



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 19 July 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS



HAPPY HOLIDAY

We would like to wish every single one of you a happy and healthy summer holiday! We will be retuning back to school on **Tuesday 3rd September 2019**.

Monday 2nd September is a staff training day.

Enjoy your time off and we look forward to see you all ready and raring to go for the next school year in September!

Thank you.

A NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

A big thank-you to everyone – children, staff, parents/carers and governors for another brilliant year at St Joseph's; you have all worked so hard and have been an incredibly supportive community, truly living out 'As a family, with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn'.

I would like to wish all the children who are leaving today all the very best in their new schools, it has been a pleasure to have you at St Joseph's.

Thank-you for all your generosity to the staff this week particularly, they are heading home laden with lovely cards and gifts and your kindness is very much appreciated.

Finally, I wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing break, as always, you are all in my prayers.

With very best wishes to you all,

Cecilia Knight



NO BANANAS OR NUTS

POLITE REMINDER

We request that children do not bring bananas or nuts to school.

As part of health and safety, we have to use preventative measures to ensure the safety of children with an allergy to bananas and nuts. This applied to baked goods for bun sales and packed lunches too.

Thank you for your co-operation.



WELL DONE TO ST JOSEPH'S CHILDREN

A huge well done to some of our fabulous pupils who took part in a Yorkshire Peaks Challenge on Saturday 22nd June with the Reavey Family, to raise funds for Clatterbridge Cancer Hospital.

A number of children from St Josephs (13), St Mary's (11) and PHGS (2) became Wherside Warriors, comfortably completing the 8.5mile route in very warm conditions!

They were joined by nearly 70 adults from the local area and further afield to raise, so far, nearly £12000 to support the hospital in its efforts to provide vital care and treatment.

Throughout the challenges, everyone showed themselves to be outstanding representatives of our school and their communities. They encouraged and supported one another, showed great resilience and determination and did it all with strength and positivity.

Well done to Heidi (Y1), Eva (Y3), Rhys (Y3), William (Y3), Agnes (Y3), Mia (Y3), Esther (Y3), Talullah (Y3), Euan (Y4), Paddy (Y5), Daniel (Y5), Edward (Y6), Ned (Y6) and Edie (Y6)



PARENT PAY

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

There are payments due for after-school clubs, trips and dinner money.



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Many thanks.

FOSJ—CYCLING THE RAINBOW

Friends of St Joseph's will be hosting a sponsored cycling event at the Brownlee Cycle Circuit on **Saturday 21st September** to coincide with Yorkshire hosting the UCI Cycling World Championships.



Can we cycle further than the pro's?!"

More information coming in September!

HEALTHY SCHOOLS



On Friday last week, Leila and Freddie spent the morning at Leeds Civic Hall to attend the Leeds Healthy School Celebration Event. They are our school food ambassadors and went to collect our Healthy Schools certificate. At the event, Leila and Freddie enjoyed watching a cheer leading performance, listening to different choirs and even doing some yoga.

We are now self-validated as a Leeds Healthy School and next year we will have a visit by a member of the Leeds Healthy School Team to confirm this status. We have looked at the data from the health surveys that Years 5 and 6 completed, and are hoping to introduce some new ideas in the new academic year to make us all even healthier and our school even better.

KIDS FUNTIME

EVERY WEDNESDAY

OTLEY MARKET PLACE

11am - 3pm

Everything is

FREE

to use

Suitable for children
from age 2 to 13



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CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Your light is the only light I need
as I travel through life's journey.

Your word the only voice I hear,
that still small voice that leads me
to the place where I should be.

Your presence is the only company I need,
as I walk this narrow road.

Your friendship the strength I need
to help me on my way. 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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SACRAMENT DATES



<u>Confirmation</u>	
Parents Meeting	Thursday 11 th July @ 6pm in Y6 Classroom
Candidate Meetings	Thursday 12 th September
Enrolment Mass	Sunday 22 nd September @ 9:30am in Church
Candidate Meetings	Thursday 19 th September, Thursday 26 th September, Thursday 3 rd October, Thursday 10 th October, Thursday 17 th October
Rehearsal	Thursday 14 th November
Confirmation Mass	Wednesday 20 th November @ 7pm in Leeds Cathedral
Going Forth Mass	Sunday 24 th November @ 9:30am in Church



<u>Reconciliation</u>	
Parents Meeting	Wednesday 8 th January @ 7:30pm in Parish Centre
Candidate Meetings	Wednesday 15 th January, Wednesday 22 nd January, Wednesday 29 th January, Wednesday 5 th February, Wednesday 12 th February
Reconciliation Service	Saturday 29 th February @ 10:30am in OLAS
Reconciliation Service	Saturday 7 th March @ 10:30am in OLAS

IMPORTANT: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—CHANGE OF DATE

Please note, the date of the First Holy Communion has changed to

Saturday 2nd May 2020.

This is due to the change of date for the May Bank Holiday (which is Friday 8th May).

Further details about the Candidate Meetings will be released in September.

Thank you.



FAITH IN ACTION

Congratulations to Eliza, Leona, Matilde & Niamh in Year 6 who received their Faith in Action Pin Level certificates signed by Bishop Marcus on Wednesday at the Year 6 Leavers Mass.



The girls had to produce books showing evidence of different types of prayer, social action, pilgrimage & procession and parish action that they had undertaken over the year. This is the first year the Award has been introduced to schools in the Leeds diocese after a pilot last year. The girls completed most of the work at home in their own time and the standard of their work was excellent.

We hope that we will be able to hand out more awards next year to the current Year 5 children.



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

We have had a great final week in Reception. We have spent a lot of time getting ready for the Teddy bear's Picnic, making flapjacks and sandwiches. On Tuesday afternoon we spent the afternoon playing with our buddies, and teddy bears before having our picnic. We all had a brilliant time.

On Wednesday we did PE and focused on ball and skipping activities before getting the big parachute out. It was great fun.

In RE we learnt about why Sunday is an important day for the church. We talked about why we celebrate Sunday, as this is the day that Jesus rose from the dead.

Thank you for all your help and support over the last year. We hope you all have a lovely summer full of fun and happy times. The children have worked so hard this year so please keep encouraging them to engage in reading, writing and counting activities in preparation for Year 1.

Many thanks for our very kind gifts.

The Reception Staff



YEAR 1 NEWS

What a busy last week for year one!

In RE we learnt about the first miracle Jesus performed at 'The Wedding in Cana'. We imagined we were guests at the wedding and wrote speech bubbles for what we would have said/thought.

In English this week we finished off our 'Stanley's Stick' stories. We then edited our work making sure it was interesting to read for the audience.

In Maths we finished our topic on time. We learnt how to read and write the time to half past the hour and learnt how to record time in seconds.

On Thursday we met up with our Year Five reading buddies for the final time. They read us stories before playing games with us in the playground.

Miss Chappel and Mrs Deyes would like to say thank you to us all for being such superstars. They are so proud of how much we have all grown up. Good luck in Year 2!



YEAR 2 NEWS

For our last week in Year 2 we concluded our Wonderful World Topic by comparing animals in Africa to animals in the UK. We wrote fact files about a variety of animals that can be found in the savannas, grasslands, jungles and deserts. Thank you for returning the school reading books. Each child has been allocated two online books for the holidays.

In Maths, we've been working on our tables to try and get certificates for our 2s, 5s and 10s. To qualify for Gold, not only do we need to know them out of sequence, but to recognise them by their product (the result of multiplying) and answer with the multiplication. Some children have even been practising their 4s and 6s!

Our Leader in Me work has focused on the synergy of involving others. When we do this we can take the best ideas of our peers and use them to create even better ideas. We demonstrated this by holding hands within small groups: our task was to pass a hoop through the group without breaking away. By working in synergy with one another we achieved our goal, which would have been impossible without each other's cooperation.

Finally, thank you for the lovely gifts and cards we have received from Year 2. We have had a fantastic, fun-filled year teaching them. They have worked so hard and we're proud of all their achievements. We wish them all the very best as they move up to KS2. We hope you have a lovely summer.



YEAR 3 NEWS

We have had a fantastic last week in Year 3. We have finished our 'Time' topic in Maths, we have really developed our ability to tell the time to the nearest minute.

In RE, we have discussed the importance of prayer and the various signs and symbols that are linked to prayer. We drew pictures of different places we might pray, then we wrote about the importance of prayer and how it helps us.

It has been a brilliant year working hard and having lots of fun. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach all of the children in Year 3! We would like to say thank you for your continued support during the year and the lovely gifts that we have received.

I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable summer ready for Year 4.



YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in English we have been reading Roald Dahl's 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and discussing what ingredients could be put into a fictitious medicine of our own design. We enjoyed designing our own 'medicines'.

In Maths we have been constructing line graphs to show changes over time and interpreting them. We also explored using coordinates to find position and locations on a square grid.

In Art we have finished painting patterns on our Egyptian spinning tops. They are all decorated in eye-catching colours. In P.E we have been creating our own treasure hunts and writing clues to give to another team to explore the school grounds. The children had a very hot and fun afternoon trying out different 'treasure-hunts'.

Mrs Keane visited the class on Wednesday morning with her beautiful new baby girl. The children really enjoyed the visit and gave Mrs Keane a card they had made.



YEAR 5 NEWS

What a fantastic last week!

This week, Year 5 have continued our work on the Leader in Me. We learnt about how to think 'Win-Win' to resolve conflicts, how to work on being more effective communicators in Habit 5. We also thought about how to 'synergize' to work better as part of a team and also how we need to work on our whole selves to 'Sharpen the Saw' (Habit 7).

We were also presented with our beautiful dictionaries from the Otley Rotary Club, which we are able to take and enjoy at home.

This week was also our last session with our reading buddies; we have all enjoyed getting to know and helping our buddies. We had fun making cards for them and playing with them outside on the field.

It has been a brilliant year in Year 5; all the children have worked so hard and should be very proud of themselves. Good luck to them all in Year 6. A massive thank you from myself and Mrs Kealey for the very, very generous gifts and kind messages! We hope everyone has a brilliant summer holiday.



YEAR 6 NEWS

So we have finally reached the last day of Primary school for our Year 6 children, the year seems to have gone in a blink of an eye. On Wednesday, we celebrated the Year 6 Leavers Mass and the Year 6 Leavers assembly - thank you to all the parents, family members and friends who were able to join us for this special occasion.

Then on Thursday, the children had their leaving party where they went bowling followed by dinner at Nandos; it was all great fun and the children were brilliantly behaved. The children would like to thank the 'Friends of St. Joseph's' who raise the money for the school and all the people who support 'Friends of Joseph' events. Some of the money raised is used to treat all our Year 6 classes.

Over the past 7 years, the class of 2019 have dazzled us with their many talents and we shall miss them all. We wish them all the very best in the future - we know they will continue to be amazing.

