

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th November 2019

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 20th November: Open Day for 2020 Year R Cohort
- 20th November: Confirmation at Leeds Cathedral
- 22nd November: FOSJ Bingo Night
- 23rd November: Cross Country @ Woodhouse Grove
- 24th November: Confirmation 'Going Forth Mass'
- 25th November: Otley Lights Switch-On
- 27th November: Influenza Programme
- 27th November: Y2 Trip
- 28th November: YR & Y1 Trip
- 29th November: Christmas Craft Day
- 1st December: Victorian Fayre
- 6th December: FOSJ Christmas Disco
- 8th December: School Led Mass

#### Assemblies and Class Masses

- 21st November: Y5 Class Mass
- 29th November: Y3 Assembly
- 6th December: Y1 Assembly
- 20th December: Whole School Mass at 1:30pm

#### ST MARY'S MENSTON SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Information for **current Year 11** at St. Mary's Menston and other schools.

Tuesday 19 November 2019 6.30pm–8.00pm

All welcome!

For more information: <https://www.stmarysmenston.org/sixthform/>



#### FOSJ BINGO

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 – FROM 6.00PM – 8.30PM – BINGO TO START AT 6.30PM  
BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW FROM THE OFFICE!**

There will be hotdogs, a bar, a children's tuck shop, cake stall and fun games for all the family!

***This is a ticket only event – tickets are available from the school office on a first come first served basis!***

Admission is £10 per family of four or more or £2.50 per person, the price includes 5 games of bingo per person.

We hope you can join us for a fun evening!





## FRIENDSHIP/ANTI BULLYING WEEK AND ODD SOCKS DAYS



On Monday, we celebrated Odd Socks Day and all wore odd socks to express ourselves and celebrate what makes us all unique!

Throughout the week, we have reflected on the theme of 'Friendship'. The children have completed many activities such as:

- Kindness calendars
- Friendship Wreath
- Friendship Posters
- Learning songs
- Poetry
- Stories such as 'Rainbow Fish' and 'Starry-Eyed Stan'

On Wednesday, it was World Kindness Day and Y2 children spread a little joy with Random Acts of Kindness. They made sure to say something kind to children and staff which led to lots of smiles around school. At St Joseph's we try to follow Jesus' commandment, 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34.)



## REMEMBRANCE DAY



Last Friday, Year 6 led the whole school Collective Worship with the theme of Remembrance Sunday. Y6 reminded the school that since WW1 and WW2, there have been many other conflicts around the world. We need to pray for all those affected, and to pray for peace in all nations. Zak played The Last Post on his clarinet, this was a sombre and moving moment of reflection.



On Monday, we held at 11am, we held a 2 minute silence to show respect and said our own prayers for all the soldiers. Some of the children have written poems, and created beautiful artwork to commemorate this important piece of history.

## POPPY APPEAL



Thank you to all those who purchased something from the British Legion Poppy Appeal.



**We raised a fantastic £42.02.**

The charity provides financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants.

## BOOK FAIRS

This year, we are excited to be hosting **TWO** book fairs in the lead up to Christmas. 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.

### The Book People

The Book People Book Fair - 27th November to the 4th December.

### 1/2 Price Scholastic Book Fair

**HALF PRICE** Scholastic Book Fair - 4th December to the 10th December.

### Reading Breakfast

On Thursday 28th November and Thursday 5th December, 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—8.40am to enjoy a light breakfast and a drink (we ask for a small donation) and to take the opportunity to visit the school library or the book fair to 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.



**Born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016? Primary school places, it's time to apply!**

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2020 you should **apply** for a place from 1 November 2019.

**The deadline for applying is 15 January 2020.**

Even if your child is attending a school nursery or other early years provision or you have children at school already you must still apply for a place.

You need to make your application online at [www.leeds.gov.uk](http://www.leeds.gov.uk)  
If you need any more information please contact the admissions team on **0113 222 4414.**

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# Otley Christmas Lights

**Switch-On**  
**Monday**  
**25 Nov 2019**  
**5.30pm**

**Market Place**

**Fireworks at 7pm**

**Live Music**

**Santa**

**Fairground Rides...**

**plus lots more**

**Otley TOWN COUNCIL**

### PARENTPAY

Please can all parents/carers check their Parent Pay account and make any outstanding payments. There are payments due for after-school clubs, music lessons, residential trips, and dinner money.

Please could we ask that **Dinner Money balances do not go over 2 weeks (£24.00) in arrears.**

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Wilkinson. Thank you.

### EYFS AND KS1 PERFORMANCE

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 present...

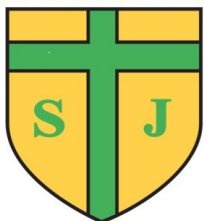
"Prickly Hay"

On Tuesday 17th December at 1:30pm.



**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER FROM THE OFFICE.**

## ST JOSEPH'S



**OTLEY**

### YEAR RECEPTION 2020 COHORT OPEN DAY AND EVENING

**Wednesday 20th November 2019**

**9.30am – 11.30am and 1.30pm – 3.00pm**

Parents/Carers of children starting school in September 2020 are invited to come and see our school.

Mrs Knight and Miss Wilkinson will be available to answer any questions and visitors will be given a guided tour by our super Year 6 Pupils. We look forward to meeting you!

### APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

To apply for a place at this school a standard application form, known as the Common Preference Form must be completed and returned to the Local Authority Leeds City Council 15 January 2020. If parents/carers feel that they should be in a specific category i.e. Baptised Catholic, then they are required to complete a Supplementary Information Form and provide the required evidence to school as soon as possible.

Please note: it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to complete all forms and supply evidence – reminders will not be sent.

## CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find some dates for the 'Christmas diary' listed below.

If you are normally on packed lunches and would like a Christmas Dinner on this day (priced £2.40) then please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Please note that these events are subject to change and we will keep you updated as the weeks go on.

Monday 25th November	Otley Lights Switch On
Friday 29th November	Christmas Craft Day
Sunday 1st December	Victorian Fayre
Friday 6th December	School Disco
Saturday 7th December	Parish Christmas Party
Wednesday 11th December	YR & Y6 Christmas Tree Festival
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 12th December	Y1, Y2 & Y4 Christmas Tree Festival
Friday 13th December	Y3 & Y5 Christmas Tree Festival
Tuesday 17th December	KS1 Performance
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 21st December	Whole School Mass @ 1:30pm

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR APPEAL

As Advent approaches we are thinking about people who do not have food to eat and toys to give so as a school we would like to participate in the Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal.

The idea is that each day one child from each class will donate a tin for a hamper and a **new toy** suitable for your child, so that by the end of Advent each class has a magnificent hamper and a selection of new toys that can be given to people in need.



A letter will be coming home next week with more information.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU

Who would believe that is **just 4 weeks** until Christmas Dinner day!

We will be donning our Christmas jumpers and hats once more as we celebrate together.

If you are normally on packed lunches and would like a Christmas Dinner on this day (priced £2.40) then please let the school office know **by Friday 29th November**.

This will appear on Parent Pay as a one off payment.

Please call or email the office to let us know as soon as possible.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU**  
HO HO HO  
Future Foodies  
Healthy eating for all!  
ON: THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER  
WE ARE SERVING UP A FESTIVE FEAST  
Menu  
Roast Turkey with Pork Sausage  
Vegetarian Sausage  
Roast and Mashed Potatoes  
Sage & Onion Stuffing  
Seasonal Veg  
Novelty Ice Cream  
Christmas Pudding with Custard  
Satsuma or Yoghurt  
Merry Christmas!

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear Lord,

Help us to be good loyal friends.

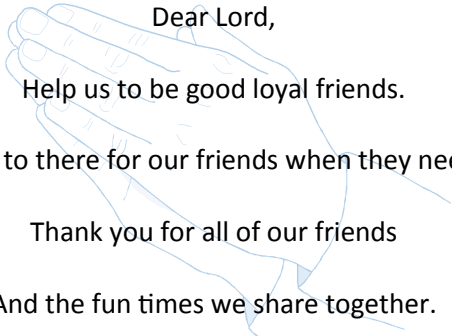
Help us to there for our friends when they need us.

Thank you for all of our friends

And the fun times we share together.

Thank you for being our friend.

Amen



## OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### MASS TIMES

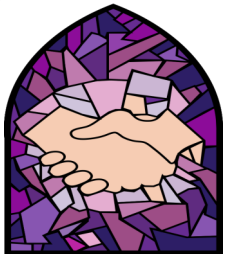
Saturday Morning: 10am

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.

## RECONCILIATION



There will be a meeting in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 7.30pm for parents of children in year 3 ( and above) who would like their child to prepare for their FIRST Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please could you let Mrs Russell or Father Lawrie know if you wish to attend. Thank you.

The meetings for the children will take place each Wednesday after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in Church from 15th January 2020 to the 12th February 2020.

## KS1 MASS



On Thursday morning, Year 2 led a beautiful Mass for KS1 and their families. The theme of the Mass was friendship, and the children spoke with confidence and reverence. Miss Choma was very proud of all the children for the impeccable behaviour, but especially Year Reception who enjoyed celebrating their first Mass at St Joseph's. Thank you to all those who joined KS1 in Church.

## Y5 PRAYER WORKSHOP



On Thursday morning, Matthew our Parish Youth worker came into Year 5 to talk about Prayer. Matthew encouraged the children to explore what prayer is. The children came up with lots of ideas of prayer including, what prayer is, why we pray and who we pray for. After this, we discussed different ways we pray such as: hymns, Rosary, silent and though prayers

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



This month, November, is a special month for remembering those who have passed away. On November 2nd, it was All Souls' Day where we pray for those people who have gone before us. It is also the month where we remember those who have been affected by wars and Year 6 led the whole school Collective Worship this week with the theme of Remembrance Sunday. This month, one of our virtues that the children will be looking at is HOPE - we believe that there is hope after death, as Jesus said on the cross to one of the criminals crucified with him, "I promise that today you will be with me in paradise". As we think about our loved ones no longer with us, may we all find hope and comfort in those words that we will seem again paradise.

## CONFIRMATION



Please keep our 20 Confirmation candidates in your prayers this week as they will be making their Confirmation next week on Wednesday 20th November in the Cathedral. All candidates must arrive in the Cathedral by 6:30pm wearing smart/casual clothes. There will be a Going Forth Mass for all candidates in our Church on Sunday 24th November at 9:30am where they will receive their certificates. Thank you.



# CLASS NEWS



## YEAR R NEWS

This week, YR have been preparing a birthday party for our class bear Louis, who turned 5 today. The children have spent the week writing lists of ingredients to make a birthday cake. This afternoon, we all enjoyed a fantastic party for Louis. We played some great party games such as pass the parcel. In every layer was a simple word that the children had to try and read to gain their prize! The children each enjoyed a cake that they had made.



In Maths, we have been practising number bonds to 5. We explored the different number bonds using the 'part, part, whole' model. This involves the children identifying the two different parts that make up a number before finding the whole e.g. for five, the children would say "3 is part, 2 is part and 5 is the whole" or "4 is a part, 1 is a part and 5 is the whole."

In Phonics, we have been revising all the sounds we have learnt so far. Next week we will carry out an assessment of your child to identify any sounds they are not confident with. Please practice all the sounds taught so far, as can be seen in the red sound book.

On Thursday, YR went to Mass for the first time. The children behaved beautifully, joining in well with the singing and prayers.

Please make sure all school library books are returned each week so your child can swap it for another book.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in numeracy in Year 1 we have been identifying 3D shapes. We matched 3D shapes to their names and built a castle out of them, then made a list of which shapes we could see in our castles. We also used a 'feely bag' of shapes to test our knowledge of faces, edges and vertices - Miss Armitage was very impressed that the children could guess every one!

In literacy this week we have been starting to think about writing our own story about a lost toy like 'Dogger'. We have explored what a setting is and how to make it come alive with description. We have also thought about what emotions we might feel if we lost something, and created our own word banks.

In RE we have started our new topic 'Mary, Mother of God'. We have learned about the Annunciation story and looked at how Mary and the Angel Gabriel are portrayed in art. We discussed how Mary might have felt when she first saw Gabriel, and what it would be like to hear the most amazing news from such an important visitor!

In History this week we have been finding out about toys from the past. Miss Armitage used the boys and girls' suggestions of where we can find out information about the past to make 'research stations'. All the children used historical artefacts, books and pictures to learn about toys from the past, and some children even used the computers to browse the internet and find information.

We have also been talking about Anti-Bullying Week and what we can do to make everyone feel safe and happy at school. We talked about how other people's happiness is in our hands, and how we can beat bullying and unkindness through our own actions.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

For our new topic in English on Traditional Tales we discussed the different ways to describe the appearance and personality of the main character Maximus in the tale of *Maximus and the Beanstalk*. We identified and practised using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions these help us to link ideas and provide more detail in our sentences.

In Maths we have been practising subtraction with a tens and ones grid. We have also looked at addition and subtraction as inverse operations and have written calculations that demonstrate this relationship.

For RE this week, we have been reflecting on Mysteries. We thought about the difference between a puzzle and a mystery. We wrote about the things that we wonder about... Heidi wanted to know how God spoke to his chosen people?

Practice for our Christmas production called 'Prickly Hay' has got off to a flying start. We've enjoyed learning lots of new songs in music, which we can't wait for you to hear. Your child will be bringing home their lines and details of their required costume this week.

Finally a big thank you to those parents who joined us on Thursday when Year 2 led the KS1 Mass on Friendship. Fr Lawrie and Ms Choma commended Year 2 for both their delivery of lines and fantastic behaviour.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

It has been a very busy week in Year 3. We started our Friendship themed week with our Odd Socks Day. We wore our brightest odd socks to remember that everyone is different and unique and we thought about how we could focus on kindness and kind words during the week ahead.

On Tuesday we had a super day out enjoying an exciting film at the Vue Cinema, followed by an afternoon of reflection, worship and exploration at Kirkstall Abbey.

After a brief history of the Abbey and Collective Worship led by Mrs Harvey, the children had the chance to investigate their surroundings and complete a Maths trail.

In our Maths lessons we have also been using equipment and traditional column methods to add 2 and 3 -digit numbers. In English we have explored adverbs and played adverb games to gain a more confident understanding of the use of adverbs in our writing.



## YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in RE, year four started our new topic of 'Trust in God'. We started by answering the question 'What is God?'. In pairs we created models of what we perceived God as and what objects or symbols we thought represented him.

On Monday, to commemorate Remembrance Day, we wrote 'The Important Thing' poems after learning about what we do on Remembrance day and why. We used our 5 senses to really think about the different things we come across on this day.

To celebrate 'Friendship Week', we thought about how we can make choices to help those in need around us, and how we can be extra kind to others - it doesn't take a lot! We created '20 days of kindness' calendars which we are going to keep at school and at home, ticking off each act of kindness as we do it.

In Maths, we looked at estimating answers. We practiced rounding numbers in order to estimate what our answer might be. We learnt about how we can make a more accurate estimate, and used column addition and subtraction to check the actual answers, thinking how close our estimates were.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

As it was Remembrance day on Monday, we reflected on how important this day is, we discussed why we wear poppies and what they resemble. We then looked at various WW1 poems such as 'Flanders Fields' and 'For the Fallen'. After exploring these poems, we had a go at writing our own poems about Remembrance Day. During the afternoon, we created some brilliant art work using different mediums and techniques.

On Tuesday, we had a great day at the cinema and Kirkstall Abbey. After watching the film, we had a Collective Worship about God's love for us. We then reflected on God's wonderful gifts. We then explored Kirkstall Abbey, we carried out a Maths and English trail, where we had to answer various questions related to the Abbey.

In Maths, we have been focusing on the topic statistics. We looked at line graphs and interpreted information from them. We also had a go at drawing our own line graphs using information.



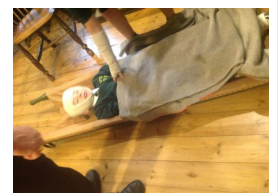
## YEAR 6 NEWS

Last week, Year 6 had a fun if wet day at Lotherton Hall learning about how Lotherton Hall was used as a hospital in WW1: they handled different artefacts, mapped out a hospital plan, pretended to treat some of the injuries that patients at Lotherton Hall would have had and finished singing WW1 songs in the Chapel. In the afternoon, the children learnt about how animals have adapted to their environment by looking at different model skulls. We found out about tapirs, warty pigs, snakes and penguins.

On Thursday, Father Lawrie came to visit Year 6 to tell us about his calling to the priesthood and about his training which he started when he was nearly 12 years old! We also learnt that he is able to use sign language. Next week, we will be starting our new RE topic of "Justice".

We also had visitors to Year 6 on Wednesday - two volunteers from the Otley Museum came to tell us about what life was like during World War One. They also brought different things for us to look at including: war medals, model bullets and a soldier's helmet.

As part of Friendship Week, Year 6 have written poems about what friendship means to them.





# AWARDS



## GOLDEN TABLE

GABRIEL (YR), HARRY(Y2), RUBY (Y5), HANNA (Y6)

## SUNSHINE AWARD

**JUDE (YR), RUBY (Y1), JACOB (Y2)**

**ALFIE (Y3), ESTHER (Y4), BRIAN (Y5), ROKSANA (Y6)**



## RE AWARD

**JOSEPH H (YR), MAX (Y1), NEAVE (Y2)**

**KIRSTY (Y3), WILLIAM (Y4), OLIVER (Y5), DANIEL (Y6)**



# SPORTING EVENTS



## Upcoming Events

11th November: Netball Tournament

23rd November: Cross Country @ Woodhouse Grove



# MASSES & ASSEMBLIES



## Friday Assembly/Mass Timetable 2019/2020

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	