

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th March 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 11th March: No Smoking Day
- 13th March: KS1 Fruit Kebab Sale
- 13th March: FOSJ Film Night
- 15th March: First Holy Communion Mass
- 19th March: St Joseph's Day
- 20th March: Mother's Day Stall—£1 per gift

MASS AND ASSEMBLIES

- 13th Mar: Y4 Assembly
- 15th Mar: FHC Mass
- 19th Mar: St Joseph's Mass
- 20th Mar: YRec Assembly
- 27th Mar: Y6 Assembly
- 3rd Apr: Whole School Mass

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S PRESENT THE

PYJAMA PARTY

FRIDAY 13 MARCH, 6:00PM

£3 PER TICKET, INCLUDES POPCORN & DRINK
MOVIES AVAILABLE TO WATCH IN EACH CLASSROOM

MOVIES START AT 6:30PM

BAR, HOT DOGS & SNACKS AVAILABLE IN THE HALL
EVENT OPEN TO PUPILS OF THE SCHOOL ONLY
RECEPTION CLASS CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Pyjamas

Movies

Drinks

Popcorn



"BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS"
- Mrs Choma



"A 5 STAR PERFORMANCE"
- Mrs Knight



"BEST THING I'VE SEEN IN YEARS"
- Miss Wilkinson



Easter Egg Raffle **St Joseph's Catholic Primary**

We are looking to work with local businesses to collect Easter Egg Donations to use in our school raffle. If you are a local business who would like to make a donation then please get in touch for more

information via

email: office@stjosephsotley.org

phone: 01943 463840.

Thank you.

BOOK TOKENS AND SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Please check your child's school bag for their World Book Day Book Tokens which are sponsored by National Book Tokens.

You can use these in participating stores—find out more at <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

We are excited to be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair in school for one week from the 20th March to the 27th March.

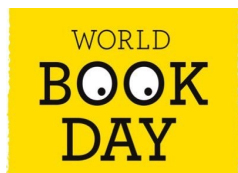
Children will be invited to peruse the book fair during the school day, which will then be available for parents to look at with their children after school.

You can even spend your £1 world day book voucher at the book fair too!



WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a fabulous World Book Day on Monday celebrating our favourite books, and exploring the world of reading!



Take a look at some of the wonderful costumes worn by the children!

TOAST TUESDAYS

On Tuesday, we had our first Toast Tuesday of Lent to raise money for The Good Shepherd Appeal and Mission Together! .



Thank you to our fantastic helpers who made approximately 200 slices of toast!

FRUIT KEBAB SALE

We would like children in KS1 to bring in fruit on **Friday 13th March** and children in KS2 to bring in fruit on **Friday 20th March**. The fruit will then be used by the children to create their own fruit pot.

Letters have been sent home this evening to suggest what fruit we would like each child to bring in.

If you would like your child to purchase a fruit pot please send them in with 40p.

If there is any fruit left over, it will be sold in the Pavillion after school.

LENT DATES FOR THE DIARY

3rd March/10th March/ 17th March/ 24th March/ 31st March: Toast Tuesdays

13th March: YR & KS1 Fruit Pot Sale

20th March: KS2 Fruit Pot Sale

25th March: Stations of the Cross

27th March: Easter Egg Raffle

27th March: Mini Vinnies Games Afternoon

3rd April: Whole School Mass at 9.30am in church



PARENTS PLEASE READ

HEALTHY SCHOOLS SURVEY

Your child's school has recently self-evaluated for Healthy Schools Status. The school will shortly be assessed and we would like to include your views as part of the assessment. We have created a short parent survey which we would like to ask you to complete. All responses will be anonymous and it will take you less than 10 minutes to complete.

To complete the survey please click on the following link:

<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/XEJS6/>

Thank you for your support,
Health and Wellbeing Service

JUDO WORKSHOP

On Monday and Tuesday, we invited Destination Judo to lead some Judo workshops for all year groups.

Led by Balazs (our instructor), children learned some simple throws and stances. The word Judo means gentle way. Children enjoyed wearing special clothing known as Gi and learning the Japanese names for the moves.

Everyone had a great time learning a new sport and playing Judo games.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord Jesus,
I give you my hands to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you do.
I give you my tongue to speak as you do.
I give you my mind that you may think in me.
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
Above all, I give you my heart
That you may love in me
Your Father and all humankind.
I give you my whole self
That you may grow in me.
So that it is you, Lord Jesus,
Who live and work and pray in me.
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.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all the young children who received this special Sacrament last Saturday.

We look forward to more making the Sacrament this weekend.

It was lovely to see so many children supporting each other.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Thank you to all those parents who came to the meeting on Wednesday evening. If you were unable to attend please see Mrs Russell for the information sheets. Thank you.

The preparation classes for the candidates begin next Wednesday 11th March in Church from 3.30-4.30pm. Please remember the Enrolment Mass is on Sunday 15th March at 9.30am

SCHOOL LED MASS

Well done to all of the children who took part in the Mass on Sunday.

You did a wonderful job of leading the worship for the parish and we had lots of positive comments saying how well you all did.

Thank you to everyone who came to support the children, we really appreciate it.



KS1 MASS

On Thursday morning, Year 1 led a beautiful Mass for KS1 and their families.

The theme of the Mass was Following Jesus. Year 1 reminded us all how we can be like Jesus by being a good friend and making good choices.

Mrs Knight was extremely proud of all the children for the wonderful behavior during Mass. Thank you to all those who joined KS1 in Church.



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



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

Reception have had a very busy week which began with a super World Book Day on Monday. All the children looked fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed sharing who they had chosen to come as, and why they enjoyed that story. We shared lots of wonderful stories throughout the day!

This week, Reception have been busy practising phonics. We have been working hard to learn how to write super sentences including the a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. We have also been practising our tricky words. Please make sure you keep practising them at home too!

In Maths, we have been focusing on the number 11. We created our own concept board with lots of facts about the number. In our focus groups we have been practising addition. We learnt about the symbols we use when we add and how we find the total. We have also continued to practise counting in 2's.

In RE, we heard the story of Zacchaeus and how Jesus helped him to say sorry. We enjoyed retelling this story in small groups with some super acting! We talked about how sometimes it can be hard for us to say sorry, but we can turn to Jesus to help us do this.



YEAR 1 NEWS

It was lovely to start this week with an amazing World Book Day at school. The children were very excited about their costumes and eager to talk about the books that they love. We had a day filled with book-themed activities, including creating an interpretive dance to tell the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and choosing between lots of exciting activities in the afternoon.

In Maths this week Year 1 have been continuing their work on numbers to 50. We compared numbers within 50 using inequality symbols, and used the story of 'The Tiger who Came to Tea' to think about one more and one less within 50.

In English this week we used our story to create party invitations. We thought about all the details an invitation needs, and included exclamation marks and adjectives to make it more exciting!

In Science this week we have been continuing Miss Armitage's favourite topic - animals! Year 1 shared their knowledge of different animals and used this to group animals into mammals, amphibians, fish, birds and reptiles. We talked about animals' skin and the patterns we see in nature, which we will also use in art this half term.

Thank you to everyone who helped Year 1 prepare for leading our KS1 Mass on Thursday. Miss Armitage, Miss Milnes and Mrs Walsh were all so proud of the children, and their beautiful reading and behaviour in church.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2's World Book Day celebrations were enjoyed by everyone on Monday. We talked about why we had chosen our particular character and wrote mini book reviews behind these choices. Well done to all of Year 2 for your fabulous costumes.

This week in Maths, we have continued our unit on fractions. We have been learning some of the different methods to find a fraction of a number ($\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$). We used lots of practical resources and bar modelling to help us see the equivalence between $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$.

In English, we have been looking at the key features of a newspaper article, focusing on the introduction (who, what, when and where) and including factual information. We also practised writing punchy and exciting headlines.

In RE we have reflected on how we prepare spiritually throughout the forty days of Lent. We thought about the three traditional practices to be taken up with renewed vigour during this time: prayer, fasting and almsgiving and identified the different ways that we have been doing this CAFOD Faith lunch, Toast Tuesdays etc...

On Friday, Y2 finished our week with our class assembly. Our week ended on a high when we performed our brilliant mini production of Peer Gynt and the Trolls. Mrs Knight was very impressed with our singing and acting and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves throughout the performance!



YEAR 3 NEWS

The week started with World Book Day and the children had great fun dressing up as their favourite book characters. We enjoyed lots of reading activities throughout the day. In English we have been investigating some tricky words ending in -gue and -que. The children were using jumbled up letters to form these new words. They were very good at doing this. The children are continuing to work hard to learn their weekly spelling lists.

In our Maths lessons we have been continuing partitioning and using a grid method to multiply two x one digit numbers..

In P.E the children had a visit from a Judo trainer and had the chance to join in many fun Judo games. They really enjoyed their coaching session. This week the class have also been taking part in our **'Eat them to defeat them'** challenge. This involves trying to eat different healthy vegetables. Our healthy food ambassadors, Freddie and Leila enjoyed sharing out our fresh carrots in KS2.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In RE this week, Year Four began their new topic of 'Jesus the Saviour'. We discussed the Mystery of the Incarnation, finding examples in the Bible of both Jesus as God and human. We then reflected on what this means to us.

We started English this week with a fabulous World Book Day. We carried out lots of different reading exercises, looking at prediction and different styles of stories. For our class book work, we focused on synonyms to emphasis different levels of meaning. We role-played our thoughts of what it would be like to leave our family, before writing a telegram back home detailing out different emotions. We then looked at descriptive writing, describing the Antarctic.

In Maths, we carried on our 3-digit by 1-digit division problems before moving on to looking at correspondence problems. We then moved on to fraction, thinking about what a fraction is before learning about equivalent fractions.

In History this week, we learnt about how the Romans invaded Britain. We researched into the two failed Roman attempts and their final success.



YEAR 5 NEWS

On Monday, we celebrated World Book Day by coming dressed as our favourite book character. During the day, we wrote a blurb about the character that we came dressed as. In the afternoon, we created our own characters and a story line for a comic strip. We looked at the author-illustrator Sophie Henn and watched a video where she explained how she created her comic, from this we created our own.

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice-versa. We used lots of bar models to represent this clearly and from this we could explain our answers. Also, we began to sequence fraction in a number line forwards and backwards.

In Computing, we started programming a sequence of codes to make a game on Scratch called 'Catch the dots'. We had to carefully sequence the codes so that the controller sprite would move when used the arrow keys and create other sprites so that the controller could catch them. We really enjoyed working with our partners to make a game.



YEAR 6 NEWS

Year 6 have had a fun few days at Robinwood doing all sorts of activities including: archery, big swing, crate stacking & caving. There will be more news in next week's newsletter—we hope you have enjoyed the photos and updates via twitter.





AWARDS



SUNSHINE AWARD

ISAAC (YR), ALEXA (Y1), PRIMROSE (Y2)
BLAKE (Y3), ALISTAIR (Y4), OLIVER (Y5)



RE AWARD

CAITLIN (YR), BEATRICE (Y1), ARCHIE (Y2)
ELLIE (Y3), AGNES (Y4), ORLA B (Y5)



SPORTING EVENTS



Upcoming Events

10th March - Netball Tournament at Cookridge Primary

11th March - BMX Come and Try (for 8 x Y3 children)

28th March - Cross Country at Wharfemeadows

[NEW DATE FOR THE DIARY - Friday 26th June - Sports Day](#)



MASSES & ASSEMBLIES



Friday Assembly/Mass Timetable 2019/2020		
Spring Term 1	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Fri 10 th January	Whole School Mass @ 9.30am	
Wed 22 nd January	Y3 Class Mass	
Fri 24 th January		Y1
Thurs 30 th January	Y6 Class Mass	
Friday 31 st January		Faith Fortnight
Wed 5 th February	Y4 Class Mass	
Fri 7 th February		Y3
Wed 12 th February	Y5 Class Mass	
Wed 26 th February	Ash Wednesday	
Fri 28 th February		Y5
Spring Term 2	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Thurs 5 th March	KS1 Mass	
Fri 6 th March		Y2
Fri 13 th March		Y4
Thurs 19 th March	St Joseph's Day	
Fri 20 th March		YR
Fri 27 th March		Y6
Fri 3 rd April	Whole School Mass @ 9.30	