



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th March 2019

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 19th March: St Josephs Day
- 21st March: Y4 Handball Festival
- 22nd March: Y6 Class Assembly
- 22nd March: Y3/Y4 Dress Rehearsal
- **25th March: KS1 Mass PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE—MASS WILL NOW BE ON MONDAY 25TH MARCH AT 9.30AM**
- 27th March: Y3/Y4 Performance
- 29th March: Y3 Assembly
- 29th March—4th April: Scholastic Book Fair
- 2nd/3rd April: Reading Breakfasts - arrive from 8.15am for light refreshments and a chance to explore the book fair
- 2nd April: Parents Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
- 4th April: Parents Evening 4:00pm-7:00pm
- 5th April: Whole School Class Mass in Church at 9.30am.
- 24th-26th April: Y5 Residential
- 24th April: Whole School Mass
- 26th April: Y2 Assembly

#### TOAST TUESDAY

A big thank you to our fabulous mums for helping on our first 'Toast Tuesday' of Lent. We raised over £50 which is magnificent! Our next toast sale will be Tuesday 19th March. Each slice will be 25p and children can buy a maximum of 2 slices. Thank you!



#### FAITH LUNCH

On Friday, we thought about those who are less fortunate in our world. For faith lunch, KS2 children ate a simple lunch of sandwiches and fruit. The whole school said a prayer for how thankful we are for the food we have. We raised £248.50 which will be donated to CAFOD. We would encourage those who have not made a donation yet, to bring it on Monday.



### OTLEY CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

A huge well done and congratulations to Niamh, Beth and ex-St Joseph's pupil Eva on being selected to be a part of the Otley Carnival Committee team.



We are proud to announce that Niamh (Y6) has been chosen to be Carnival Queen, Beth (Y5) will be an attendant and Eva (ex-pupil) will act as Deputy Queen.

They will do a great job representing St Joseph's in our local community!

### ROUNDHAY MUSIC CONCERT

A big well done to the St Joseph's children, who played at Roundhay Music's annual spring concert on Sunday 10th March. Playing a guitar ensemble piece, of the Strictly theme tune and accompanied by Mr Levin were: Harry J, Harry M, Ava M, Maddie M, Freddie, Eliza and Euan.



### 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 11<sup>th</sup> May to serve refreshments to the families of the children making their First Communion this year.

You will be needed from 10.45am to 1.30pm. Reminders will be sent out in the newsletter near the time.

We also need home made or shop bought cakes and buns to be donated please (to be left in the office the day before please).

Any queries, please contact Denise Emmett 07854969701.

Thank you all.

### SICKNESS

We have had a recent bout of sickness in school over the past few weeks.

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.



### A MESSAGE REGARDING MORNING CONGESTION

Thank you to all the parents who have helped ease congestion in the corridors in the morning by allowing the children to go into school on their own.

We understand that you may need to speak to the class teacher, and we welcome you into school to do so.

As your child gets older, we try to encourage independence and accountability. By allowing them to set themselves up for the day, we promote these values.

Our aim is to reduce to the chaos and overcrowding we are currently experiencing in the morning. We thank you for your co-operation and support in this matter.



### MOTHER'S DAY STALL

We are still looking for any donations to go towards the Mother's Day stall.

FOSJ are appealing for any unwanted small gifts and toiletries. Please take any contributions to the school office.

All contributions are gratefully received.



### PARENTS EVENING

We will be holding 2 parents evenings this half term, on **Tuesday 2nd April 3:30pm - 6:00pm and Thursday 4th April 4:00pm - 7:00pm.**

You will be able to book a slot using the online Parents Evening System from 7pm on Friday 15th March. Booking will close at 12pm on Friday 29th March.



## BIG PEDAL 2019

This year the challenge will run from **25 March - 5 April**. For the first time, **walking will be counted** alongside cycling and scooting. On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, scooting or using a wheelchair to school. A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leader boards will receive an exclusive Sustrans Big Pedal Trophy.

We are holding a competition where children will receive a raffle ticket every time they walk, scoot or cycle to school. We are looking for local businesses to donate suitable bike related prizes (or potentially low cost gifts). Your business would be publicly thanked in our newsletter, website and twitter page.

This is a great opportunity to show children the importance of healthy living, and how wonderful the world of cycling is!



## LENT DATES FOR THE DIARY

A letter was sent out this week detailing the events. Here are some dates for the diary.

18th March: YR & KS1 Bun Sale—25p per bun

19th March/ 26th March/ 2nd April: Toast Tuesdays—25p per slice

19th March: St Joseph's Day Mass

25th March: KS2 Bun Sale—25p per bun

5th April: Easter Egg Raffle—£1 per raffle ticket

5th April: Mini Vinnies Games Afternoon—20p per game (max £3)

5th April: Whole School Mass at 9.30am in church



## Y3 AND Y4 PERFORMANCE - 'EASTER PRAISE'

**27th March 2019 6.30pm**

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

**The third, and final round of tickets will be available from Friday 22nd March.**

We will host a raffle on the night (£1 a strip) to raise money to purchase the music licence. If you have any raffle prizes, please bring to the school office between 22nd - 26th March.

Thank you!



## PARENT PAY

There are still payments due for trips, clubs and dinner money. As we begin a new term, we would appreciate you looking into these arrears and making payment or calling into the Office to discuss with Miss Wilkinson.

Please ensure outstanding monies are paid as soon as possible. Thank you.

A colorful poster for an Easter Egg Raffle. It features three large, decorated Easter eggs (red with yellow stripes, red with yellow hearts, and purple with yellow flowers) and a pink butterfly. The text reads "Easter Egg Raffle St Joseph's Catholic Primary". Below the eggs, it says "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." The background is a blue sky with green grass at the bottom.

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**St Joseph's Catholic Primary**

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Thank you.

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Thank You Lord for the many blessings you have placed in my life. I offer You my heartfelt gratitude for Your countless gifts to me each day.

In turn, dear Lord, help me to be aware of the needs of my least sisters and brothers, and to respond to those who are poor and less fortunate with generous expressions of charity, kindness and caring.

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.

## CHURCH MASSES

The following masses will be in church starting at 9:30am.

All are welcome.

**Tuesday 19th March** - Whole School St Joseph's Day Mass.

This Mass will be at 1.30pm in church.

**Wednesday 27th March** - KS1 mass led by Year 1. This Mass will be at 9.30am in church.

**Friday 5th April** - Whole School Easter Mass. This Mass will be at 9.30am in church.



## SACRAMENT DATES

### **Meetings for 1st Holy Communion (Y4/Y5)**

20th March

24th April

27th March

1st May

3rd April

8th May

### **First Holy Communion**

11th May

## CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

### School led Mass

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Mass on Sunday, they were wonderful. We had lots of positive feedback from parishioners. Thank you to all the parents and families who supported us too. It was a great way to start Lent. At the end of Mass, everyone was invited to take a pebble to remind them of Jesus' strength in the desert. We can also use the pebble remind us that it is Lent, whenever we touch or see the pebble we should ask ourselves: what have we done for Lent today?

### First Holy Communion

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the parents meeting on Wednesday evening. The First Holy Communion classes will begin on Wednesday 20th March. For more information, please speak to Mrs Russell.



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



# CLASS NEWS



## YEAR R NEWS

This week, reception class have been learning about non-fiction books. We talked about key features such as the contents page, index and glossary. We then wrote key facts that we had learnt about space.

We enjoyed learning about astronauts and how zero gravity effects them in space. We also learnt about what they eat and how they sleep. We thought of some super questions we would like to ask an astronaut. We have also been drawing the solar system using oil pastels.

In Maths this week we learnt about time. We enjoyed learning about o'clock and half past the hour. We talked about the different events that happen at different times throughout the day such as starting school at 9 o'Clock.



## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week year one have been very busy practising their assembly for Friday. In RE we looked at St Patrick's breast plate and thought about it's meaning. We then had a go at writing our own prayers in the same style, thinking about how Jesus is always with us. In PE we learnt some traditional Irish dance steps (thankfully we have an Irish dancer in the class to help Miss Chappel teach us).

In English this week, we started to look at making a non-fiction book about the moon. We thought about and wrote some questions we are going to use for the headings before looking at the different features of non-fiction books.

In Maths, we learnt to write fact families from different representations of numbers. We discussed how we can swap our addends and we always have to begin with the largest number when we're subtracting. We then looked at comparing number sentences using comparison symbols.

In RE we learnt how Jesus taught his disciples to pray with the Lord's Prayer. We learnt about what the prayer means and in groups did some art work to show each part.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have continued our unit on fractions. We have consolidated our understanding of how to find a half and a quarter. Using this has helped us to find  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a number. We have also looked at how to find a third. We have looked at finding fractions of amounts of money also. Please can you help your children to practise their times tables (2,3,5 and 10) as quick recall really helps children with their understanding of fractions.

In English we have been writing newspaper articles. We have tried to improve our writing by using interesting opening sentences, witness statements/quotes and how to write a summary sentence. In Phonics we have been learning about **mnemonics** we have looked at some helpful ways to memorise tricky words. We came up with our own interesting ideas for remembering words, here are a few: **other** oh that hat eats rabbits; **usually** unicorns struggle understanding a long lullaby yearly. Aren't they fantastic?

Our Science lesson on properties of materials this week was really fun. We carried out an investigation to find a suitable material for making an umbrella from. We predicted which materials would absorb water, and which materials would repel water.

Music has been very exciting this week. We have recently begun to practise a short musical of Cinderella. This week we were given our parts and we began to practise singing our roles and acting them out...Year 2 can't wait to perform this for you, watch this space to find out when this will be.

We have been busy practising skipping in PE (in preparation for the skipping festival), if you would like to buy a skipping rope so children can practise at lunchtime or at home, then they are available to buy from the school office for £5.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

In RE this week, we have been reflecting on the story Zacchaeus the Tax Collector. We discussed how we could learn from his mistakes and his greed. We said that even though we might make mistakes we are always forgiven by God because he has everlasting love for us.

Ella had a fantastic analysis relating Zacchaeus to the parable of the Sower. She said, "When Zacchaeus was a greedy man collecting all the money, he was like the seed in the thorns but now he has given the money back he is the seed in the good soil."

We have been practising the play this week, it is coming along very well. Please can you make sure that your child's costume is in school by Friday 22nd March for our dress rehearsal. Thank you to the parents that have already brought in their costumes.

During our swimming lesson this week, the children worked incredible hard in learning to swim a length. They have developed their skills so much throughout this year. I am so proud of them all, well done Year 3!



## YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in Maths we have been working on our understanding of fractions and looking at different ways fractions are represented. We have also been comparing equivalent fractions.

In English we have been looking at the tricky area of using apostrophes to show possession in plural words. We have had a class quiz to help check out our knowledge.

On Thursday we welcomed parents to celebrate our Year 4 Class Mass on the theme of Trusting in God. The children read well and sang beautifully. We enjoyed hearing Fr Lawrie read the story of St Peter trying to walk on water.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

This week Year 5 have been imagining and describing our own magical, unusual mythological settings. We have then used our ideas and skills from their different descriptions of our hero/heroines, mythological monsters and settings to write our own myths. There were some very imaginative, exciting quests to retrieve strange, mysterious objects. Some great writing in Year 5 this week!

In Maths, we have been learning how to multiply fractions by whole numbers and how to add and subtract fractions. We completed a fractions treasure hunt; following the questions and answers around the room - we were able to really show off our new skills and knowledge.

This week we have also used our Viking shield designs (focusing on creating different patterns with lines of symmetry) to paint our own Viking shields. Some of them look really impressive and we have really thought carefully about our designs.



## YEAR 6 NEWS

In English, we have been writing our memories of Robinwood ready for our assembly next week. We hope you are able to join us—it is one not to be missed! We also finished reading Michael Morpurgo's book of short stories 'The White Horse of Zennor'. We really enjoyed the range of stories and discussing the plot and characters.

In maths, we have started to look at measures and have looked at the relationship between different measurements for capacity, length and mass.

In science, we drew graphs to show the affect of different exercises on our pulses and wrote conclusions too. We found out that burpees increased our pulse the most closely followed by running. Walking had the least affect on our pulse which is what we predicted.

We have been working really hard to improve our arithmetic skills. This week, we repeated a test (2017 SATS) that we sat at the end of Year 5, the results are phenomenal! Everyone had improved their score massively—with a number of children improving their scores by a massive 60% - we are so proud of you.

In RE, we looked at the meaning of the Hail Mary prayer and how it is linked to scripture. In addition, we wrote a letter to a non-Christian explaining the importance of the Eucharist to those of a Catholic Faith. Finally, we have begun to explore 'Faith in Action', which is an award scheme for children. There are four main sections; prayer, pilgrimage and procession, parish practice and social action. We will be looking at ways to put this into practice in the up-coming months as we work towards our Pin Badge.





# AWARDS



## GOLDEN TABLE

No Golden Table due to Faith Lunch

## SUNSHINE AWARDS

MILLIE S (YR), MARIA (Y1), ANITA (Y2)

WILLIAM (Y3), MARTHA (Y4), NIAMH (Y5), LEWIS (Y6)



## WRITER OF THE WEEK AWARDS

JAMES (YR), SAM S (Y1), BLAKE (Y2)

RHYS (Y3), MAX (Y4), ROKSANA (Y5), ELLA (Y6)



# SPORTING EVENTS



## Upcoming Events

Y4 Handball Festival—21st March at PHGS



# MASSES & ASSEMBLIES



Spring Term 2	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Thurs Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	
Wed Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9.30am	
Fri Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>		YR
Thurs Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	
Fri Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>		Y1
Tues Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Day Mass @ 9.30am	
Fri Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Y6
Wed Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 – Y1 Lead @ 9.30am	
Fri Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>		Y3
Fri Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Mass @ 9.30am	