

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th March 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

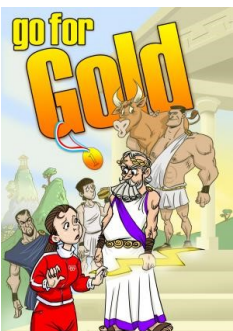
DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 19th March: St Joseph's Day
- 20th March: Mother's Day Stall—£1 per gift
- 20th March: KS2 Fruit Pot Sale—40p
- 24th March: Parents Evening
- 25th March: Stations of the Cross
- 25th March: Y6 Parents Evening
- 26th March: Parents Evening
- 27th March: Games Afternoon
- 27th March: Easter Egg Raffle
- 28th March: Cross Country at Wharfemeadows
- 30th March: Y3/Y4 Dress Rehearsal
- 31st March: Y3/Y4 Performance
- 1st—3rd April: Y5 Residential

MASS AND ASSEMBLIES

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

Y3 AND Y4 PERFORMANCE 'GO FOR GOLD'



31st March 2020 at 6.30pm

If you have any questions regarding costume, please see Miss Chappel or Mrs Bates.

**The first round of tickets will be available from Monday 16th March.
Max 2 per family.**

The second round of tickets will be available from Monday 23rd March. Additional 2 per family.

IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ

KEEPING SCHOOL UP-TO-DATE

If you have recently changed address or your contact number, please let the office staff know so we can update our records.

The school needs to have two up-to-date numbers, so you can easily be contacted in case of an emergency, and for you to receive updates from the school.

Thank you for your co-operation.





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.

HANSON CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday, members of our Cross Country Club took part in an event at Hanson School, Bradford.

It was a cold, wet and fairly miserable afternoon and the children worked hard to complete the race and cope with the weather conditions and physical terrain .

Everyone gave 100%; we are so proud of you all!

Well done to the Year 3 pupils who had to run with Year 4, and in particular, Agnes who came 2nd overall for the girls. Additionally, well done to Archie who came 6th and Paddy

who came 9th overall respectively in a tough fought field of competitors for Year 6.

Finally, many thanks to the parents for their continued support and getting the children to the event.



FRUIT KEBAB SALE

Thank you to all those in KS1 who brought fruit in to school for our Fruit Kebab Sale. The children had lots of fun filling their pots with a variety of fruit. Thank you to all those who donated money towards our Lenten efforts.



We would like 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



Y5 AND Y6 PLANETARIUM VISIT

On Friday, Y5 and Y6 visited Westgate Primary for a Planetarium Visit.

The children watched a short documentary, titled 'Are there aliens out there?' which looked at space exploration; in particular, the use of robots to discover whether there is life on other planets.



DRAGON HUNTERS

Since September, our Dragon Hunters have been completing lots of top secret writing tasks, including letters, information reports, stories and observation reports.

The team have met each challenge with such enthusiasm and commitment, that they have been made honorary members of the RSPD (Royal Society for the Protection of Dragons).



Well done Dragon Hunters!

BMX TASTER SESSION

On Wednesday, we were invited to take part in a BMX Taster Session at Yeadon Tarn.

Led by British Cycling and Active Schools Leeds, 7 children from Year 3 took part in a come and try after-school activity.

They learned how to ride burns, rollers and complete some little drops and jumps.

It was a **VERY** wet and muddy occasion, but the children had lots of fun and hopefully learned a trick or two.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O Lord, help us to be more like you.

Make us kindly in thought, gentle in word, generous in deed.

Teach us that it is better to give than to receive, better to forget ourselves than to put ourselves forward.

Help us to remember that we need to love our neighbours - near and far.

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.

We look forward to continuing the next step on our spiritual journey.

Children will have the opportunity to participate in reconciliation in school during Lent.



THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The preparation classes for the candidates began last Wednesday and will continue in Church from 3.30-4.30pm on a weekly basis.

Please remember the Enrolment Mass is on Sunday 15th March at 9.30am

We look forward to seeing you all.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Collective Worship this week, the children have continued to think about the virtue **CHARITY** and have listened to Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25 which says, " Truly I tell you, whenever you helped the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

The children have thought about what this means and these words from Pope Francis, "To live charitably means not looking out for our own interests, but carrying the burdens of the weakest and poorest among us'.

ST JOSEPHS DAY MASS

We would like to invite all families and friends to join us in our St Joseph's Day Mass in Church on Thursday 19th March at 9.30am.

The Mass will be led by Year 4.

All welcome.



Saint Joseph



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week we have been reading the story of 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. We listened to what the girl saw as she was on the train to her grandma's house. Freddie wrote, "She saw a hot air balloon", while Oliver said, "She saw sheep."

In RE, we heard the story of Peter denying Jesus three times. We talked about how Jesus forgave Peter and how we have to forgive our friends and family if someone upsets us.

In Maths, we have been learning about addition. We put people on a bus, then added some more to see how many people we had altogether. We also made towers out of cubes, adding more cubes and counting on to see how many we had.

The children are doing really well learning their assembly lines. Please keep practising over the weekend ready for our Assembly next Friday (20th March). Thanks.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths this week we have been practising counting in twos within 50. The children found multiples of two in a fifty square and discussed the pattern they noticed. We also ordered numbers to 50 and talked about how we look at the tens and ones digits to know where in the order a number should go.

In English this week we looked at instructional writing. The children read a recipe for fruit salad as a whole class, and then discussed what fruit they would be using for the fruit pots on Friday. They then wrote their own instructions for making a fruit pot, making sure to use lots of adjectives and 'bossy verbs' to make the instructions clear.

In Science this week we have introduced another way to group animals - by their diet! Year 1 were already quite confident with the meaning of carnivore (especially dinosaur lovers!) and we learned about herbivores and omnivores as well. We enjoyed learning about what different animals eat and were surprised that so many animals we thought just ate plants also eat meat (e.g. pigs!).

In RE we have been discussing the story of the Good Samaritan and asking 'I wonder...' questions about why Jesus told the story. The children were able to think about why the priest and temple official did not help the man who was hurt, and what it meant that the Samaritan was the one who helped.

Thank you for all the fruit and contributions families have made for our Fruit Sale from all of KS1!



YEAR 2 NEWS

In Science, we have continued with our topic on the properties of materials. We discussed why we use specific materials for everyday objects and why they are appropriate. We thought about how funny it would be if everyday objects were made out of different materials. What would happen if a car was made out of cardboard?

We have been writing our own newspaper reports in English. Using a nursery rhyme as our basis we wrote detailed accounts of what happened to our characters (who, what when and where) we included snappy headlines, a lead paragraph and we included accurate witness statements/quotes.

This week, in Maths we have continued with our unit on fractions, we have been learning how to recognise $\frac{1}{3}$. We have had lots of practice to work out a fraction of a number and compared with other fractions to see whether it is greater, less than or the same as another fraction of an amount. We have also found how fractions of different amounts of money using halves and quarters.

In RE, we listened to the miracle of the loaves and the fishes and learnt how just five loaves of bread and two fish became enough to feed 5,000 with leftovers! We reflected about God having the power to work in ways we find hard to imagine. Sometimes the miracle is not what we expect, but God knows what we need!



YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English, the children have been writing very imaginative descriptions of a character from a mysterious setting. They looked at a picture of the woodland house where the character lived and they wrote a description of the character's appearance and personality. We really enjoyed reading the interesting descriptions.

We have also been enjoying the text 'Escape from Pompeii'. We have been using our senses to help us describe the setting.

In our Maths lessons, we have been using Base 10 equipment to help us gain more confidence with our multiplication. We have also started to explore using the short method of multiplying.

In our Geography work, we have been finding out about different types of volcanoes. We wrote our own information leaflets about how to survive a volcanic eruption!



YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in English, year four started the week writing a diary entry about their 'Midwinter's Day' celebration in Antarctica. We made sure we used the present perfect tense in our writing. We then looked at improving our sentences with a focus on changing verbs for different meanings. We also extended our sentences by adding where, when and how the action was being done. On Thursday, we wrote a persuasive letter to our ship leader, Mr Shackleton, informing him of reasons we should or shouldn't return home from our expedition. We wrote conditional clauses to put forward our argument.



In Maths this week, we continued our learning on fractions looking at equivalent fractions and different ways of representing them before looking at fractions greater than 1. We learnt how to convert improper fractions to mixed fractions.

In History this week, Year Four learnt the story of Boudica's Rebellion. We explored different sources to find out about Boudica and what she was like, before creating a comic strip of the story of her rebellion.

In Science, we continued learning about teeth, this week comparing the teeth of herbivores, omnivores and carnivores.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths, we have been ordering fractions less than one and greater than one with different denominators. We made sure that the fractions had common denominators before we compared them.

On Thursday, we had a fire safety talk from three firefighters. They talked to us about making sure that our homes have smoke alarms and the importance of testing them regularly. They also mentioned the impact of not wearing wearing a seat belt during a car journey and how they can save your life.

In PE, we continued to develop our Netball skills with Mrs Fenton-Green. This week, we focused on shooting from different positions. We really enjoyed playing 'Killer' at the end, we can't wait to continue developing our skills.

During our History lesson, we compared two city states in Ancient Greece - Athens and Sparta. We discovered how the two cities were different; we found that they had different rights for men and women. With all the information we collected in the comparison table, we will be writing a balanced argument about where we would prefer to live next week.



YEAR 6 NEWS

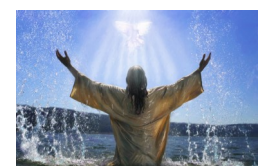
Year 6 had a great time last week at Robinwood. We were so lucky with the weather as it stayed dry for the whole time we were there and it was even sunny for some of the time. During the three days, the children (and adults!) tried out all sorts of activities, including: archery, giant swing, caving, canoeing, challenge course, crate stacking, piranha pool, dungeon & zip wire to name a few. All the children really pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones to try out all the activities and their behaviour was impeccable. We were so proud of all of them and it was a pleasure spending the three days with them. We hope the washing wasn't too bad and that they slept well over the weekend! **Year 6 will do a short presentation about their time in Robinwood after our assembly on Friday 27th March where we will show some photos too.**

I don't think this week in Year 6 has been quite as exciting!!!

In RE, we have started our new topic of "Jesus the Messiah" and the children did really well finding out about some of the different miracles Jesus performed and how these link to beliefs about Jesus.

In PSHE, the children have explored the dangers of drugs. They discussed the effects that drugs can have on the body and understood the impact on all aspects of life.

In Maths, we have continued to look at angles and this week we have been calculating angles in triangles and quadrilaterals.





AWARDS



GOLDEN TABLE

Jude (YR), Isla (Y2), Esther (Y4) and Archie H (Y6)

SUNSHINE AWARD

ERIC (YR), JAMES (Y1), NATALIA (Y2)
PIPPA (Y3), TALLULAH (Y4), FINN (Y5), SEB (Y6)



WRITER OF THE WEEK AWARD

CHARLOTTE (YR), HARRY (Y1), AMELIA (Y2)
GEORGE S (Y3), EVA (Y4), ORLA B (Y5), HUGHIE (Y6)



SPORTING EVENTS



Upcoming Events

28th March - Cross Country at Wharfemeadows

24th April - Y5 and Y1 Tennis Taster

1st May - Y2 and Y3 Tennis Taster

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



MASSES & ASSEMBLIES



| Friday Assembly/Mass Timetable 2019/2020 | | |
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| 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 | |