



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th January 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES FOR JANUARY

- 23rd January: Class Photographs
- 7th February: Number Day
- 10th—13th February: 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**

MASS AND ASSEMBLIES

- 22nd Jan: Y3 Class Mass
- 24th Jan: Y1 Assembly
- 30th Jan: Y6 Class Mass
- 31st Jan: Faith Fortnight Assembly
- 5th Feb: Y4 Class Mass
- 7th Feb: Y3 Assembly
- 12th Feb: Y5 Class Mass
- 26th Feb: Ash Wednesday Mass
- 28th Feb: Y5 Assembly

CLASS PHOTOS



Class photos will be taken on Thursday 23rd January.

Full school uniform please.

We ask all children to bring a pair of silly socks to wear for their photo. If your child has any fancy hairbands then bring them along too.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We still have some spaces available on our fabulous after school clubs.

You can sign up via the Parents Evening System, or alternatively contact a member of the Office Staff who will be happy to help.

The deadline for signing up is Sunday 12th January at 2pm.



UNIFORM

Please ensure that **ALL** uniform is labelled as otherwise it is very hard to ensure that clothes are returned to the rightful owners.

We do not have a central lost property. Please check your child's cloakroom for missing items.

Please also ensure that your child has a coat with them during the winter months.

All children should be wearing winter uniform, and please ensure that PE kit is available on the days required.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Y3 PARENTS—PLEASE READ

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The preparation classes will take place after school on Wednesdays in Church from 3.30—4.30pm. They will be held Wednesday 15th January, 22nd January, 29th January, 5th February and 12th February. Please see Mrs Russell if you were unable to attend the meeting held on Wednesday 8th January and you need an enrolment form.

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



Y4 PARENTS—PLEASE READ

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.



BAGS IN SCHOOL

Recently, we have noticed an increase of large rucksacks into school which is causing problems in cloakrooms due to a lack of space.

This is a polite reminder to please ensure that your child/ren use the school book bags rather than large rucksacks.

Thank you to all those who have bought the school bags from JR Sports as per Mrs Knights request.

Remember, if you have purchased one of these bags, Mrs Knight offers decorative keyrings to help your child personalise them and making it easier for the pupils to identify their own bag.

Thank you for your co-operation.

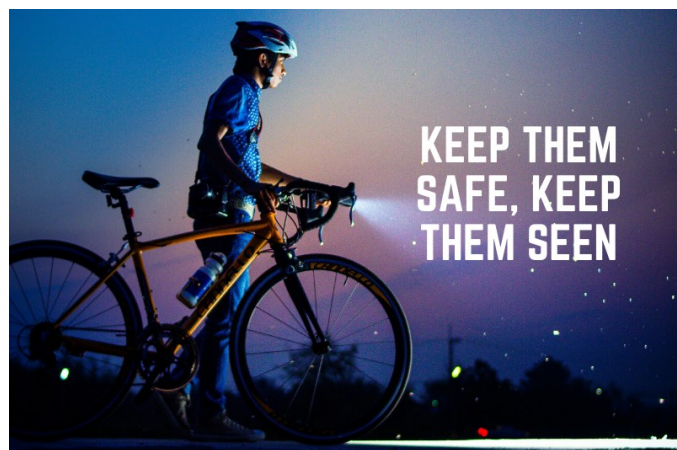


BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

At St Joseph's, we would like young people to enjoy walking and cycling whilst being safe, but with early winter nights walking on the pavement and cycling on the road becomes more dangerous.

Winter is one of the worst times for accidents involving pedestrians and cyclists due to drivers dealing with poor visibility in winter weather conditions, often when children and young people are cycling home from after school clubs.

As parents and carers of children and young people who cycle home or play on their bikes after school, we should ensure we make our children and young people as visible as possible in these dim conditions.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Here is the official prayer for the "Year of the Word":

Living God,
You walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the
Scriptures.
Your Son, Jesus Christ,
Listens to our hopes and fears
And shows us how to live for one another.
Send us the Holy Spirit
To open our hearts and minds
So that we may be witnesses throughout the world.
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.

START OF TERM MASS

Well done to Year 6 who led our whole school Mass this morning to start our new term.

The theme was "The Word of God".

2020 has been given a special theme by Cardinal Nichols of "The God who speaks: The Year of the Word".

Thank you to all of our family members and friends who were able to join us and to Father Lawrie for leading our worship.

WHAT IS FAITH?

Faith is to trust. Faith helps us grow in friendship with Jesus and his friendship helps us become the best we can be by trusting in him so we can become more like him.

Growing in friendship with Jesus means learning to trust him and knowing that he is always with us. Faith is always open to new things because if you have faith you are a trusting person.

A person of faith believes in God and all that God has done. But faith is not simply a belief that something is true, it is a way of living. We are called not only to keep the faith but to live a faithful life filled with hope and love.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In our Collective Worship, all classes will now use the Diocese "Virtues to live by" resource which will be used to deliver collective worships on Wednesdays.

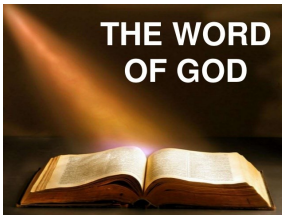
The virtues that will be focused on this half-term are Faith for the first 3 weeks followed by Simplicity. This week, the children thought looked at the statement that, "Faith is a gift from God."

MARY'S MEALS—URGENT REQUEST

If you are lucky to get a new backpack for Christmas, please consider bringing in your old one into school to donate to Mary's Meals who collect backpacks to send to children in need in other countries.

Thank you!

THE WORD OF GOD



mary's
meals



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week, Reception blasted off into Space and went to visit the moon. After reading the story of *Whatever Next* By Jill Murphy, the children then put on our space boots and helmets and climbed into the spaceship ready for blast off. Once on the moon, we wrote letters back to our families to tell them all about our adventures. Gabriel said, "I had a dance party on the moon!"

In Maths this week, we have been learning about 3D shapes. We enjoyed trying to guess the shapes that were in the shape bag by listening to the description of the properties. We then went on shape hunts around the school to find 3D objects in our environment.

In RE, we heard a story about how Jesus loves everybody and especially the children. We learnt about how we can show our love to Jesus.

In PE, we started our new topic of Dance. We listened to the music and talked about how it made us feel. We then explored how it made us want to respond through movement.

YEAR 1 NEWS

We have had a brilliant first week back in Year 1 after the Christmas holiday. We are very lucky to welcome back Miss Milnes, who will be helping Miss Armitage teach some of our lessons.

We have started a new Maths topic of addition and subtraction within 20 and have started to look at adding beyond 10 using different methods. We have also learned a new song about number bonds to 20 which you might hear being practiced at home.

In English we have started to look at the story of "Meerkat Mail" and begun to practice adding actions to our story. We have also performed some fantastic drama showing Sunny's visit to all of his cousins - a special well done to Alexa who acted her part with great expression!

In RE we have finished our topic on Mary, the Mother of God - Miss Armitage was very impressed by how well all of Year 1 could remember the events of Mary's life, and the detail that they used in their answers. We have begun our new topic on Families and Celebrations, and talked about what it is like to be part of a family.

In science we have begun our topic of seasonal changes. We looked at time lapses of different landscapes across a year and discussed how you can tell what season it is. We went outside and looked for signs of what season it is now - everyone agreed that it must be winter!



YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have made a great start to the Spring term. This week in phonics we have been learning how to make singular nouns plural. We have learnt that *regular* plurals end in **s** or **es** and how to recognise and apply the spelling rules for *irregular* plurals.

In English, we have started a new unit of work on Beatrix Potter. Using the simple past tense we've written about her life and how her love of animals and wildlife inspired her to write her famous collection of books. We have also been introduced to one of her most lovable (but mischievous) characters- Peter Rabbit.

We have been finishing off our unit on money this week in Maths and have been using lots of practical resources to help us understand how to give change.

To celebrate the feast of the Epiphany (earlier this week) and its significance within the story of Christ's birth. We wrote about the long journey made by the 'Three Kings,' who followed the star to Bethlehem and the special gifts they gave to baby Jesus.

Our Music lesson this week has been linked to our recent work on traditional tales. We listened to the music of Edvard Grieg in preparation for our mini production of *Peer Gynt* and the Troll King' which is based on a traditional Norwegian tale. We hope to perform this for parents in our forthcoming assembly.



YEAR 3 NEWS

Welcome This week in English, we have been practising using the homophones there, their and they're. These are very tricky and we have been trying hard to use the correct words in our sentences. We have also explored expanded noun phrases and we are trying to improve our description in writing.

In our Maths lessons, we have been working on multiplication and division by dividing numbers into equal groups. We have used numicon and pictures to help us produce accurate number sentences.

In Science, we have started our new Physics topic of Forces and Magnets. We have been writing down some of the knowledge we know already and we have been looking at forces as 'pushes' and 'pulls'.

YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in RE, Year Four looked at the Nativity story from the point of view of Joseph. We discussed the thoughts he must have had on his journey to Bethlehem and discussed how he might have found it hard and what helped him to trust in God.

In English, we started our new unit with the theme of Romans and instruction writing. We wrote a set of instructions teaching someone 'how to build a roman road' by only looking at a picture. We then completed activities to learn the basics of giving instructions such as being specific, and using the correct vocabulary.

In Maths, we were learning about measurement. We learnt how to convert meters into kilometres and vice versa before completing lots of different problems. We then learnt how to calculate the perimeter of rectilinear shapes, knowing how to calculate missing lengths.

In Geography, we created PowerPoints answering our topic question 'Why are rivers so important?'. We chose a topic such as power, habitat or enjoyment to focus our presentation on.

In French, we were learning how to say the names of different animals. We spoke to each other about our pets.

In PE, we had our first lesson with Mrs Fenton-Green, learning how to play badminton. We started by practicing our racket skills and playing balloon badminton to improve our hand eye coordination.



YEAR 5 NEWS

This week in maths, we have been developing our understanding of multiplying a 2 digit number by a 2 digit number using an area model. We used place value counters first to show us what was actually happening when we multiply two 2 digit numbers. After this, we had a go at using the multiplication grid with numbers.

In English, we have been reading our new book called the Lost Happy Endings. While we have been reading, we analysed the text for figurative language, we looked for metaphors, similes and personification. We did some hot seating of the character to find out more about her using our inference skills from the text.

In French, we learnt how to say some of our body parts, we ended with playing a game of Simon says in French.

On Friday, we had a lovely time with our buddies listening to them read. We really enjoyed seeing our buddies after the Christmas holidays. Orla G said, "I really enjoy listening to my buddy read, he's really good at reading."



YEAR 6 NEWS

In RE this week, the children produced some artwork linked to our new topic, "Exploring the Mass". The children looked at the passage in John 6 when Jesus says, "I am the bread of life."

In Maths, the children have continued their work on co-ordinates and have been translating and reflecting shapes. Next week, we will start looking at percentages- maybe over the weekend the children could look out for any bargains using percentages in the January sales!!!

In English, we have finished reading "Over the Line" and have read about what happened to some of the characters after the war. We've also looked at prefixes and suffixes. Kit explained, "this book is great because it gives the reader an insight to what it was like for the soldiers who went to war, and it involves football which is the best sport!"



AWARDS



GOLDEN TABLE

NO AWARDS DUE TO MASS

SUNSHINE AWARD

NO AWARDS DUE TO MASS

RE STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD

NO AWARDS DUE TO MASS



SPORTING EVENTS



Upcoming Events

More information in January 2020.



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	