

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th December 2019

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 17th December: KS1 Performance -the performance will start at 1.30pm. There will be a raffle (£1 a strip) held to pay for the licence for the production
- 18th December: Y2 Trip to the Courthouse
- 18th December: Y6 Singing for Otley Action for Old People. Singing at 1:30pm, parent volunteers welcome.
- 19th December: YR & Y1 Trip to the Courthouse
- 19th December: Christmas Party Day. For those of you who are new to St Joseph's, the children have a Christmas Party on Thursday 19th December in their classrooms, followed by a whole school party in the hall. In order to facilitate this, we ask for parents and carers to contribute to the food for this event. We have sent letters home today giving details of what each child needs to bring with them on the day - please contact the class teacher if you have not received a letter.
- 20th December: Whole School Mass at 1.30pm in OLAS Church

#### Assemblies and Class Masses

- 20th December: Whole School Mass

**We return to school on Monday 6th January 2020.**

#### CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently looking for parent volunteers to assist with Y3 swimming on a Friday morning. Y3 walk up to swimming at approximately 10am and return to school about 11.30am.

It does not matter if your child is in another year group. All we require is that **you are DBS checked** and would be willing to give up the occasional Friday morning to help us attend our wonderful swimming session.

Additionally, if you are not currently DBS checked but you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer for swimming then please speak to a member of our office staff about how to apply for your DBS.



#### END OF TERM MASS

On Friday 20th December, we shall be having our end of term Mass.

This will take place in the Church at **1:30pm**.

Some of the children in Year 3 will be acting out the Nativity in the Gospel with Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 leading some of the Carols.

Everyone is welcome to join us for our last celebration before Christmas.



## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This week, we had the opportunity to visit Otley's Christmas Tree Festival at Otley Parish Church.

Well done to all our children who sang Christmas Carols. We enjoyed looking at the different trees, which have been decorated by local charities or community groups.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped walk to the festival, and to those families who came to watch the singing.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY!



A huge thank you to Mrs Brylov, and her fantastic catering team for a wonderful Christmas Dinner!

Everybody looked fabulous in their colourful jumpers and hats, as we ate our dinner and listened to festive tunes.



Thank you to all the staff for helping serve dinner, with a big smile on their faces.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

On Thursday 19th December, children will have a whole school party in the hall. This cannot happen without the help of our fabulous parent volunteers! If you are able to help, please contact Miss Wilkinson as soon as possible.



In order to facilitate this, we ask for parents and carers to contribute to the food for this event. We have sent letters home giving details of what each child needs to bring with them on the day. If you are unsure, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **PLEASE NOTE**

Please ensure that your child is **symptom free for 48 hours** before returning to school as this greatly reduces the risk of spreading infection.

We will continue to encourage children to wash their hands frequently especially before eating.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **REPORTING ABSENCES**

If your child will be absent from school, please contact the office in the morning to report the absence. If your child is absent for more than one day, the office need to be contacted on every day that your child is off school.



# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

God of yesterday, God of today and God of tomorrow,  
You created a world of beauty with plenty for us all to share.

You gave us the responsibility for this earth, rich in life and variety.

Create in us a desire to look after all you have given us.

Help us to treat one another fairly and with respect

So that every creature and every person can live in a happy and peaceful 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.

## SCHOOL LED MASS



Well done to all the children who took part in the school-led Mass on Sunday. It was so lovely to see each class in the school represented. Lots of members of the Parish commented on how impressed they were with the children's singing, reading and reverence. Thank you to all of the families and friends who came to support us. The next school-led Mass will be on St. David's Day, 1st March.

## RECONCILIATION



On Thursday, all the children in Year 4 upwards were given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Father Lawrie, Father Tom and Father John very kindly gave up some of their morning to enable the children to receive this Sacrament which is an important part of our Advent preparations. Pope Francis says, "To celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation means to be wrapped in a warm embrace."

## PARISH CHRISTMAS MEAL



Well done to all the children who sang so beautifully at the Parish Christmas meal last Saturday. The children sang a range of traditional and new carols which all the parishioners enjoyed. Thank you to Mrs Shakespeare and Miss Wilkinson who have helped the children learn all these songs for this busy time of year.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



This week the theme of our Collective Worship has been "Being a responsible citizen". The children have thought about what this means and how we can be responsible citizens.

In the New Year, we shall be using the new "Virtues to Live By" collective worship resources produced by the Leeds diocese. So, the Collective Worship for most weeks will follow this pattern:

- Monday - Sunday Gospel reflection
- Tuesday - Virtues themed collective worship
- Wednesday - Statements to Live By collective worship
- Thursday - Liturgical theme or linked to RE work worship  
In KS2 this will be led by the children.
- Friday - Whole school worship in the hall



# CLASS NEWS



## YEAR R NEWS

What a busy week in Reception! We continued learning all about the story of the First Christmas. We enjoyed sequencing the story and wrote captions.

In Maths, Elvis the Elf sent us a letter to ask for help with counting. We did some super counting and took pictures so that Elvis could see! We learnt that it is much better to count slowly and put our finger on each object to make sure we count correctly.

On Wednesday, we did the first dress rehearsal for the Christmas performance. The children all looked super and can't wait to show off their costumes. Many thanks to those parents who were asked to provide extra clothes to complete the outfits.

Also on Wednesday, we joined our buddies to go and sing at the Christmas Tree Festival. The children enjoyed listening to their buddies sing, and also shared some of the songs they have learnt so far such as 'Away in manager'. Finally, we had a quick look at some of the beautifully decorated trees!

On Thursday lunchtime, we really enjoyed our Christmas dinner. Everyone looked super in their Christmas jumpers and hats!



## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in English, we have been finishing our topic of place value to 20. As well as continuing our arithmetic questions, which we are starting to really enjoy, we have also been looking at numbers to 20 and putting them in order. We have used the language of most, least, greatest and smallest as well as finding equal numbers and groups. When we come back in January we will start to look at addition and subtraction within 20.

In literacy this week we finally finished our stories about lost toys. We talked about adjectives we could use for our toy, ourselves and our setting, and Miss Armitage set a challenge to see who could use the most adjectives in their writing. We have finished our 'Dogger' topic and will now be focusing on more Christmassy writing.

In RE we discussed the Nativity story and thought about the people who were the first to see Jesus after he was born. We wondered how the shepherds and the wise men would have felt when they learned the news and saw Jesus. We acted out interviews with the wise men and the shepherds to really understand the story and their emotions.

In PE the children have been focusing on game skills, and the fundamentals such as throwing and catching. They have enjoyed learning the rules of bench ball and developing their teamwork.

This week we have been doing lots of Christmas things, including the Christmas Tree Festival at the Parish Church and our Christmas Dinner. A huge thank you to all those who have helped us make this possible, from accompanying trips to donating lots of things for our reverse Advent Calendar Appeal!



## YEAR 2 NEWS

It's been another busy week in Year 2. In English this week, we read the story, 'Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present.' We thought about all the different ways that Father Christmas travelled to get to Harvey's house (and putting our recent work of forming verbs in the simple past tense to good use) we used our brilliant imaginations to come up with some of our own fantastic ways to travel using verbs, adverbs and adjectives.

As well as singing and performing the Nativity for our production, we've also been writing about it in our RE lessons. We reflected on the thoughts and feelings of those present at Christ's birth.

We have had fun spending lots of money in Maths (unfortunately for us only pretend money...) We have practised making different amounts using coins and notes and used bar modelling and the part whole model to help us understand this.

On Thursday we walked to the Christmas Tree Festival at the parish church. The audience were treated to a fantastic selection of Christmas carols and as always praise was given to the St Joseph's children for their wonderful singing and behaviour.





## YEAR 3 NEWS

It has been a busy week in Year 3!

In English with Mrs Bates, we have been busy writing Calligram Poems which is a text arranged in such a way that it forms a thematically related image. We have also been finishing and editing our sets of instructions for 'How To Wash A Woolly Mammoth!'

In Maths, we have continued to work hard with practising our column addition skills. Anita explained, "At first it was quite difficult, but we really thought about how to set out the calculation so it is clear and easy to add up."

We all enjoyed taking part in the Handball Tournament at Prince Henry's Grammar School. We all played really well and won lots of games against other local schools. Ellie reported, "My favourite part was playing against other schools from Otley, and scoring lots of goals!"

Year 3 sang really well when they joined Year 5 at the Christmas Tree festival. It was lovely to see the beautifully decorated trees. Thank you for inviting us!



## YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in RE, Year 4 became artists. We sketched and painted our own representations of 'The Annunciation' before writing reflections on our art. We thought carefully about why we chose certain colours and why we drew Mary and Angel Gabriel certain ways. We spoke about Mary's trust in God and reflected on how we can show this in our own lives.

In English, we started planning our own stories, innovating on 'A Winter's Child'. We thought about different events and problems that could occur through 'Spring's Daughter'.

In Maths we have been learning the 9 and 7 times tables. We carried our problems to ensure we completely understood what happens when you multiply and divide by 7 and 9. We then practised the times tables, thinking of ways to quickly work them out mentally, using known number facts.

On Thursday, Year Four visited the Parish Church Christmas tree festival. We sang beautifully alongside Year 1 and Year 2, before looking at all the different charities' Christmas trees.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have been developing our understanding of cube numbers. We used multi link to represent the cube number from 1—5.

In RE, we wrote our own Ten Commandments and explained which was the most important and the least important. When we discussed the Ten Commandments and thought about the importance of them and how they shape our lives.

Thank you to Mrs Brylov and the kitchen staff for a wonderful Christmas lunch on Thursday, it was absolutely beautiful and all the children really enjoyed it.

On Friday afternoon, we visited the Otley Parish Church to visit the Christmas tree festival. We enjoyed looking at the tree and singing some carols. After Assembly, Matthew (Parish Youth Worker) led us in an 'Images of God' workshop. First, he discussed who God is and asked the children to think about what words are used to describe God. Following this, we looked at various images of God and analysed whether they were a good representation of Him.

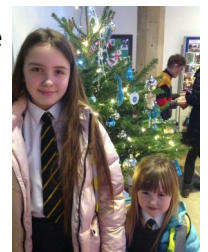


## YEAR 6 NEWS

In RE this week, Year 6 used the knowledge that they gained from their reading homework about Malala Yousafzai to help them think about the topic of "Justice". We thought about what justice Malala was campaigning for and what methods she used. We then also watched a video about Martin Luther King and read about Oscar Romero. Year 6 were quite shocked about the injustices that these inspirational people tried to change and the sacrifices that they made.

In Maths, Year 6 have been learning how to calculate the mean average as well as using co-ordinates to create festive pictures. In English, we are continuing to read "Over the Line" and this week have been looking at the different uses of the apostrophe.

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed going to the "Christmas Tree Festival" with their buddies. The children sang lots of carols beautifully for the audience. Thank you to all the parents who walked with us or who came to watch!





# AWARDS



## GOLDEN TABLE

Evie (YR), Stefan (Y2), Rhys (Y4), Kieron (Y6)

## SUNSHINE AWARD

**GABRIEL (YR), WILLIAM (Y1), MOLLY (Y2)  
AMELIA (Y3), VUYO (Y4), AMY (Y5), KIERON (Y6)**



## RE STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD

**ALBERT (YR), JAKE (Y1), SKYLA (Y2)  
WILLIAM (Y3), AGNES (Y4), AVA (Y5), MADDIE (Y6)**



# SPORTING EVENTS



## Upcoming Events

14th December: Cross Country at Middleton Park



# MASSES & ASSEMBLIES



<u>Friday Assembly/Mass Timetable 2019/2020</u>		
Autumn Term 1	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September		Y2
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Mass @ 9.30am	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Class Mass	
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> October		Y5
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4 Class Mass	
Autumn Term 2	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 Class Mass	
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> November	KS1 Mass	
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Y5 Class Mass	
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> November		Y6
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> November		Y3
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> December		Y1
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December		Y4
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Mass	