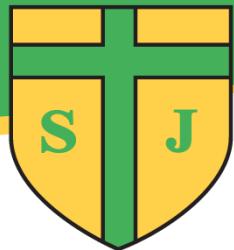


As a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn.

St Joseph's
Catholic Primary School Otley
a Voluntary Academy



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th September 2018

YEAR RECEPTION TRAINING DAY

Due to statutory training for EYFS staff, Year Reception children should not be brought to school on Friday 12th October.



We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

DATA COLLECTION/CONSENT FORMS

Please complete, sign and send back to school by Friday 30th September.



Thank you to all those who have completed the forms already.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION EVENING

YR - Monday 24th September at 6:45pm

Y1 - Tuesday 25th September at 6:45pm

Y2 - Monday 24th September at 6:00 pm

Y3 - Wednesday 26th September at 6:00pm

Y4 - Thursday 27th September at 6:45pm

Y5 - Tuesday 25th September at 6:00 pm

Y6 - Thursday 27th September at 6:00 pm

Class teachers will continue to send out the curriculum information newsletters each half term.

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.

We will be holding a whole school end of year mass on Friday 20th July at 10:15am and invite all families to join us in church.

YEAR 7 OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS

St Mary's Menston

Saturday 6th October 2018

11.00 am – 2.00 pm

Prince Henry's Grammar School.

Monday 1st October 2018

6.00pm—8.30pm

Please contact the individual schools for more information. Please note that applications for secondary schools is now open until 31st October 2018.



PHOTOGRAPHS



The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 18th September from 8.30 to take the children's individual photographs. If you have a pre school child that you would like to be photographed along with a sibling please come in to school at 8:30am

PE AT ST JOSEPH'S

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that over the summer holidays it was confirmed that our school achieved GOLD for the Sainsbury's School Games Mark. This is given to schools for their participation in sporting events both within school time and at after school events. This achievement would not have been possible without the support of our children and parents giving up their time to represent the school - thank you so much to everyone. I hope that this year is another successful year where we can provide our children with lots of wonderful sporting opportunities.



We have already given out letters for the forthcoming Cross Country event at Wharfe Meadows on Tuesday 16th October for children in Years 4, 5 & 6. I have also just received an email with dates for the Cross Country league races for children in Key Stage Two which are listed on page 7 of the newsletter.



FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S AGM

The AGM will take place at the Horse and Farrier pub on **Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 8.00pm**. Please do come along to show your support, we need new members! The role of FOSJ is to fundraise and sustain the school community with social events throughout the year. Last year we successfully raised funds to contribute to new school playground equipment in Key Stage One and we are hoping to continue with this project in the coming year.

DINNER MONEY

Please make sure that you are up to date with your child's dinner money on Parent Pay.

We do ask that you do not let the balance go over 2 weeks so that we can manage our accounts efficiently. Please do not hesitate to call into school and chat to the Office Staff if you are having any issues with Parent Pay.

Reminder - we need 2 weeks notice to change from Packed Lunches to School Meals and vice-versa.



MINI VINNIE COMMISSIONING MASS

On Friday morning our Mini Vinnies went to celebrate Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Marcus.

Edward explained, "I felt proud when I carried the cross at the end of Mass but it was very heavy!".



It was wonderful to see so many Mini Vinnies from all across the Diocese of Leeds and share in this special Mass.

BANANA AND NUT FREE SCHOOL

Polite reminder that due to severe allergies, St Joseph's is a banana and nut free school. Unfortunately, if your child is found with a banana or nuts, the product will have to be confiscated.

BREAK TIME SNACKS

Additionally, please note that children should only be bringing fruit as a snack at playtimes. We are currently seeing an assortment of inappropriate snacks on the playground. If your child brings something other than fruit, we will ask them to put it back in their bag to take home. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 26th September

National Fitness Day

Friday 28th September

KS2 Author Visit

Friday 28th September

Macmillan Coffee Event

Thursday 18th and Tuesday 23rd October

Parents Evening

YEAR 6 SECONDARY APPLICATIONS



Is your child currently in Year 6?
If so, it's time to
apply for a Secondary School
place!

If your child is
due to start secondary
school in September
2019 you should apply
for a place from 1st
August 2018

The deadline for
applying is
31st October
2018

You need to make
your application
online at
www.leeds.gov.uk/secondaryschool
If you need any more
information please
contact the admissions
team on
0113 222 4414



WHERE IS GOD?

During the first week of school, all the children discussed the same question in their classrooms:

"Where is God?"

The children then produced a piece of artwork to show their ideas and some children wrote their ideas down as well. All of the children produced some beautiful work and thoughtful responses to the question.





CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

Wow what a week! Reception have made a brilliant start to life at St Joseph's and have all settled in beautifully. We have been busy getting to know each other and have enjoyed many circle times, as well as lots of singing and stories.

We asked the children to tell us what they have enjoyed this week.

"I like painting and drawing", said Kaitlyn. Millie S explained, "I like colouring and painting".

On Wednesday morning Mrs Shakespeare came to do some music with us. We really enjoyed listening to different pieces of music and discussed how it made us feel. We then explored lots of instruments and the different sounds they make.



YEAR 1 NEWS

This week year 1 have really got stuck in with their learning.

In English, we found some dog food which we discovered had been left by Pig the Pug! We discussed the story and learnt how we can add adjectives to our work to give extra information. We prepared to make 'Wanted' posters to find out where he is hiding.

In Maths, we sorted and counted objects in different ways, and we learnt to work in pairs to discuss ideas. We recapped our numbers up to 10 thinking about what each number is worth.

In Science we discussed our bodies, talking about what is the same and what is different. We labelled the body parts and also looked at and labelled the different features of our face.

In RE we talked about God's beautiful world. We prayed, thanking him for our favourite things in his world.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have had a wonderful start to the year. We have been thinking all about having a growth mind-set and the things that we should think and say to be the very best that we can be. We made ourselves into growth mind-set superheroes.

In RE we answered the question, 'Where is God?' by creating beautiful art work. The children wrote fantastic answers: "God is so near that it feels like he is next to me"; "God's love shines so brightly in all our hearts"; "God is with his angels watching over everyone in the world".

Maths has been full of lots of practical and outdoor activities to learn about place value and number.

We have enjoyed reading our new book 'Message in a Bottle' which we are using as inspiration to create lots of wonderful writing. To get started, the children designed the most imaginative islands that they would like to visit.



YEAR 3 NEWS

What a fantastic two weeks it has been in Year 3. We have really enjoyed settling in and getting used to the new routines in KS2. This week and last we have enjoyed lots of different activities.

In English and Topic, we have started looking at the Stone Age. We have introduced a new book called the Stone Age boy, after reading this we thought of some questions that we would like to ask him. Next week we will do some hot seating pretending that we are the Stone Age boy so that we can answer some of those questions.

In Music, we have started to learn to play the Ukulele. We have our first try at playing this instrument on Wednesday, we were really good!



YEAR 4 NEWS

We have had a very busy and happy start to the new school year and spent some time getting to know our new routines.

As the weather stayed fine we had the chance to explore the natural habitats under our trees and see what we could find there. We took a lot of seeds, nuts, leaves and bugs back to the classroom to observe. We will be keeping photos and a tree diary over the school year.

This week in Maths we have been investigating place value and counting in 1000's. The children enjoyed solving riddles to discover missing numbers.

In Science we have been listening carefully to sounds inside and outside school and thinking about how sounds are created by vibrations. We had fun exploring the sounds and vibrations created by different tuning forks.



YEAR 5 NEWS

This week in Year 5, we have

been continuing the work we started last week on Place Value. We have looked at the place value of larger numbers and how to read and write them. We have also started to compare and order them.

In English, we have enjoyed looking at and analysing the poem 'The Jabberwocky', finding the funny nonsense words and planning/writing our own 'Revenge of the Jabberwock'. They are sounding brilliant and we have some very creative (if sometimes gruesome) ideas.

We have also discussed what we already know about 'The Mediterranean' to start our topic as well as thinking about some questions we want to answer.

We finished off our lovely pop art style pictures and our reflections for our 'Where is God?' display. We are all settling in well to Year 5 and have had a great first few weeks to start our new school year.



YEAR 6 NEWS

Wow, what a busy and enjoyable two weeks we've had to start the year (well Miss Choma, Mrs Russell and Mrs Harvey have enjoyed it anyway!). In Maths, we've been practising mental and written methods for the four calculations. In English, we've been reading biographies and writing a biography for our Class Saint - Saint Therese of Lisieux.

Our topic for this term is about the 1910s so we've created a timeline for some of the significant events that happened during this decade. Some of the children have already brought in work about the topic that they completed voluntarily at home - it is lovely to see them so engaged, thank you. In PE this half term, the children have practised their ball handling skills in rugby on Wednesdays and their running skills on Fridays.





AWARDS



GOLDEN TABLE

Molly (Y1), Alexa (Y3), Edward (Y4), Chloe (Y6)

SUNSHINE AWARDS

Blondie (Y1), Asa (Y2), Lexie (Y3), Eli, Joanna (Y4), Megan (Y5), Monty (Y6)



MATHS AWARD

Stefan (Y1), Phoebe (Y2), Rhys (Y3), Billy (Y4), Jude (Y5), Lewis (Y6)



SPORTING EVENTS



Cross Country League

29th September at Middleton Park

13th October at Cardinal Heenan

24th November at PHGS

15th December at Corpus Christi



MASSES & ASSEMBLIES



Friday Assembly/Mass Timetable 2018/2019

Autumn Term 1	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Fri Sept 28th		Y5
Wed Oct 3 rd	Y6	
Fri Oct 5 th		Y2
Fri Oct 12 th		Y4
Sun Oct 14 th	Y5/Y6 Confirmation	
Thurs Oct 18 th	Y3	