their crawly comrades disappear without a trace the gardening guinea pigs swap their trowels for magnifying glasses and turn detective! Will Christopher and Posie crack the case and bring the caterpillars home to Dandeville... or have they vanished forever?



Written especially for children aged 2-7 (and their big people too) and told with Topsy Turvy Theatre's own blend of energetic storytelling, handmade puppets, original music and stunning scenery.



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Leeds Chinese Community School

Presents a fundraising event

Chinese New Year Celebrations 2018



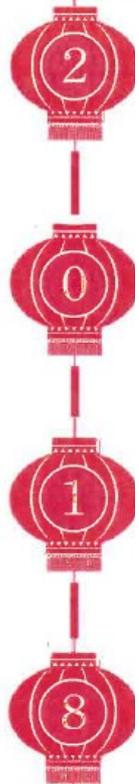
By Eihan Chan (11 years old) & Margaret Chan



Featuring A Traditional Orchestra of 60 Talented Young Musicians from China together with Local Artists & Youth Music Groups.

**Leeds Town Hall
Monday 5 February 2018
7:00 - 9:00pm (doors open at 6:15pm)
Ticket £6**

**Leeds City Centre Box Office 01133760318 and
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