



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 4 October 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 7th October: Y1 & Y2 Pedestrian Training
- 8th October: Y4 Pedestrian Training
- 8th October: KS2 Cross Country at Wharfemeadows
- 16th October: Praying the Rosary
- 22nd October: Y4/Y5/Y6 Pedestrian Session
- 22nd October: Parents Evening 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- 23rd October: Y2 Otley Walk and visit to Courthouse
- 24th October: Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6:00pm
- 24th October: Y6 Rugby Festival
- 24th October: Parent Gym Taster Session
- 25th October: SCHOOL CLOSED - TRAINING DAY
- 4th November: SCHOOL REOPENS

Assemblies and Class Masses

- 9th October: Y6 Class Mass
- 11th October: Y5 Class Assembly
- 18th October: Heritage Assembly
- **CHANGE OF DATE**
- 24th October: Y4 Class Mass

Training Days

- Friday 25th October - Whole School
- **Friday 8th November - Year R only**
- Friday 14th February - Whole School
- Monday 1st June - Whole School
- Monday 20th July - Whole School

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

On Monday, we had our Harvest Assembly. Mrs Knight led our assembly, and she talked about CAFOD and all the work they do. We thanked God for all the food and luxuries we have, and prayed for those in need.

Thank you to all the families who donated items - these will be distributed by members of the Church to people in the surrounding areas



PARENT GYM

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting and running free Parent Gym workshops for any interested parents.

Parent Gym is a course of six two-hour workshops with 'missions' to complete in between each one. Each week's session is devoted to a different topic and comes with its own unique Parent Gym magazine packed with practical tips. Each session will last two hours.

We will be hosting a taster session on Thursday 24th October 2.05 - 3.05pm. All welcome.

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FOR PARENTS WHO CARE

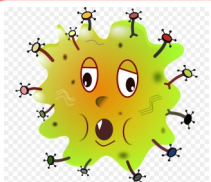
FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S AGM

On Wednesday, FOSJ held their annual AGM meeting at The Horse and Farrier. Thank you to all those who joined us.

Elections

Lindsey Dunning and Lizzi Wilce are both joint chair
Kerrie Agnew—Treasurer
Emma Jowett—Secretary

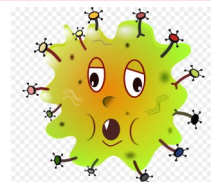
Keep an eye out for upcoming events in the newsletter in the next few weeks.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

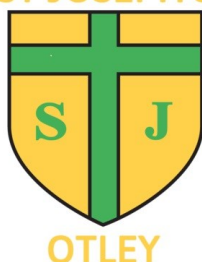


REPORTING ABSENCES

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.



ST JOSEPH'S



YEAR RECEPTION 2020 COHORT OPEN DAY AND EVENING

Wednesday 6th November and 20th November 2019

9.30am – 11.30am and 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Parents/Carers of children starting school in September 2020 are invited to come and see our school.

Mrs Knight and Miss Wilkinson will be available to answer any questions and visitors will be given a guided tour by our super Year 6 Pupils. We look forward to meeting you!

This year, for the first time, we hosting an **Open Evening on Wednesday 6th November between 6-7pm**. Please sign up to attend this session by contacting Miss Wilkinson (office@stjosephsotley.org or 01943 463840). Please note - there will be no guided tours, but you will have opportunity to meet members of staff and the Academy Council.

CAN YOU HELP? WE NEED YOUR STICKERS FOR ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS

Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit!

Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and fill up your school's poster for a chance to win.

You need a total of 300 stickers to complete the poster...

We currently have 48/300 stickers!

A promotional poster for Aldi's Kit for Schools. The background is blue with the text 'ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS' in large, bold, white letters. Below the text, it says 'There are 20 prizes of £20,000 to be won. All you have to do is get stuck in!'. The poster is surrounded by various stickers featuring athletes and sports-related images. The stickers are scattered around the central text, some overlapping it.

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Our St Joseph Prayer

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

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

This week in our Confirmation class the children found out about the "Church". We discussed all the different people that contribute to our Parish and how we ourselves contribute to the Church community. Please can the children have a look at the session 8 booklet that looks at "The Gift of the Faith Handed on" and complete the sheet thinking about all the different ways that they can show love by being gentle.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worships the children have been thinking about Compassion. In Year 6, they listened to the story of Jesus showing compassion to Jairus by healing his daughter (Luke 8:40-56). Year 6 thought about what it would have been like to have been Jairus, and how we should be like Jesus and show compassion to the people around us.

Mother Teresa said, "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you."



PRAYING THE ROSARY

On Thursday 16th October at 9am we are inviting everyone to join us as we pray the rosary

Please come and join your child in class to pray a decade of the Rosary and pray for world wide unity and peace. Thank you for your support and prayers.



YEAR 5 SAINT DAY

Next Friday (11th October), Year 5 will be celebrating their Class Saint - Francis of Assisi.

Please can the children come dressed as animals. Thank you.



YEAR 6 SAINT DAY

Next Wednesday (9th October), Year 6 will be celebrating their Class Saint- Saint Therese of Lisieux. We will be having our Class Mass at 9:30, all family and friends are very welcome to join us. As this is a day of celebration, children are invited to wear non-uniform but please remember that it needs to be appropriate for Mass.



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week reception have been continuing with learning their phonics. The children have learnt four new sounds and have also started to learn how to blend the phonemes in words for reading. Today the children have brought home their first reading book. They are very excited! Please remember to sign the reading record once you have read the book with your child so we know it is ready to be changed.

In maths this week we have been learning about the number two. We enjoyed looking at 'Numberblock 2' and learnt what is one more and one less than 2. We began to look at simple addition and subtraction. We also continued to practice our counting skills.

In RE we began to learn about the Creation Story. We enjoyed hearing about the wonderful things God created. We reflected carefully on this and thought about what we would like to thank God for. Isaac said he would like to thank God for "his sister" and Caitlin said she would like to thank God for "Mummy and Daddy."

We have enjoyed learning about the 1960s. On Tuesday we learnt about the artist, 'Roy Lichtenstein'. We tried out the 'Ben day dots' technique that was commonly seen in his work. On Wednesday, Mrs Shakespeare came to teach about the Beatles. We learnt the song 'I Want to Hold Your Hand' and 'Yellow Submarine'. On Friday we tried some sixties PE. The children really showed off their moves! We then enjoyed making cakes that were popular in the 60s.

YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths, we have been focusing on partitioning numbers. The children chose their numbers, partitioned them on a part-whole model and used the language of 'whole number' and 'parts'. This understanding of how numbers can be partitioned will really help them in our topic of addition and subtraction within 10.

Our English this week has been focused around the 'Janet and John' books which were used in schools in the 1960s to help teach children to read. We read through one ourselves and discussed how it would help children who were just learning to read. We each created our own book, complete with a simple storyline, book cover and illustrations.

In RE we have been discussing the story of Noah and the flood, and the wonderful promise God made to Noah. We made our own rainbow to signify God's covenant, and talked about the virtues we need to keep God's world as beautiful as when He created it. The children loved singing 'The Animals Went in Two by Two' as a link to our story.

In Science we focused on the Moon Landing and how humans walked on the moon for the first time in history in 1969. We designed our own rockets using pencils for the body, adding fins and nose cones. We had a competition on the playground and found that the rockets that went the furthest were the ones with the least paper weighing them down - well done Charlie for having the most aerodynamic rocket!

We have also been creating a lot of art this week, taking part in making a mosaic to commemorate our school's 50th birthday at Manor Square, doing some tie-dye, and creating a showpiece in the style of Yayoi Kusama, a Sixties pop artist who has created beautiful 'infinity rooms'.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have had a blast during our 1960s Topic Week!

We have fully immersed ourselves in the cultural decade of revolution, politics, music and society.

We enjoyed learning about the typical school day and what might have appeared on the school dinner menu. We made traditional puddings: Spotted Dick and Jam Roly Poly. Tasting our creations was even better, along with Angel Delight and Rice Pudding!

Psychedelia and the Hippie movement inspired our art as we had fun making tie-dye and a lava lamp. We enjoyed using bright, vibrant colours to paint some of Andy Warhol's 1960s Pop art.

With environmentalism becoming a new social movement in the 1960s, Year 2 enjoyed an afternoon of sunshine and nature by using sticks, leaves, stones and other natural materials to build insect habitats.

In RE, we learnt about the bible story of Daniel and the Lions. We reflected about the importance of putting our trust and faith in God and thought about the times when we seek God's assurance.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, the children enjoyed researching fashion and music in the 1960's. They produced informative and colourful non-chronological reports in the form of posters. The children have also enjoyed learning about the moon landing and Neil Armstrong and have begun to write some newspaper reports.

In Maths, we have been continuing to calculate 1, 10 and 100 more or less than a number using number lines, place value grids and function machines. We then moved on to compare numbers using the symbols for less than <, greater than >, and equals =.

In P.E, the children had fun learning different 1960s dance moves including Hand Jives and The Twist. They used the moves to imitate 1960s bands and showed great enthusiasm with their 'air-guitars.' We finished practising our dance moves outside in The Pavilion.

In Art, Year 3 have been looking at Pop Art and some of the work of Andy Warhol. They made their own versions of the 'Campbells Soup' pictures using bright 1960s colours. Finally, in Music, the children have enjoyed learning the Beatles song 'Octopus's Garden'. We also used our listening skills to create a picture based on 'Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds.'



YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in RE we learnt the story of 'Moses and the Exodus'. We learnt who Moses was and how God called him; before taking part in a drama activity to really understand how the people in the story felt as they were asked to leave Egypt and cross the sea.

In English we became researchers. We researched what it was like to be a child in the 1960s thinking about: food, school, music, TV, toys and games. We wrote a non-chronological report to show our findings.

In History this week, we talked about different events that happened in the 1960s, putting them on a timeline. We then focused on the 'Apollo-11 Mission', writing a diary extract through the eyes of Neil Armstrong.

In Music, we learnt about The Beatles. We learnt one of their most famous songs 'Let it Be' and practiced performing it on the ukuleles.



YEAR 5 NEWS

We have had a great week learning all about the 60s and celebrating the School's 50th anniversary of the school building being open.

On Monday, we had a traditional 60s day at school. When we entered the class, the class was set out like a traditional classroom. We started with a dictated passage that included our spelling for the week. We then had a traditional maths lesson starting with mental arithmetic and then did some 'sums' (column addition). For English, it was traditional to do poetry to perform, we did the famous 'I wondered lonely as a cloud' by William Wordsworth; we learnt this off by heart and then performed it on Thursday for National Poetry day.

During the week, we focused on the famous 60s artist, Roy Lichtenstein. We looked at a variety of his artwork and sculptures. We discussed the various techniques that he used to create his art work. We had a drawing of the mirror and the magnifying glass. After practising those skills, we then sketch a self-portrait and painted it in the style of Pop Art using a dotting technique. We enjoyed it so much!



YEAR 6 NEWS

In RE this week, the children learnt about the different Sacraments focusing on Confirmation. The children learnt about the different signs and symbols used in Confirmation and the meaning behind them. They also found out about the Rite of Confirmation.

In English, we created spelling scribbles (otherwise known as 'Taking your Pencil for a Walk') in the style of 1960s pop art. This was a fun, and different way of learning our spellings.

As part of our "Back to the Sixties" week, the children enjoyed making lino prints and creating artwork in the style of Jasper Jones and Roy Lichtenstein. They also made "Pop Art" posters. As well as this, the children worked in groups to research aspects of life in the sixties.





AWARDS



GOLDEN TABLE

NO GOLDEN TABLE THIS WEEK

SUNSHINE AWARD

EDWARD (Y1), BLONDIE (Y2), ZACHARY (Y3),
RHYS (Y4), JOSHUA (Y5), MEGAN (Y6)

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK AWARD

NO AWARDS THIS WEEK DUE TO



SPORTING EVENTS



Upcoming Events

8th October: KS2 Cross Country at Wharfemeadows

24th October: Y6 Rugby Festival



MASSES & ASSEMBLIES



Autumn Term 1	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Friday 27 th September		Y2
Fri 4 th October	Whole School Mass @ 9.30am	
Wed 9 th October	Y6 Class Mass	
Fri 11 th October		Y5
Wed 23 rd October	Y4 Class Mass	
Autumn Term 2	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Thurs 7 th November	Y3 Class Mass	
Wed 13 th November	KS1 Mass	
Thurs 21 st November	Y5 Class Mass	
Fri 22 nd November		Y6
Fri 29 th November		Y3
Fri 6 th December		Y1
Fri 13 th December		Y4
Fri 20 th December	Whole School Mass	