



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 2 March 2012

Parents Evening

Please ensure that you return your slip to the class teachers indicating your preferred day to attend Parents Evenings which are being held on Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th March.

All welcome to the Leeds St. Patrick's Day Parade and Celebrations at Millennium Square, Leeds from 10.30am to 4.00pm on Sunday, 11th March. St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Nicholas' Church, Leeds at 6.00pm on Saturday, 17th March - all welcome.

On the Golden Table: Eva (R), Molly (R), Noah (Y1) & Kyle (Y4)

Good Shepherd Fund Raising —Don't forget that toast will be on sale at morning break each Wednesday until Easter. Toast will be on sale for 20p per slice and all proceeds will go towards our Good Shepherd Appeal. Please sign up at the office if you can help toast or butter from 10.15—11.00 on Wednesday. Thank you.

Well done to our Basketball Team who played in the Partnership Finals on Tuesday although they only lost 1 match unfortunately they didn't qualify for the knock out round. The team players were Ben, Declan, Jamie, Matthew, Sam, Stephen, Annabel and Verity. Thank you to all of the parents for their support.

CLITHEROW HOUSE - Further to the letter which was sent home yesterday, can I please reiterate how important it is to avoid driving up to the school gate from Manor Square, particularly whilst the Clitherow House refurbishment is in progress. Work is due to start on Monday and during this time there will be deliveries and contractor's vehicles throughout the day using the road from Manor Square.

The contractors have been instructed that parking of construction vehicles on the access road/driveway is not permitted and that access for residents of Manor Court is to be maintained at all times. We would ask that parents are equally obliging by not parking on the access road (and thus hindering access for the contractors and the Manor Court residents.)

A reminder also that there will be no pedestrian access to the school using the path beside Clitherow House.

Polite Notice

It has come to my attention that there have been several 'near misses' again involving cars driving up to the school gate and children arriving on foot on a morning. May I kindly ask parents NOT to drive up to school when dropping children off at school. The school doors are now open from 8.40am and there are lots of children arriving on foot from this time & we need to ensure that there is no unnecessary traffic at this time of day. May I also remind parents & carers that, although the school doors are now open from 8.40am, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that children arrive safely into the school building before 8.55am and that school cannot be held responsible for children who are dropped off on the access road to school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT!

Friday 23 March @ 8pm in the School Hall
Tickets are £4 each, available from the Office to include a Chilli Supper. There will be a Bar available on the night. Gather your team (approx. 6) and collect your tickets soon to avoid disappointment!
Thank you for your continued support

Goodbye!

It is with sadness that will be saying 'goodbye' to Mrs Wilyman on Thursday next week. We wish Mrs Wilyman and her family lots of luck and best wishes as they leave to set up a new life in Australia! Mrs Wilyman will be greatly missed.

Well done to the Tri Golf team who played in a Festival on Thursday night. The team were: Declan, Matthew, Dylan, Gemma, Poppy, Sylvia, Ellie, Libby and Orla. A big thank you to Mrs Roberts who took the team.

Yellow Moon

Yellow Moon Gift Catalogues were sent home earlier this week. School will receive commission on any orders placed as long as you quote the code on the front of the magazine when ordering. Order directly—no need to return anything to school. There are lots of goodies for children and plenty of arts & crafts activities to keep them busy over the Easter holidays!

In Year 2 this week, we have been busy writing dinosaur posters and dinosaur glossaries on the computer. In our IPC topic we have been looking at different environments around the world including: the desert, cities and seaside.

Sunshine Awards This Week: Meredith (R), Leo (Y1), Chloe (Y2), Pierce (Y3), Sam (Y4), Ruari (Y5), Laurie (Y6).

Otley Out of School Club

OOOSC are running a 'Holiday Playscheme' for 3-12 year olds offering arts, crafts, sports & trips to local places of interest. The scheme will be open from Monday 2nd—Thursday 5th April, and Tuesday 10th—Friday 13th April
Price £20 per day or £2.50 per hour

For more information or to book please call Dianne or Cath on 01943 462244.

WANTED: If anyone has an 'all terrain' type child's pushchair for sale (preferably the three big wheeler type) please phone Judith Richards on 01943 463833.

St Patricks Night Celebration—Thursday 15th March at 8.00pm at The Craiglunds Hotel, Ilkley. Tickets are £15 each including 2 course dinner, coffee, music and dancing... Please contact John Swale, 01943 462847 for tickets.

This week in Year 1 we have been taking a trip through history looking at all the interesting clothes in the past. We especially liked looking through the pictures our families supplied of parents, grandparents, great grandparents and some even further back than that! We especially found it funny looking at the clothes Miss Davis wore when she was little. Those 80's have a lot to answer for!! After researching information texts last week we have started to produce our own books on clothes. So far we have a page on uniforms and one on clothes around the world. Some of us have even written some words in bold writing to be included in a glossary at the end. We have been very excited to be using balances to compare weight in maths. You would have thought we were at the greatest show on earth with the cheers coming from our classroom when our predictions were correct about which objects would be heavier and lighter. It's the simple things that keep us entertained in Year 1. I'm sure the children won't let you forget but just to remind you it's our trip to Armley Mills next Thursday. A separate letter has been sent home about arrangements for this. Miss Davis

A big 'thank you' and 'well done' to our parent team of toasters. My letter asking for help in making toast on Wednesday mornings produced a fine crop of chefs who proved themselves expert in the art of toasting -whilst-under- pressure. The children enjoyed the snack and it raised £41.60 for the Good Shepherd appeal, which as you know is for projects in our diocese involving children in care and homes for the elderly. So we look forward to another morning of this exquisite English delicacy next Wednesday. Our Lenten promise to make ourselves better people, and help others continued with our Faith lunch to-day. We all (staff and volunteers included!!) had the minimum amount for lunch and gave the money that we would otherwise have spent to CAFOD so that our brothers and sisters around the world will benefit from our sacrifice. We have all started well so let us hope that through our community spirit we will help and support each other throughout the next 36 days of Lent. Mrs Heatley.