



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th February 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES FOR JANUARY

- 10th February: Y4 Badminton Festival @ PHGS
- 10th—13th February: 'Saving the Oceans' Topic Week
- 10th—13th February: Y6 Bikeability
- 10th/24th February: Bushcraft and Climbing Wall Experience
- 11th February: Safer Internet Day
- 11th February: YR Trip to Otley Library
- 14th February: **TRAINING DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 26th February: Y4 Skipping Festival

MASS AND ASSEMBLIES

- 12th Feb: Y5 Class Mass
- 26th Feb: Ash Wednesday Mass
- 28th Feb: Y5 Assembly
- 1st Mar: School Led Mass
- 5th Mar: KS1 Mass
- 6th Mar: Y2 Assembly
- 13th Mar: Y4 Assembly

BEE NETBALL

On Friday 31st January, 9 children attended a Bee Netball Tournament at Fulneck School in Pudsey.

They all played amazingly well, showing fantastic ball skills and sportsmanship.

Thank you to all the parents for transportation and helping with the day.



CROSS COUNTRY FINAL

Our wonderful Cross Country finalists had a brilliant time at Temple Newsam on Wednesday afternoon! Years 3 and 4 ran a 980m track, and Years 5 and 6 ran a 1350m course.

It was a tough, muddy course and the children ran tremendously well. Thank you to all the parents for transportation and helping with the day.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

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

If you would like to purchase a copy, please make sure that class photo forms have been returned to the office by Thursday 13th February.

Thank you.



Y3 AND Y4 PERFORMANCE - 'GO FOR GOLD'

31st March 2020 6.30pm

We have started learning the songs for our end of Spring Term Play. Over the next few weeks, the children will find out their parts and be given scripts to start practising their lines. We will also send a letter to all Yr3 & Yr4 children to explain what costume they need to organise for the play.



Bambisanani Partnership



FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY FUNDRAISING—NUMBER DAY

2020 AND BAMBISANANI PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who donated generously today as we took part in NSPCC Number Day! Everyone looked fabulous dressed in 'numbers' or something 'mathematical'.



We **raised over £250** for The Bambisanani Partnership!

We spent the day taking part in some creative maths challenges. The Mini Vinnies held games of Bingo in each classroom, and each child received a biscuit and a drink. The children really enjoyed this afternoon, and we would like to thank Mr Thompson (our Chair of Governors) for being a 'Mathemagician' and teaching the children maths based tricks and games.



WORLD BOOK DAY AND READING MONTH

On **Monday 2nd 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.

World Book Day Menu - We will be hosting a very special menu on Monday 2nd March for World Book Day. This menu is available for children who are usually on packed lunches, please let the Office know by Friday 28th February.

Reading Breakfast - On Monday 2nd March and Tuesday 3rd March, we welcome you to join us early to enjoy a reading breakfast with your child. You will be welcomed in to school from 8:15 to enjoy a light breakfast and a drink (for a small donation) and to take the opportunity to visit the school library and choose a book to read with your child. Your child can share with you their favourite books at school; how they change their reading books and take the opportunity to have a relaxed start to the morning reading for fun.

Scholastic Book Fair - 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
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LENT DATES FOR THE DIARY

A letter will be sent home next week with more details.

26th February: Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.30am in church

27th February: Faith Lunch

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

13th March: YR & KS1 Fruit Kebab Sale

20th March: KS2 Fruit Kebab Sale

25th March: Stations of the Cross

27th March: Easter Egg Raffle

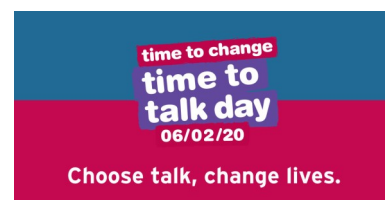
27th March: Mini Vinnies Games Afternoon

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

A TIME TO TALK

As part of our ongoing positive mental health work, we talked to the children about Time to Talk Day. As the campaign states, *'Time to Talk Day encourages **everyone** to be more open about mental health – to talk, to listen, to change lives.'*

Around school, you'll find posters and tip cards packed with ideas on how to start your conversation. There is also information about how to support others, and where to go if you need support.





SAVING THE OCEANS



TOPIC WEEK: FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY—THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

The theme of our topic week is Saving the Oceans. Showcase will take place on Thursday 13th February in the afternoon.



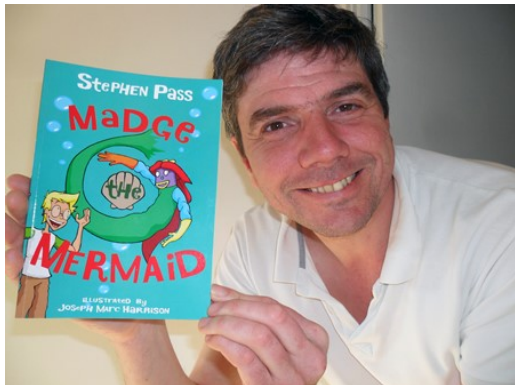
We Need Your Recycling

We will be creating a series of 'Under the Sea' displays using recycled materials such as bottle tops, wrappers and other recyclable materials. We do not need cardboard, thank you.

Please start collecting such items as soon as possible in preparation for topic week.

Bring a Sock

On the Wednesday of topic week, we will be doing lots of 'Under the Sea' themed creative projects. We would like each child to create a 'Socktopus' using an old sock (preferably a long adult sock) and newspaper. Please send your child with these items at the beginning of topic week.



Author Visit for Y2—Y5

Author Stephen Pass is visiting school on Tuesday, February 11th, to read from his illustrated children's book 'Madge the Mermaid' about a mermaid created from items washed up on the beach.

Stephen will read the first two chapters to Y2—Y5 pupils, as well as showing them how the book was made.

If your child would like a personal signed copy of 'Madge the Mermaid', these are available to buy, priced £7.

Plastic Toy Sale

As part of our 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' campaign, we will be hosting a plastic toy sale during **Thursday's** showcase.

We are asking children to bring a good condition, plastic toy that they no longer play with for us to sell to a child to give it a new home.

The cost of the toys will vary between 20p—£1 and all funds will be donated to charity.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Great Teacher, children need an education to have the full and abundant life You came to give them.

Your Word demonstrates how You touch people's hearts to encourage them for their future.

Bless people living in poverty by providing fun ways to learn to read, write and play so that they can apply these new skills to help them and their families have better lives — for this generation and generations to come.

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.



SCHOOL LED MASS

Our next school-led Mass will take place on Sunday 1st March at 9:30am in Church.

A letter has been sent home today with your child about children volunteering to take part.

It would be wonderful to have lots of children involved, as we celebrate our faith.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Harvey.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The preparation classes will take place after school on Wednesdays in Church from 3.30—4.30pm.

The final meeting will be held on 12th February.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be made on Saturday 29th February or Saturday 7th March at 10.30am

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This year, the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 2nd May 2020 at 10.00am. Certificates will be distributed on Sunday 3rd May 2020 at the 9.30am Mass.

There will be a meeting for parents of children in Year 4 and above who would like to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Wednesday 4th March 2020** in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

The preparation classes will take place after school on Wednesdays in Church from 3-30-4.30pm commencing Wednesday 11th March.

There are two Masses which are part of the preparation: The Enrolment Mass on Sunday 15th March 2020 at 9:30am and The Growing Mass on Sunday 26th April at 9:30am.





CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week, Reception have been learning about non-fiction books. We learnt about how these books tell us real facts and information. We also looked at the key features of these types of books such as the contents page and the index page. We explored a number of books about space and learnt lots of exciting facts. Some of which we wrote about.

In Maths this week, we have been learning about ordering numbers and counting.

On Friday it was Number Day. We enjoyed doing a number hunt around the classroom. We then put all the numbers in the correct order. The children worked very well as a team and did some brilliant problem solving. As part of Number Day, on Friday afternoon our buddies came to help us play bingo. It was great fun!

This week we have also started our special topic all about 'Under the Sea'. On Thursday we learnt all about the different oceans and about the different sea creatures that might live in each ocean. We are really looking forward to learning more next week!



YEAR 1 NEWS

We have had a very busy assessment week seeing how much progress we have made in all our subjects. Year 1 have all worked very hard and have made sure to take a break after all the tricky work!

In English Miss Milnes has taught us how to write a persuasive letter to tell people why littering is wrong. We made sure to use capital letters and full stops, as well as phrases like 'in my opinion'.

In Maths we have started our new topic on place value to 50. As part of Number Day everyone in class chose a number greater than 20 but less than 30 and made a 'place value apple'. We showed our number as a numeral, word, in base 10, as a tally, in a tens and one grid and in ten frames.

We launched our topic week and are going to answer the question 'Can plastic in Otley affect penguins in Antarctica?' We have used Google Earth to plot the plastic's journey to Antarctica and the different seas and oceans it would float through.

We have lots of exciting science experiments and design projects planned for next week! We are going to look at why plastic is everywhere, and why it is such a problem.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In English this week, we have been thinking about our letter writing technique. With our forthcoming topic week on oceans in the forefront of our minds, we decided to write letters to either an organisation (Sainsbury's) or our Prime Minister asking for their support to reduce the amount of plastic pollution in our oceans.

We have started our new topic in History this week, *People Who Have Made a Difference* and have been learning about the life of Florence Nightingale, who is famous for her nursing of wounded soldiers during the Crimean War.

In preparation for our Skipping Festival in June, we had a skipping workshop on Tuesday. Jodie came from Leeds Skipping School to help us with our technique and prepare us for the various routines that we will be performing. If you would like to buy a skipping rope (the kind that we practise with and are used in the festival) they are £5.

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 12 year old 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.

Maths has been all about investigating this week. We have been learning about factors of numbers. On Friday, which was Number Day we did lots of practical maths including the Mathopoly game. In the afternoon, we used our number skills again with the Mini Vinnies who came and played Bingo with us.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we have been using descriptive language to create an image. We looked at a picture of a dark, gloomy beach and used a range of adjectives and expanded noun phrases to describe to our partner. Eva commented, "I loved creating my description and imagining I was on the beach."

In Maths, we have also been looking at 3 digit subtraction. We used models and representation using base 10 and place value counters alongside the calculation method so that we understand what is happening when we are subtracting two numbers.

In Science, we looked at magnets and magnetic fields. We discussed the north and south poles, and how they attract and repel each other. Finally, we looked at materials which were magnetic and non-magnetic.

In our Assembly, we learned about the story of David and Goliath. We thought about how brave David was, and how he trusted God. Philippa said, "It shows how little things can make a big difference." We really enjoyed playing our ukulele to an audience as we work towards our Red Award in Music.



YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in RE, Year Four have been thinking about the different parts of the Mass. We learned about why we receive Holy Communion in Mass, and how it (and other parts within the Mass) shape how we live our lives.

In Maths, we used the expanded and short method for calculating a '2-digit by 1-digit' multiplication before applying this to '3-digit by 1-digit' calculations. Next, we moved onto division; looking at practical methods for dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. We thought about if we know how to divide something by 2 we can apply that to dividing by 4 or 8.

In Geography, we learnt facts about the 7 oceans. We then focused on The Great Barrier Reef; studying its habitat as a food source, and as a place for leisure activities. We researched the damage caused by humans, and how we can do little things to help protect the marine environment. We presented our findings on posters.

In History, we researched the different legions and types of soldiers of the Roman Army, as well as what they did to train and what they wore in battle.

On Friday, for NSPCC number day, our Chair of Governors came to carry out some Maths Magic with us - we are definitely going to be tricking our parents this weekend! We also played bingo with our Minnie Vinnies to raise money for charity.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we continued to write and edit our prequels to 'The Lost Happy Endings'. After we completed writing our stories, we edited them using editing stations. We had to focus on various aspects of our writing; such as: spelling, grammar, punctuation and variety of vocabulary. We redrafted our stories by typing the up on the laptop, we really enjoyed this.

During Maths this week, we started our new topic of fractions. We looked at what a fraction is and how it can be represented. We moved on to finding equivalent fractions using Numicon and Cuisenaire.

On Friday, we had a visit from our Chair of Governors, Mr Thompson, who taught us a number of Maths tricks and games. We loved it!

In RE, we began to look at why Jesus is our Saviour and how that helps us in our day to day lives. We thought about some of the qualities which Jesus showed throughout his life and we used the Bible to find examples of these.



YEAR 6 NEWS

This week, the children in Year 6 have started their Geography work on Mountains. They found out what the definition of a mountain is; used Atlases to label mountain ranges in the UK; used Atlases to locate some of the biggest mountain ranges in the world and found out the heights of some of the mountains in the UK and the World. I

In RE, the children continued their work on the Mass and thought about the different parts of the Mass in more detail. The children also took part in a Circletime linked to our current Virtue in Collective Worship - Simplicity.

In French, we have been learning the names of different food—a very important skill!

In English today, the children started our "Saving our Oceans" by writing a letter to supermarkets encouraging them to use less plastic.

A reminder that next week, Year 6 will be completing their Bikeability training. A text was sent explaining which days your child will be riding. All children will be taking part on Monday so they need to wear warm clothes suitable for riding a bike.





AWARDS



GOLDEN TABLE

JACK (YR), ANNA (Y1), DANIEL (Y4), ROKSANA (Y6)

SUNSHINE AWARD

**CONNIE (YR), HENRY (Y1), JOSEPH (Y2)
OSCAR (Y3), WILLIAM (Y4), LEILA (Y5), NIAMH (Y6)**



WRITER OF THE WEEK AWARD

**OLIVER (YR), IAN (Y1), ISABELLA (Y2)
MIKEY (Y3), VUYO (Y4), TIMO (Y5), ARCHIE C (Y6)**



SPORTING EVENTS



Upcoming Events

26th February - Y4 Skipping Festival

2nd—3rd March—Y3—Y6 Judo Taster Session

7th March—Cross Country at Wharfe Meadows



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	