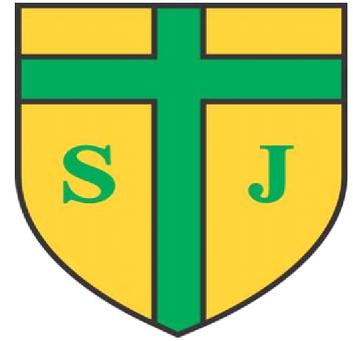


ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OTLEY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 9th March 2018

OTLEY FOOD BANK

Otley Food Bank is a partnership between 'Churches Together in Otley' and the wider community. They help people in crisis situations from Otley and surrounding areas such as Pool, Farnley, Menston and Guiseley. People can find they need the help of a food bank for many different reasons and there is no judgement or stigma attached to asking for help. If any family finds themselves at the point where a Food Bank voucher would help, St Joseph's can make a referral on their behalf. Ask to speak in confidence to Mrs Knight or Miss Wilkinson about your worries, so that we can help before things get worse.

Donations to the Food Bank can be made at OLAS Church and various other locations in Otley. Additionally, moving forward, we will place a donations box beside the office entrance to the school hall on Friday mornings should you wish to donate tinned/packet/long-life foods and toiletries to this very worthwhile cause.



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.

JOB VACANCY AT PHGS

There is a job vacancy available at Prince Henry's Grammar School in Otley for Maintenance/Grounds Operative. If you are interested in the role, follow the link below to find more information.

<http://www.princehenrys.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=8>.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL UPDATE FROM LOCAL COLLECTION TEAM

This year the majority of the boxes collected in our area went to children in Liberia with others going to Romania.

You can find out more about the work of Operation Christmas Child in these areas, and the receipt of the shoeboxes, on the Samaritan's Purse website.

Each box that is sent brings such joy to the children and their families who receive them. The children are often living in dire conditions and many will have lived through horrors that we cannot begin to imagine. To receive something just for them from another part of the world is very special.

Recent comments I have read, from former recipients or people who have witnessed the delivery of the boxes, describe how just receiving notebooks and pencils can enable a child to go to school, how children have often received boxes that turn out to contain just what they need as individuals and how receiving basic personal care items takes pressure off their families to provide these – so freeing up money for something else.

Most children in our country have more than one soft toy but for some of the children who receive one in a Christmas Shoebox, this might be the first time they can cuddle something of their very own – bringing comfort to them. I was also interested to read how the boxes themselves are often recycled as storage boxes for the wider family – or kept lovingly by the children who received them.

In 2017, 678,942 boxes were delivered from the UK and of those, nearly 3,000 boxes were from 'our' area which this year extended South to Pool and Otley, East to Easingwold and Thirsk and North to Pateley Bridge and Summerbridge – with Ripon and Harrogate in between.

So, thank you for making this possible.

Kind regards,

Your Local Collection Team on behalf of Operation Christmas Child



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Loving God,

We think of our neighbours around the world who live in poverty. May our gifts, prayers and actions this Lent support them as they work to improve the lives of their communities.

Together, may we build a better world where everyone has the basic things in life, like food and clean water.

Amen

PARENTS EVENING

We will be holding 2 parents evenings this half term, on **Thursday 22nd March 4:00pm - 7:00pm** and **Tuesday 27th March 3:30pm - 6:00pm**.

You will be able to book a slot using the online Parents Evening System from 7pm on Friday 9th March. Booking will close at 12pm on Friday 16th March.



CAR PARKING REMINDER

Polite reminder to parents picking up children from after school clubs.

Please do not park in the staff car park while waiting to pick children up from clubs.

Thank you.



BOOK SWAP

On **Monday 12th March**, we are inviting all children to bring one book from home that they would be willing to swap for another. Have a look on your book cases and find a book that you have read before, is now too easy for you to read, or you would be willing to donate and bring it to school.

During the day your child will be able to choose a book, donated by another child, and take this one home instead. A

great way to explore new books, authors and genres. Please ensure the book is in a good quality, that you would be happy to receive.



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**

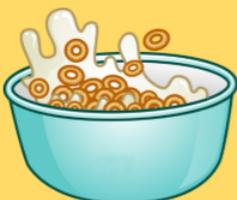
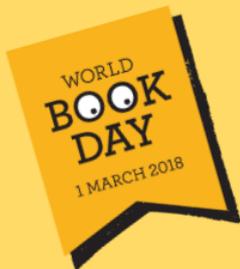
• **A book swap**

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

• **Trips to the local library**

• **'Reading Anywhere' Challenge**

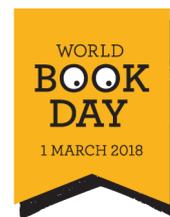
• **We are also looking to build our school library with a 'Donated by...' scheme**



DATES FOR THE DIARY

WORLD BOOK DAY - RESCHEDULED!

As our fancy dress day to celebrate World Book day had to be cancelled last week due to snow, we will be rearranging so that we can see all the lovely costumes you had prepared! We will now be having the fancy dress World Book Day on Monday 12th March. We look forward to seeing all your fantastic costumes!



GOOD SHEPHERD GAMES AFTERNOON

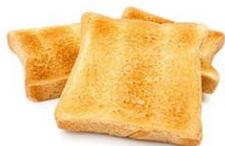
We will be hosting a Games Afternoon on Friday 16th March to raise money for the Good Shepherd Appeal. Games will cost 25p per turn. We ask that children bring in no more than £3 per child. We are also asking for donations of any toys or anything that can be used as prizes. If you have anything to donate, please bring it to the office. Thank you for your continued generosity.



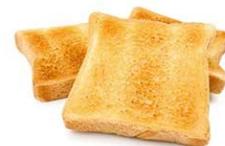
LENT TOAST SALE

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.



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 'GLINT OF GOLD'



The performance will take place on **Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 6:30pm.**

We are looking forward to starting to learn the songs for our end of Spring Term Play. Our play is set in Tutankhamen's Tomb and if anyone has any Egyptian-style artefacts (non-valuable) that they are happy to lend us for our prop store we would be very grateful.

Tickets will be available in the office from Monday 12th March.

Award winning Box Tale Soup present

The Wind in the Willows

Commissioned by the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham



"There is a magic about this piece.."

Reviews Hub



"..a triumph of stagecraft."

The Latest
(Northanger)



"..loaded with charm.."

The Stage
(Alice)



"..delightful.."

SGFringe
(Dream)



Winner

Best Show for Families

Buxton Fringe

(Alice)



Otley
COURTHOUSE

an arts and resource centre for everyone

Saturday 17th March - 2.30pm

Tickets £9 / £7

Call the Box Office on 01943 467 466
or visit otleycourthouse.org.uk

Friends of the Manor House

Charity Number 1047823



Family Fun

@ The Manor House

Saturday 10th March

2pm - 4pm



New Life

Spring in Ilkley

Look at flowers - plant seeds

Castle Yard, Church Street, Ilkley

Information jcockshott@uwclub.net



Mothers' Day

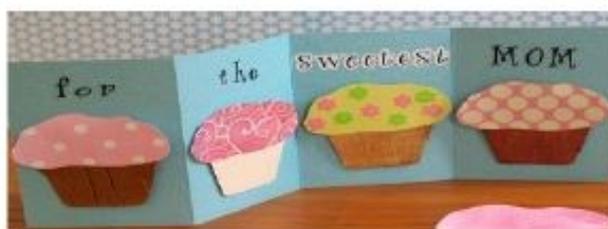
Have a super day at Temple Newsam House



Create your own teatime card and decorate a cupcake for someone special.

Have fun role playing 'Afternoon Tea' in Miss Scot's room after finishing your tour of the house using the teapot trail.

(Cupcake decoration only available on Sunday 11th March 1-4pm)



10th and 11th March

10.30am-4.00pm

Activities free but usual admission applies

For more details contact us on 0113 336 7460 or email temple.newsam.house@leeds.gov.uk

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Year R News

This week Reception enjoyed writing about their experience of the snow. Reuben told us "I enjoyed building a snowman in the field behind my house".

In Maths we have been learning about finding half of a number. We learnt that when we split something in half each person needs to have the same amount. Trying doing some halving problems at home with your child.

In PE we continued our gymnastics unit and explored travelling along benches in different ways before doing different jumps to dismount.

We are always practicing our writing in Reception. This week please encourage your child to write you a sentence independently, take a picture and upload it to tapestry.



Year 6 News

Year 6 have had a fantastic week taking part in some very exciting activities at Robinwood! We will have photos and more news to follow next week!



Year 4 News

This week we have been working hard on our fractions in Maths and getting more confident in finding equivalent fractions.

We have also had a very active time on our Orienteering morning. Our expert, Simon, was very knowledgeable and the children were really enthusiastic in learning new skills using maps, cones, flags and timers to compete to find clues in the fastest time. It was a very muddy introduction to this sport and we hope to have some more time to experience this when the weather is a little drier in the summer term!



Year 1 News

This week in RE year 1 learnt the story of The Good Samaritan we discussed how important it is to be kind to others.

In Maths we were using our counting skills (counting forwards and backwards to 100) to solve various problems.

In English we looked at different emotions and feelings we get, we wrote about what makes us feel different ways.

On Friday we had a very exciting visit to the library! We were read a story and told how to use the library. We then got to choose a book to bring back to school.

In History we created toy timelines looking at how toys are different today to those in the past.

In science on Monday we were designing a boat. We needed to carry out experiments to decide which material was best to float our boat.



On the Golden Table last week:



Due to having snow this week, there was no Golden Table this week



Sunshine Awards goes to:

Due to having snow this week, there is no sunshine award



UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS FOR THE DIARY



13th March - Orienteering Competition 1:00pm-3:00pm team of 4 from Y4
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.