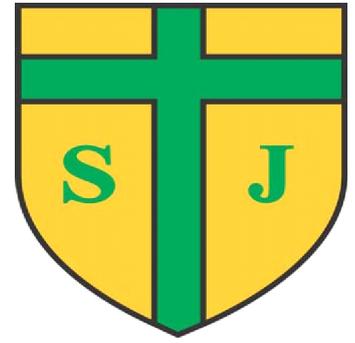


**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL OTLEY,  
A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**



**Friday 6th January 2017**

**A Message from Mrs Knight**

Can we take the opportunity to wish all our families a happy and peaceful 2107 and thank you very much for your ongoing outstanding support of St Joseph's children and staff, we are very lucky. The pupils have come back to school full of excitement and joy which is infectious!

Please remember the building works will start on Monday so the new entrance to the office will be used from then until the works are completed – you have got used to using the side entrances very easily this week which will also be used until the completion of the building works.

**Year 3 Swimming**

Swimming starts again on 20<sup>th</sup> January. Please make sure children bring warm clothing for walking to the pool and back.

Please let the office know if you are available to accompany the children to swimming.

Many thanks.



**LM Stage School**

LM Stage School came into school & children took part in a Musical theatre session. Classes will commence after school on Monday 9th January 2017 after school until 4.30pm. The sessions will continue to run throughout the school year during term time only.

If you would like to enroll your child for the class we would be grateful if you could fill out the form they received and return to school. Alternatively you can contact us by telephone 07722672679 or [lynne@lmstageschool.co.uk](mailto:lynne@lmstageschool.co.uk)

**We have limited places available.**

The price for this 5-week term will be £25 per child. Sort code 09-01-27 account number – 87342419 please put your child's name as the reference, alternatively you can return the slip & payment to the school office.

**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.*

**Prayer of the Week**

**God of wonder, help us to have as much faith as the wise men who followed your star to find Jesus.**

**Lead us down the right paths and help us to recognise Jesus in the people that we meet as we travel through life.**

**Amen.**

**Whole School Mass**

Please note there will be a whole school mass on Friday 13th January at 9.30am in Church led by Year 4. All welcome





# NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY LAUNCH



Our new school library launches this week. We have invested in hundreds of new fiction books for all ages to inspire the children to read. New books range from traditional classics to modern authors such as David Walliams and Jacqueline Wilson. Children can enjoy reading time in the library, recommend books to each other, write book reviews and other fun activities to earn team points.

Each class has a weekly allocated library time where they can choose a book to borrow. Year 5 will be our school librarians. Congratulations to Shaun, Thomas, Dylan, Eva, Katie and Evie who will take on this role for this half term.

Children in YR and KS1 will have the book they have borrowed recorded in their reading record.

Please encourage your child to read and enjoy their new library books. We will be talking to the children about how important it is to look after their books. If books are lost or returned damaged we will have to ask for payment.

The children are very excited about our new library and I am sure they will enjoy reading even more!

Miss Hulbert  
Literacy Coordinator





# Class News



## Year 5 News

Wow! What a busy week we have had!

"This week in Year 5, we have looked at ordering fractions and equivalent fractions. I found this stressful at first, but I finally got the hang of it" said Edie.

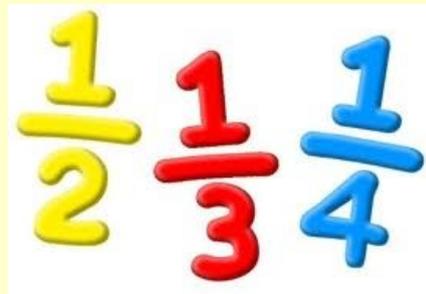
"In English we have studied traditional stories, in particular the three little pigs. We have worked on our debating skills and we will write a persuasion letter to argue who is at fault for the Wolf's demise. I liked this because we did some role play and acted out interviews to find out what had happened" explained Sammy.



## Year 4 News

"Chris, our skipping instructor, came in to teach us some different types of skips such as criss-cross and speed skip. We are practising our routines for the skipping festival. I can't wait!

In the classroom, we have been studying equivalent and simplifying fractions in Maths and non-fiction writing in English. I have had a great first week back" reported Niamh.



## Year 2 News

"This week have been writing lots of stories. We have been making improvements to our work using more adjectives.

We have been practising skipping for our festival—I love doing speed bounces and double bounces.

I have enjoyed the first week as I like doing lots of work and seeing all my friends" remarked Joshua.



## Year R News



This week in Reception we have been looking at journeys and transport. We have been describing our journeys to school, how we get to school and what we can see. We have also been painting different forms of transport and carriages for our display. In maths, we have been looking at numbers that are one less.

"I walk to school in the mornings but lots of my friends come in cars. I have liked playing in our bus role play. I love giving out tickets to the people on the bus" described Evie.

## Year 3 News

Happy New Year from Year 3! We have all come back refreshed from the Christmas break and ready for lots of learning this half term. This week we are going out to look at the winter trees in the school grounds to observe how they have changed since September. In addition we have enjoyed being the next Andy Murray's with some specialist Tennis coaching getting us in shape for the Year 3 tennis festival. We have been outdoors a lot, also learning about perimeter in Maths so we measured the perimeter of the playground in groups. We are continuing with our Stone Age topic too, so it would be great if each child could bring in a stone next Tuesday to do a cave painting on. Also, we will be outdoors for P.E every week this half term so need an outdoor kit of joggers, sweater and suitable pumps/ trainers.



## Year 6 News

In Year 6, we have been reading a class novel called 'The White Horse of Zennor and other stories' by Micheal Morpurgo. We took turns to read segments of the story and discussed parts of the story we didn't understand or found particularly interesting.

"I thought it was an interesting read. It was a creepy story that left us all with a lot to think about. He really knows how to build suspense and mystery" stated Charlotte.

We have had a big push on building our maths skills this week, especially with fractions. We are becoming excellent mathematicians!

## Year 1 News

We have worked on place value and knowing if a number is correctly placed.

"You can check by counting if the cubes are correct" explained Emily.

"You can look to see if the number is written the right way round" said William.

"You can check on a numberline to see if you wrote the number right" reminded Lexie.

