

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 18 October 2019

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 22nd October: Y4/Y5/Y6 Pedestrian Session
- 22nd October: Parents Evening 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- 23rd October: Y2 Otley Walk and visit to Courthouse
- 24th October: Y3 Pedestrian Session
- 24th October: Y6 Rugby Festival
- 24th October: Parent Gym Taster Session
- 24th October: Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6:00pm
- 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

#### Assemblies and Class Masses

- 24th October: Y4 Class Mass
- 7th November: Y3 Class Mass
- **8th November: Y6 Assembly**
- 14th November: KS1 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



#### PARENT GYM

Parent Gym is a relaxed way to meet new parents, whilst sharing ideas and experiences of ways to deal with common family situations such as fussy eating, bedtime routines and look after your own well-being.

Each week's session is devoted to a different topic and comes with its own unique Parent Gym magazine packed with practical tips. Each session will last two hours.

**We will be hosting a taster session on Thursday 24th October 2.05 - 3.05pm. All welcome.**

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FOR PARENTS WHO CARE

For more information, check out  
<https://www.research.net/r/93RSMNM>

## FOSJ BINGO

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 – FROM 6.00PM – 8.30PM – BINGO TO START AT 6.30PM**

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!***

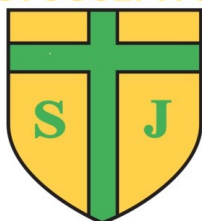


Admission is £10 per family of four or more or £2.50 per person, the price includes 5 games of bingo per person.

We hope you can join us for a fun evening!



## **ST JOSEPH'S**



**OTLEY**

## 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](mailto: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.



## INFLUENZA VACCINATION PROGRAMME

The childhood immunisation team is pleased to announce that the influenza vaccination programme will now be offered to all children of primary school age.

Flu Immunisation will be for Year R to Year 6 on **Wednesday 27th November 2019**.

## CAN YOU HELP? WE NEED YOUR STICKERS FOR ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS

Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit!

**Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and fill up your school's poster for a chance to win.**

**You need a total of 300 stickers to complete the poster...**

**We currently have 266/300 stickers!**



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

## REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from school, please contact the office in the morning to report the absence.

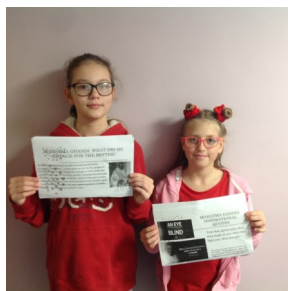
If your child is absent for more than one day, the office needs to be contacted on every day that your child is off school.

## SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

On **Friday 18th October**, we asked children and staff to wear red to raise awareness about racism within society.

During Heritage Fortnight, we have been looking at 'Agents of Change' - people who stood up for what they believe in, usually during racially oppressive times or areas of the world. At St Joseph's, we teach the message of acceptance and celebrating diversity.

Wear Red Day is a national day of action which encourages schools, businesses and individuals to wear red to highlight the work carried out by the 'Show Racism the Red Card' team. The campaign delivers anti-racism education for young people & adults, and continues to challenge racism in the UK.



## 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

*A prayer written by John Henry Newman who was canonised in Rome last Sunday.*

May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last. 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 last Confirmation meeting before half term took place this week.

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.

## PRAYING THE ROSARY



Thank you to all of the parents, family members and friends who were able to join us for saying the Rosary on Wednesday morning.

Well done to the Year 6 "Faith in Action" team who led the worship in all the different classes and well done to all of the children for the reverence they showed.



## 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

Letters will be going out after half term inviting children to take part in the Mass. It would be lovely to see lots of our school children and families at these Masses - thank you.



# CLASS NEWS



## YEAR R NEWS

This week, we have been focusing on how we can keep our bodies healthy. We talked about the importance of a good diet and we enjoyed listening to the story 'Oliver's Fruit Salad'. After reading this, we all made shopping lists for Mrs Dalton so that she could get lots of fruit to make our own fruit salad. We thought carefully about the sounds we could hear in each word. On Friday, we made our fruit salad. We learnt how to use tools safely and carefully chopped the fruit into small pieces.

In RE, we have been thinking about how we are all different and special. We talked about what makes us special and how we all have different talents.

In Phonics, we have learnt two new tricky words. These are words that the children cannot decode and therefore need to learn to recognise from sight. This weeks words were 'the' and 'to'. The children enjoyed doing a word hunt to find each of these words.

In Maths, we have been focusing on the number 4. We learnt about one more and one less than a number. We used the multi link to make towers of different amounts to 4. We then made towers that were one cube more and one cube less.

On Friday, we had a wonderful morning on our autumn walk. We enjoyed finding lots of autumn treasures and ticked each one off on our checklist as we found it. The children loved finding leaves of different shapes



## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge of addition up to 10. The children have used concrete objects and part whole models to show addition and have begun to use the number line to add two numbers together. We have now begun subtraction and understanding what the subtraction symbol tells us to do.

In English, we have been writing our superhero stories and sharing them with each other. The children have used the story of Supertato to help create the structure of their stories, but have all come up with their own original ideas. Miss Armitage has been very impressed by the punctuation used in some stories - as well as full stops and question marks, some children have also used commas and ellipses!

In RE, we have been thinking about how to praise God for His creation of the world. We have looked at how different artists such as Michelangelo have created works of art as an act of worship. This week we have been planning our own works of art based around the three Bible stories we have been looking at in depth - the Creation, Adam and Eve, and Noah and the Ark. The children have thought carefully about who is in their story; what they are trying to tell with their picture, and whether there are any symbols in their work. We will be painting our beautiful works of art next week.

In History, we have been focusing on the life of Nelson Mandela and learning about why he is a real-life superhero. The children were all very shocked when they learned why he went to prison, and we had an interesting debate about whether it is right to fight evil with violence. We enjoyed dancing and singing along to 'Free Nelson Mandela' in class. We also created artwork inspired by the bead-work of the Xhosa people Mandela belonged to.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

This week, Year 2 took to the skies with St Joseph's Airlines. Whilst Miss Robertshaw piloted the plane, Miss Hulbert and Mrs Mulholland (our stewardesses) oversaw the comfort and safety of all passengers. We landed in tropical Costa Rica, ready to have fun exploring some of its beautiful islands and be inspired for our 'island setting' writing in English.

This week in Maths, we have been learning how to do addition on a number line, adding two-digit numbers. We used these skills to help us with addition reasoning on Friday.

In RE, we have been learning about Abraham. We reflected on the special promise that God made to Abraham which meant leaving the place he knew and moving far away to Canaan (the Promised Land). Abraham trusted that God would look after both him and his family.

For Heritage Week, Year 2 learned about the life of Martin Luther King and the contributions he made to the American civil rights movement in the 1960s. His most famous work was his, "I Have a Dream" speech, in which he spoke of his dream of a United States that was void of segregation and racism. We discussed what our dreams would be and impact that they could have for our world.

Our week finished with Art. In preparation for our walk round Otley next week, we looked at some historical buildings and landmarks in Otley and sketched these.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

As part of 'Heritage Fortnight', Year 3 have enjoyed leaning about Mary Seacole. We watched a short film about her life and found out that she was a nurse at the same time as Florence Nightingale. We made spider diagrams to help us record and remember all of the interesting facts we had found out about her extraordinary life. We then used these facts to write a non-fiction report about Mary.

We continued our work about Mary Seacole during our topic time. We found out that she used herbal remedies to help heal the wounded soldiers. We sorted the different plants and matched them to what they were used for. For example; ginger was used to heal an upset stomach and lemongrass is good to bring down a fever!

In Maths, we have been working very hard to add and subtract multiples of 100. We used practical resources to help us draw bar models. We had to think carefully to make our bar models accurate.



## YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in RE, Year Four discussed what we have learnt over our RE topic of 'The Bible'. We answered questions to demonstrate our understanding. We then chose the topic of our class mass and wrote prayers to accompany the mass.

In English, we looked back at our story of the Iron Man, writing a summary of what we have read so far before predicting what will happen next. We then read on and analysed how Ted Hughes uses imagery in his writing.

In Maths, we started our topic with addition. We learnt about adding to place value columns before recapping column addition and applying it to 4-digit numbers.

As part of our Heritage topic, we learnt about Rosa Parks and how she made a difference. We carried out a research project about her, and created posters in pairs to show our learning.

In science we have covered element of maths, Art, D&T, and music as part of our topic on Sound. This week we started to make our own pan pipes using plastic straws.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

We have been learning all about the life of Mother Teresa. We learnt all about how she was selfless, kind and caring towards others who are less fortunate. We ordered the events in her life on a timeline. We then wrote an informative biography about her life included.

During our science lessons, we looked into a bit of history about the shape of the Earth. We discussed the theories of the flat Earth and spherical Earth. We also explores the solar system. We ordered the planets of our solar system and then wrote facts about each of them.

In RE, we have discussed the story of the Fall. We first discussed the story and how this affected us today. We then looked at a picture of art work and talked about what it showed and our deepest thoughts about it. After this, we did a debate about who was responsible for the Fall/original sin.



## YEAR 6 NEWS

In RE this week, Year 6 looked at the Sacrament of marriage. The children used our new YouCat books to find out what the Church teaches about this Sacrament; looked at different Bible quotes and read about what happens in a marriage ceremony.

In English, we started reading our new book, "Over the Line" which is about a group of footballers at the beginning of World War One. We also practised finding determiners and writing expanded noun phrases.

In Maths, we have been looking at reading, writing and comparing numbers up to 10 million. To help us we have used place value charts and counters.

In PE last Friday, the children enjoyed practising their standing long jump and triple jump using tape measures to measure how far they had jumped. A reminder that Year 6 will be taking part in a Rugby Festival next Thursday at PHGS.

As part of our Heritage topic, we learnt about Mahatma Gandhi and how he fought for independence and rights for the poor in India through peaceful protests, and long periods of fasting.





# AWARDS



## GOLDEN TABLE

Finn (Y1), Olivia (Y2), Lexie (Y4), Jude (Y6)

## SUNSHINE AWARD

JAKE (Y1), SAMUEL S (Y2), NIAMH (Y3)  
ABIGAIL (Y4), LUAN (Y5), EVIE (Y6)



## WRITER OF THE WEEK AWARD

AMELIE (Y1), HEIDI (Y2), PHOEBE (Y3),  
LEXIE (Y4), LUCY (Y5), PIO (Y6)



# SPORTING EVENTS



## Upcoming Events

8th October: KS2 Cross Country at Wharfemeadows

24th October: Y6 Rugby Festival



# 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	