

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday 24 October 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 25th October: **SCHOOL CLOSED - TRAINING DAY**
- 4th November: **SCHOOL REOPENS**
- 5th November: YR & Y6 Height/Weight Measurement
- 6th November: Open Day/Opening Evening for 2020 Year R Cohort
- 7th November: Y6 School Trip
- 11th November: Netball Tournament
- 12th November: KS2 Cinema/Kirkstall Abbey Trip
- 20th November: Open Day for 2020 Year R Cohort
- 22nd November: FOSJ Bingo Night
- 23rd November: Cross Country @ Woodhouse Grove
- 24th November: Confirmation 'Going Forth Mass'
- 25th November: Otley Lights Switch-On

Assemblies and Class Masses

- 7th November: Y3 Class Mass
- 8th November: Y6 Assembly
- 14th November: KS1 Mass
- 15th November: Friendship Assembly
- 21st November: Y5 Class Mass

Training Days

- Friday 25th October - Whole School
- **Friday 8th November - Year R only**

WE NEED YOU - CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

If your child is in Y1-6 and has an interest in singing, then we would love for them to join our Christmas Choir

This year, we will be taking our Christmas Choir to all our special events such as Otley Lights Switch On, Victorian Fayre and OLAS Party. It is a fantastic opportunity to perform, and give something back to the community.

After half term, children of all ages (Y1-Y6) are invited to join Mrs Shakespeare's Singing Club which is held 3:15-4:15 on Tuesday.

If you are interested, then please sign up at the Office via Miss Wilkinson



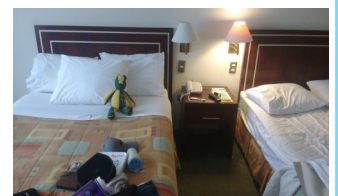
JOE ON TOUR

Joe (our St Joseph's bear) and Hannah have finally begun their travels to Antarctica, where they will be spending time working at the research station.

"Here is Joe, chilling out on his own double bed in a hotel in Punta Arenas.

So far, he's travelled by car from Guiseley to Cambridge, then mini-bus from the BAS head office to Heathrow airport, then flown from Heathrow to São Paulo, then São Paulo to Santiago, then Santiago (avoiding the civil unrest) to Punta Arenas.

He's waiting for a flight out to Rothera, Antarctica over the next few days..."



CROSS COUNTRY CLUB



Ready set go!

If you have already participated in the school's cross country races then this is the club for you!

Club will run on Mondays 3.15-4.15pm, and will start on Monday 4th November.

Learn training drills to increase your speed, techniques for super starts and sprint finishes and lots of practice for pacing yourself on those run distance runs.

Regardless of the weather, we will always run outside so a lightweight/waterproof coat, clothes and footwear that can get muddy are essential. Running spikes and other studded shoes are allowed.
Carmel & Mr Voller

INSPIRATION TREE—HOLIDAY COURSES

Inspiration-Tree is once again offering a range of exciting courses at St Joseph's school this half term.

As well as the usual multi-sports sport courses on Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th Oct they will be offering 1-day creative art LEGO workshop and their **new Digital Learning & Gaming camp** on Tuesday 29th Oct.

All courses are £16 per day and run from 9am-3pm. For more information download a flyer at: www.inspiration-tree.com.

You can book at course at www.inspiration-tree.com/registration

PEDESTRIAN TRAINING

We are pleased to announce that all children from Y1-Y6 have received Pedestrian Training as part of a Road Safety Project by Leeds Influencing Travel Behaviour Team.

Children in Y1—Y4 have worked in small groups to observe the traffic outside the school and practise their looking and listening skills. They were also asked to think about, and identify, safer places to cross the road. Children in Y5 and Y6 completed the Road Safety Workshop which focused on Communicating Information and Making Changes.



At St Joseph's, we think Road Safety is a very important issue. As a driver you have a responsibility to park in a safe and considerate manner, if you don't you could be endangering a child's life. Please use designated car parks (Beech Hill and Licks) and help make the area near and around our school a safer place for pupils. Permit badges are available from the school office.



FOSJ BINGO

**Friday 22nd 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!

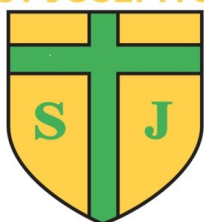


Admission is £10 per family of four or more or £2.50 per person, the price includes 5 games of bingo per person.

We hope you can join us for a fun evening!



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YEAR RECEPTION 2020 COHORT OPEN DAY AND EVENING

Wednesday 6th November and 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!

This year, for the first time, we are hosting an **Open Evening on Wednesday 6th November between 6-7pm**. Please sign up to attend this session by contacting Miss Wilkinson (office@stjosephsotley.org or 01943 463840). Please note - there will be no guided tours, but you will have opportunity to meet members of staff and the Academy Council.

ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who has collected stickers for the Aldi Kit for Schools campaign. We have managed to complete the poster and will be sending it off after the holidays!



ODD SOCKS DAY

Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, **Monday 11th November 2019** to help raise awareness around anti-bullying.

It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

We are asking children to wear a pair of odd socks with their normal uniform. We would like to see an array of colours and styles—the brighter, the better!



WINTER UNIFORM

Remember: Winter uniform must be worn after October half term; this includes providing suitable clothing for outdoor P.E. Please see the website for additional guidance. Thank you for your co-operation.

Y6 RUGBY FESTIVAL

Well done to Y6 who took part in the Rugby Festival on Thursday. The children did really well and improved as the games went on.

They worked amazingly as a team, supporting each other and demonstrating the skills that they have developed over the past few months.

Two teams finished first in their groups and were undefeated. The other two teams finished third.

Thank you to Mrs Fenton-Green for her training. Thank you to Mrs Dovernor for accompanying us on our trip.

RAFFLE PRIZES WANTED!

If you have any raffle prizes for the KS1 Christmas performance raffle, could you kindly leave them in the office.

WANTED

Thank you. FOSJ

CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

Who would believe that is just 8 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 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

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear God, please forgive me for what I did. It was wrong and I disobeyed you.

Please help me to be forgiving of myself, and to move on from this place.

Please fill me with your strength and courage as I resolve to live for You.

Please help me not to do it again.

Lord, help me to love You more and more each day.

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.

CONFIRMATION



The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY 14th NOVEMBER** which will be a rehearsal.

This meeting will take place in the Church after school. We shall walk the children across to the Church after school. Ideally, we would like a parent or sponsor for each child to meet us at the Church to attend the rehearsal with us. Children need to be collected from the Church at 4:30pm.

Over half term, please can all candidates for Confirmation decide their sponsor and Saint name explaining their choice of saint. We will need this information the first week after half term. Thank you.

Y4 CLASS MASS



On Thursday morning, Year 4 enjoyed Class Mass. The theme was Trusting in God; it was a spiritual start to the day and we sang beautifully. Thank you to Fr Lawrie for leading a wonderful Mass, and to all the parents and parishioners who joined us in this celebration.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in the Collective Worship, the children have been thinking forgiveness.

We looked at the story of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:22) which states "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not just seven times, but seventy-seven times".

At the end of the Bible story, Jesus tells us that, if we have done something wrong, we need to say sorry to God and then he will forgive us.



DATES FOR THE DIARY—WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

Due to the success of the Sunday school-led Masses last year, these will take place again this year on the following dates:

Sunday 8th December @ 9:30am

Sunday 1st March @ 9:30am

Sunday 7th June @ 9:30am





CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week we have been learning all about Autumn. We talked about the walk we went on last Friday and the autumn treasures that we found. We then labelled the different autumn pictures using our phonics to hear the sounds in the words. We also made autumn trees using our hand prints and finger prints.

In Phonics, we have learnt some more new sounds and two new tricky words. Our new tricky words are 'go' and 'no'. We enjoyed hunting for these words in the classroom and outside area. Tricky words are words that cannot be decoded and therefore, the children have to learn to recognise them from sight. Please continue to practice the sounds and tricky words your child has learnt so far.

In Maths, we have been learning the number 5. We looked at how we can make five in different ways on a ten frame. The children enjoyed identifying different ways to five. Oliver said, "I have three on the top and two on the bottom and I know that it's five." We have also continued to learn how we find one more and one less than a number to 5.

The children have had a brilliant first half term at St Joseph's, and have been a wonderful addition to our school. We look forward to doing lots more super learning when we return in November. Have a wonderful break. Don't forget to add any pictures to Tapestry to share when we come back!



YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in Maths in Year 1, we have been learning how to subtract in different ways. We have used part-whole models, fingers, cubes, number lines and pictures to help us take away. We used our addition and subtraction facts to make skyscrapers full of different number sentences and have played some fun subtraction games.

In English, this week we have been learning all about peas because we want to be ready in case the Evil Pea comes back! We have asked tricky questions about peas, found out lots of information about them and written about them in our groups. We also had a special tasting competition, where we tried lots of different foods made from peas and tried to describe them using exciting adjectives. We had a shock when Charlie's sugar snap pea opened to reveal a little caterpillar inside - thankfully he didn't eat it!

In RE, we have been painting our works of art to celebrate our Bible stories using watercolour paints. Our work will be displayed on the big board outside our classroom - look out for it when you come back after the holiday!

We have also been thinking about how God has created us and how we are thankful for every part of our body - we thought about this in a meditation session during collective worship.

In Geography this week we have been learning about the 7 continents that make up the Earth. We used an atlas to find the continents and also learned a song about them. We then discovered which continents peas can grow in, and which continents aren't safe for them.



YEAR 2 NEWS

We have had a really fun week in Year 2. On Monday, we went on a minibeast hunt. We used a tally chart to record our findings, which was useful when we came to organise and present our data in a pictogram during our Maths lesson. We answered questions by analysing the data.

On Wednesday, we went on our walk around Otley. We visited the Otley Bridge, the Methodist church, Otley Clock Tower and the Parish Church. In the afternoon, we were taken around Otley Courthouse, we learnt about its history and how it is used today. Fr Lawrie let us explore Our Lady & All Saints and answered all our questions. Thank you to our parent helpers for your support throughout the day.

In Phonics this week, we have been learning about compound words. Year 2 were fantastic at not only identifying them but spelling them too.

This term in Year 2, we have been using rhythmic ostinato (repeated patterns) to accompany our pieces. This week we composed our own 4 beat rhythm patterns and combined them to create polyrhythms. We also added a melodic ostinato to a new song.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English this week the children have been exploring fronted adverbials and using them to make their storywriting much more interesting for the reader. The class have enjoyed reading their Stone Age stories to each other and we have been looking at examples of how we can improve our description and punctuation.



In Maths we have used our number bonds to 20 to work on adding and subtracting 3-digit and 1 digit numbers. Our timestables are progressing really well. We are using Timestable Rockstars to improve the speed and accuracy of our x3 and x4 tables.

Our Collective Worship this week was planned and led by Asa, Phoebe and Lucas. They chose prayers, bible readings and a song to help us to think about 'serving others.'



In Music, the children are making real progress in playing the Ukulele and Mrs Shakespeare is very pleased with their progress.

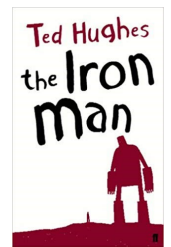
YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in English, we have continued reading our class book. We looked at the next chapter in the book before turning ourselves into astronomers. We created an astronomer's log, with evidence from the text, describing what events are happening in the text. We then discussed the new character in the text, comparing how it would be feeling with the feelings of Iron Man.

In Maths, we practised column subtraction, moving to more than one exchange using 4-digit numbers. We represented our subtraction in lots of different ways, using resources to model our working out. We also looked at carrying out the inverse to check our answers.

On Tuesday, we had our second training day of the Pedestrian Training. In groups, we walked around Otley, demonstrating our knowledge of Road Safety.

In Art, we finished our landscape paintings in the style of David Hockney and we are really proud of the end product.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we have continued with looking at the story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. After reading about the towns problem of rats, we created a job advert for a 'Rat Catcher'. Before we could do this, we identified the features of an advert. We created some fantastic adverts; they included lots of persuasive language

On Tuesday afternoon, we had Pedestrian Training about the importance of communication of the being safe and. For this, we created various songs, raps and board games about communicating the Green Cross Code for different ages.

In Maths, we have developed our understanding of lots of various addition and subtraction problems. These included missing numbers questions, true or false and two step problems. We really enjoyed challenging ourselves with these reasoning and problem solving.

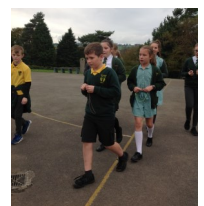
During our RE, we have discussed the artist Michelangelo and the Pieta sculpture. We contemplated the importance of the gifts that God gives us, and how we can use them to be God's greatest helpers.



YEAR 6 NEWS

This week in our Collective Worship, Year 6 took part in a Rosary Procession. We started in the pavilion where we listened to the 1st Sorrowful Mystery - Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and then we processed from the pavilion to the KS2 playground saying the Rosary.

In our topic work, the children found out some of the reasons why World war One started and enjoyed watching a Horrible Histories clip which showed how complicated it was! On Thursday afternoon, the children continued making their remembrance artwork ready for our assembly on Friday 8th November. We have also started learning our songs for our school trip on Thursday 7th November: "It's a long way to Tipperary" and "Pack up your troubles in your Old Kit bag".



In Maths, we have continued to look at place value and this week we have been practising our rounding skills.

We hope all the children and their families have a lovely half term.





AWARDS



GOLDEN TABLE

No Award due to Training Day

SUNSHINE AWARD

No Awards due to Training Day

WRITER OF THE WEEK AWARD

No Awards due to Training Day



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 th September		Y2
Fri 4 th October	Whole School Mass @ 9.30am	
Wed 9 th October	Y6 Class Mass	
Fri 11 th October		Y5
Thurs 24 th October	Y4 Class Mass	
Autumn Term 2	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Thurs 7 th November	Y3 Class Mass	
Thurs 13 th November	KS1 Mass	
Thurs 21 st November	Y5 Class Mass	
Fri 22 nd November		Y6
Fri 29 th November		Y3
Fri 6 th December		Y1
Fri 13 th December		Y4
Fri 20 th December	Whole School Mass	