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

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

#### Friday 17th January 2020

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### DATES FOR JANUARY

- 23rd January: Class Photographs •
- 7th February: Number Day
- 10th—13th February: 'Saving the Oceans' Topic Week
- 10th—13th February: Y6 Bikeability
- 10th/24th February: Bushcraft and Climbing Wall Experience .
- 11th February: Safer Internet Day
- 11th February: YR Trip to Otley Library •
- 14th February: TRAINING DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

#### MASS AND ASSEMBLIES

22nd Jan: Y3 Class Mass

Catholic Primary School Otley

24th Jan: Y1 Assembly

- 30th Jan: Y6 Class Mass
- 31st Jan: Faith Fortnight Assembly
- 5th Feb: Y4 Class Mass
- 7th Feb: Y3 Assembly
- 12th Feb: Y5 Class Mass
- 26th Feb: Ash Wednesday Mass
- 28th Feb: Y5 Assembly

#### **CLASS PHOTOS**

Class photos will be taken on Thursday 23rd January.

Full school uniform please.

We ask all children to bring a pair of silly socks to wear for their photo. If your child has any fancy hairbands then bring them along too.

#### PARENT PAY



Please can all parents/carers check their Parent Pay account and make any outstanding payments.

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

If you have any queries, please contact Miss Wilkinson.

#### NUMBER DAY 2020

On Friday 7th February, we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits and pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, t-shirt or even a onesie!). To help raise money for the Bambisanani, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

We will be taking part in a number of Maths challenges throughout the day.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.



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# SAVING THE OCEANS

#### **TOPIC WEEK: FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY—THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY**

We are very excited to announce the theme of our next topic week is Saving the Oceans.



#### We Need Your Recycling

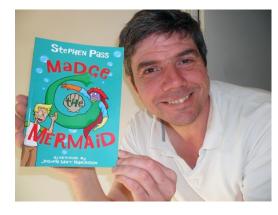
We will be creating a series of 'Under the Sea' displays using recycled materials such as bottle tops, wrappers and other recyclable materials.

Please start collecting such items as soon as possible in preparation for topic week.

#### Bring a Sock

On the Wednesday of topic week, we will be doing lots of 'Under the Sea' themed creative projects. We would like each child to create a 'Socktopus' using an old sock (preferably a long adult sock) and newspaper. Please send your child with these items at the beginning of topic week.





#### Author Visit for Y2—Y5

Author Stephen Pass is visiting school on Tuesday, February 11th, to read from his illustrated children's book 'Madge the Mermaid' about a mermaid created from items washed up on the beach.

Stephen will read the first two chapters to Y2—Y5 pupils, as well as showing them how the book was made.

If your child would like a personal signed copy of 'Madge the Mermaid', these are available to buy, priced £7.

#### Plastic Toy Sale

As part of our 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' campaign, we will be hosting a plastic toy sale during Friday's showcase.

We are asking children to bring a good condition, plastic toy that they no longer no play with for us to sell to a child to give it a new home.

The cost of the toys will vary between 20p—£1 and all funds will be donated to charity.



### CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

#### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Thank you Jesus for being my friend. Thank you for all of my friends and the fun times we have together. Please keep all of my friends safe. Help me to be a good friend like Winnie the Pooh.

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**

The preparation classes will take place after school on Wednesdays in Church from 3.30–4.30pm.

They will be held Wednesday 22nd January, 29th January, 5th February and 12th February.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be made on Saturday 29th February or Saturday 7th March at 10.30am

#### THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



This year, the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 2nd May 2020 at 10.00am.

Certificates will be distributed on Sunday 3rd May 2020 at the 9.30am Mass.

There will be a meeting for parents of children in Year 4 and above who would like to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Wednesday 4th March 2020** in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

The preparation classes will take place after school on Wednesdays in Church from 3-30-4.30pm commencing Wednesday 11th March.

There are two masses, which are part of the preparation: The Enrolment mass on Sunday 15th March 2020 at 9.30am and The Growing Mass on Sunday 26th April at 9.30am.

#### **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

This week, the children have continued to look at faith in their Tuesday Collective Worship. This week they thought about growing in faith and read the Parable of the mustard seed. Additionally, the children thought about friendship which linked closely to the Winnie the Pooh Collective Worship on Friday.



Here are some of the wise words from Winnie the Pooh about friendship:

If ever there is a tomorrow when we are not together,

There is something you must always remember;

You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think,

But the most important thing is even if we are apart I'll always be with you.

# CLASS NEWS

#### YEAR R NEWS

This week in Reception, we have learning about the role of an astronaut and what they have to do. We talked about Neil Armstrong and his journey to the Moon in Apollo 11. We then read the book ' On the Moon'. We wrote about what astronauts do and what tools they need to go to space. Joseph H said, "Astronauts go to the moon to take photos and find out lots of information."

In Maths, we have been learning about estimation. We learnt that we have a good guess before checking the actual amount by counting carefully. Our estimates have been very accurate!

In RE, we learnt about how Jesus cured people who were sick. We retold the story of Jesus curing the man who could not walk through role play.

In PE, we continued our topic of dance. We explored all the planets whilst developing different movements in time with the music.

#### YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths, this week Year 1 have been using their knowledge of number bonds to 10 to solve subtraction problems. They have enjoyed using our washing line to help them with their subtraction number sentences. They have also started to work on arithmetic questions involving two digit numbers and are already starting to get to grips with them!

In English, we have made a story skeleton for "Meerkat Mail" and talked about what we are going to include in our own writing. We analysed the story for nouns, verbs and adjectives, and found out that the most exciting parts are all written by Sunny the meerkat, not the author Emily Gravett! We have also looked at adding suffixes to our writing to change the tense of the verb.

In RE, we have been discussing the story of the child Jesus lost in the temple - it was very exciting to know what Jesus was like when he was a boy. We talked about how Mary and Joseph would have felt when they thought Jesus was lost, and why Jesus went to the temple. We also created some beautiful temples of our own for our hall display.

In Science, we looked at how to dress for each season and played our own version of Buckaroo where you had to give your partner the right items for the season.

We also used our knowledge of the weather to look at the climate in different continents for our geography lesson. The children used laptops to view climate maps of each continent and discussed which was the hottest, wettest, coldest and driest. They got almost all the answers right but were very surprised to find out that the driest continent is ANTARCTICA!

#### YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in Maths we have begun to look at multiplication. We mind-mapped multiplication related vocabulary. We used counters to help us make simple arrays focusing on the correct way to write the multiplication calculation and to record it as repeated addition.

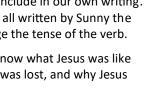
In English, we have been learning about the **Progressive** Form- a verb tense used to show an ongoing action in progress at some point in time. Writing in the present and past progressive, we described some of the naughty things that Peter Rabbit had been doing in Mr McGregor's vegetable patch.

In RE, we have been thinking about Jesus as a healer. A great portion of Christ's time was dedicated to healing the sick. He healed all kinds of people: the blind, the paralyzed, the lame, the deaf, lepers. We reflected on our church today and how it cares for people who are sick and in need.

In PSHCE we have been learning about eating healthily. We thought about the fruit and vegetables that we haven't tried yet. We designed posters to encourage us to eat our recommended 5 a day.

To inspire us with our story setting writing on Peter Rabbit, in Art this week we made models of Mr McGregor's garden. Using lots of different materials: modelling clay, cardboard and different types of paper. We created beautiful, colourful models of Peter Rabbit's favourite place. When completed, our models will be displayed on each of our tables.









Year 3 have been enjoying their work on Non-Fiction texts this week in English. We have been using texts about France and its capital city Paris to sort information and retrieve and record facts.

In Maths, we have been dividing by 3. We have looked at the difference between grouping and sharing, and have used counters to support us with our work. We progressed to solving word problems linked to dividing by 3.

As part of our new topic 'Where in the world would you like to live?' we have been developing our mapping skills and locating continents and countries around the world.

#### YEAR 4 NEWS

YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in RE, Year Four looked at the story of The Last Supper. We retold the story, ensuring we knew the different parts and what each part of the story represents. We did a drama activity as if we were a person from the story. We thought about the contrasting thoughts some of the disciples might have.

In Maths this week, we started looking at multiplication. We practised our 11 and 12 times tables and looked at multiplying 3 numbers together.

In English, we looked at the different features of instructions, identifying them in a text. We then applied prepositional phrases, imperative verbs and adverbs to our own sets of instructions. We learnt how to become a Roman Gladiator champion and taught each other how to be best prepared.

In PE, we started learning our skipping dance routine and focused on the different skills we can apply to it. We are all very excited after choosing our song and have lots of ideas top put towards the routine.

In Golden Time, we created healthy eating posters encouraging other children to 'Eat 5-a-day'.

#### YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths, we have been learning to multiply a 2 digit number by a 2 digit using the formal method. We worked so hard in building up our knowledge and understanding before using this method.

This week in English, we have continued to read our story 'The Lost Happy Endings'. We discovered that the children in the story were really sad that the endings were lost. We created some reported speech from some of the characters. We used these when we wrote a newspaper report about Jub being mugged by the Old Hag.

During our Music lesson, we created our own rhythm patterns in groups and layered them by changing the dynamics. We are looking forward to improving them next week.

In P.E., we started our new topic 'Fitness', where we completed a range of activities in a circuit. We hope that by the end of the half term, we will have increased our fitness.

#### YEAR 6 NEWS

This week in DT and Science, the children completed their circuits for their model. They drew representations of the circuit using electrical symbols. They were very proud of their finished product and enjoyed this project.

On Thursday this week, the Year 6 children were busy using their research homework to write a biography about a World War One soldier. The children tried to use different features of biographies to write interesting, well-structured pieces.

In Maths, we have started looking at percentages and this week we have been finding equivalent percentages to decimals and fractions.

In PE this half term, we are doing gymnastics. Last week, the children focused on performing balances of different shapes and positions.















#### **GOLDEN TABLE**

LUCILLE (YR), MILLIE B (Y1), ANITA (Y3), EVIE (Y6)

#### SUNSHINE AWARD

DYLAN (YR), BEATRICE (Y1), HARRY (Y2) CAMERON AND CONNOR (Y3), OPHELIA (Y4), AVA (Y5), DANIEL (Y6)

WRITER OF THE WEEK AWARD MARYSIA (YR), MILLIE B (Y1), MOLLY (Y2) ALFIE (Y3), ESTHER (Y4), LEILA (Y5), ZAK (Y6)







## SPORTING EVENTS



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#### Upcoming Events

20th Jan-Y3 and Y4 Fencing (in school)

27th Jan-Y5 and Y6 Fencing (in school)

31st Jan—Bee Netball



### MASSES & ASSEMBLIES

Friday Assembly/Mass Timetable 2019/2020		
Spring Term 1	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School Mass @ 9.30am	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y3 Class Mass	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> January		Y1
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 Class Mass	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January		Faith Fortnight
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 Class Mass	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> February		Y3
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Class Mass	
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> February		Y5
Spring Term 2	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Mass	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> March		Y2
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March		Y4
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March	St Joseph's Day	
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March		YR
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Y6
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Whole School Mass @ 9.30	