



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday 13th February 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **24th February: BACK TO SCHOOL**
- 24th February: Bushcraft and Climbing Wall Experience
- 26th February: Y4 Skipping Festival
- 27th February: Faith Lunch
- 2nd March: World Book Day
- 2nd/3rd March: Reading Breakfast
- 2nd/3rd March: Judo Taster Sessions
- 4th-6th March: Y6 Residential
- 4th March: First Holy Communion Parents Meeting at Parish Centre, 7:30pm
- 7th March: Cross Country at Wharfemeadows
- 11th March: No Smoking Day
- 13th March: KS1 Fruit Kebab Sale
- 15th March: First Holy Communion Mass

MASS AND ASSEMBLIES

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

NEW MENU COMING SOON

After February Half-Term, we will have an exciting new menu created by Leeds Catering.

It is available to look at on the school website: <https://www.stjosephsotley.org/lunch-menu>

Children who are on packed lunches will be able to choose to have a hot school dinner on a Thursday or a Friday.

The cost will be £2.40 per day and will be available on ParentPay.



All you need to do is let Miss Wilkinson know at the start of the week!

#SINNOT25 CAMPAIGN

At St Joseph's, we have backed a campaign for shirt donations in memory of late non-league player Jordan Sinnott.

Jordan's brother Tom explained how people have sent their shirts to the Sinnott family for them to put on display at his funeral and will then be given to the Sports Relief charity to be sent to under-privileged children.

From all the pupils, staff and families at St Joseph's Otley, we send our condolences to all Jordan's family and friends.



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
**BOOK
DAY**

WEST LEEDS ACTIVITY CENTRE

BUSHCRAFT AND GLADIATORS

A huge thank you to West Leeds Activity Centre for bringing some wonderful activities to St Joseph's. Children from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 took part in 'Inflatable Gladiators' and 'Bushcraft'. Despite the adverse weather, children learned about creating fire and made s'mores over an open (but very safe) fire. We all had a great time!



LENT DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

Y5 MUMS AND DADS—DATE FOR THE DIARY

It is traditional for the parents of the last class to make their First Communion to help at the next one.

We would be grateful if Year 5 parents could help in school on Saturday 2nd May to serve refreshments to the families of the children making their First Communion this year.

You will be needed from 10am to 1.30pm. Reminders will be sent out in the newsletter nearer the time.

We also need home made or shop bought cakes and buns to be donated please.

Any queries, please contact Mrs Mulholland for more info.

Thank you all.



SAVING THE OCEANS



We have had a fabulous week exploring the oceans and learning about how choices impact the environment.

We also had a special visit from the author Stephen Pass to read his book 'Madge the Mermaid.' We enjoyed his talk. He showed us how he planned his book and worked closely with the illustrator to create his super story!

We got creative, making a 'socktopus' from old socks, a collage out of bottle tops, and designing our own reusable carrier bag.

This week has proved thought-provoking, and has ignited a passion for becoming a more eco-friendly school. We will look at ways to reduce our waste and plastic consumption, whilst also taking positive steps to make our world a cleaner, safer place to live for now, and future generations.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Creator God, all your works are wonderful. The earth and the oceans are your creation. You filled them with life both big and small. We are amazed by the beauty you have placed in them.

You asked us to look after your world but sadly some people have polluted your creation.

We pray that our generation and future generations will take better care of our oceans. We pray that the Holy Spirit will act through world leaders so that they can work to prevent plastic entering our oceans.

Please help all the animals and wildlife that are suffering because of plastic pollution.

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 with your child about children volunteering to take part. If you require another letter, then please contact the office. Thank you to those who have already sent in a reply slip. If you would like to be involved, please let us know as soon as possible after the holidays so that Mrs Harvey can plan the Mass accordingly.

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 Sacrament of Reconciliation can be made on Saturday 29th February or Saturday 7th March at 10.30am. Families can choose which day to make this Holy Sacrament.

Please practise the Act of Contrition with your child.

We look forward to celebrating this wonderful Sacrament together!



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 had great fun learning about our special topic week 'Saving our Oceans'. We started the week by reading the story 'Commotion in the Ocean', and then wrote about our favourite type of sea creature.

On Monday, we did a science experiment. We learnt about the different oceans and how they are being polluted with rubbish. We also learnt about how this is impacting on our sea life, and what we can do to try to reduce the amount of pollution.

On Tuesday, we enjoyed a story time session at the library. We heard the story 'Someone Swallowed Stanley'. We made jelly fish using lots of recycled materials and drew under the sea pictures. We also had the opportunity to explore all the books that the library has to offer.

On Wednesday, we had great fun making a 'socktopus' with our buddies. We then displayed them in the aquariums that the children made out of old cardboard boxes.

On our final day of topic week, our Maths focus was ordering sea life animals according to their size. We talked about the language of 'smallest' and 'biggest', and did lots of comparisons of different creatures.



YEAR 1 NEWS

For our 'Saving our Oceans' topic week, we have completed several projects all around plastic in the ocean and in Antarctica.

In English, we wrote a letter to the Waitrose supermarket to explain why they should reduce the amount of single-use plastics in their shops and included our own arguments and opinions.

In Science, we looked at why we use plastic if we know it is bad for the environment. The children tested different bags to find out which could hold the most water bottles without breaking, and found out how strong and flexible plastic can be!

They investigated how different materials are affected by water, pressure and stretching. We talked about how plastic might be used so much because it is cheap to produce.

We also found out that the majority of plastic in the oceans is micro-plastic, which can even make its way into our food. The children experimented with different products such as toothpaste and face scrub and filtered them to find micro beads left behind.

In DT, the children each designed their own 'socktopus' based on the story 'Also an Octopus' and planned each step of their design. They then practised a running stitch on Binka sheets before stuffing, stitching and decorating their 'socktopus'. Finally, they evaluated their designs and thought about how they could be improved on.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have been learning about the properties of 3D shapes. We cut out different sea-creature nets to construct.

On Wednesday, the author Steven Pass came and read to us from his book: Madge the Mermaid, who is made from pieces washed up from the ocean. He talked about the importance of planning and editing our writing to help build and improve the story writing process. We have begun to plan our story using Madge the Mermaid as inspiration.

To enable Year 2 to understand how damaging plastic waste is on a global scale (whilst linking it to our science unit on materials and their properties), the children carried out an investigation to find out which materials take the longest to decompose. We compared different types of material when we put them in salt-water- the most significant being a wipe (full of plastic particles). Over the week we have been observing which material has begun to break down.

We have enjoyed our Art and DT project this week. Using lots of different techniques we have designed underwater sea-scenes which portray our marine life in and amongst an assortment of plastic debris.

Children will be bringing home any common exception words they still need to learn. Can they use the half term break to learn these. The words they still need to practise are highlighted in yellow.

As you know, Year 2 have been learning the music from Peer Gynt to perform for you on the 6th March. They will be bringing home any lines they need to learn and/or costumes. Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely half term.



YEAR 3 NEWS

We have had a super topic week, focusing on the theme of Save Our Oceans. In Science, we explored the question 'Why do the Oceans matter?' We learned about the problems of plastic pollution and how they affect the sea and the creatures that live in this ecosystem. We looked at photographs for evidence and wrote about how we felt and what we could do to help solve some of these problems.

In English, we all wrote persuasive letters to a local supermarket to ask the manager to stop using single use plastic bags and packaging and to change over to paper bags which are biodegradable instead. We hope to send these letters off and get a reply.

We have also created a large collage using single use plastic lids and foil. We wanted to use this art work to get an important message across. 'Keep Our Sea Plastic Free!'



YEAR 4 NEWS

What a fabulous topic week we have had in Year Four! We have really got stuck in to learning about life in the ocean and recognising what affect our plastic usage is having on it.

For our science day on Monday, we learnt about food chains and how creatures are negatively and positively impacted with human intervention. We played a game called 'dinner at the reef' to demonstrate the impact on every member of the food chain when events such as: bans on fishing, oil slick spillage, and the bleaching of the coral reefs, occur. We also carried out an experiment to observe how different materials decompose in 'sea water'. We will be following it closely over the coming months.



On Monday, we took part in a badminton competition at Prince Henry's Grammar School against another Otley school. Year 4 showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the different badminton-themed activities they took part in.

For our English focus day, we each wrote a persuasive letter to a supermarket to teach them what we've learnt about their excessive use of plastic packaging.

On Thursday, we created posters showing information about the Great Barrier Reef and how it is danger due to our plastic usage. In Maths, we collated the data we had collected of our single use plastic usage before presenting this as a bar chart.

YEAR 5 NEWS

One of our tasks was to research an ocean in the world and create an informative poster. On these posters we included information about the ocean, the impact of plastic pollution, the effect it has on sea creatures and on us.

During our writing themed day, we had a visit from an Author Stephen Pass. He spoke to us all about his book 'Madge the Mermaid', and we also read the first two chapters of the story.

On Wednesday morning, we celebrated Class Mass on the Theme of Friendship. Father Lawrie led us in a reflective prayer and this gave us chance to say thank you to God for giving us friends.

On Thursday, we completed Maths challenge which included various tasks such as; addition, multiplication, divisions and statistics. One of our tasks was to create a pie chart using information about pollution on the beaches of the UK. We really enjoyed using a protractor to measure the angles of the pie chart. Joshua said, "It was a little bit tricky but really fun because it was something that we had never done before."



YEAR 6 NEWS

Unfortunately due to the bad weather, some of the Year 6 bikeability training had to be cancelled. However, on Wednesday all the children practised their cycling skills on the playground. On Thursday, some children were able to go out on the roads to practise their road safety. Training for Groups B and C will be rearranged for later on in the year.

Today in Year 6, we have been focusing on saving the oceans through Maths. We started the day with a quiz and learnt that:

* By 2050 there could be more plastic in the oceans than fish

* Only 9% of the World's plastics are recycled

*Microplastics are found in 75% of the mussels taken from Britain's beaches

We then looked at a bar chart to find out how long different rubbish takes to biodegrade. After that, we analysed the 718 items of litter found per 100m stretch of beach surveyed in 2017 in Great Britain.





AWARDS



GOLDEN TABLE

NO AWARDS THIS WEEK

SUNSHINE AWARD

LAST WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS

APOLOGIES FOR THE INCORRECT PHOTOGRAPH



WRITER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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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	