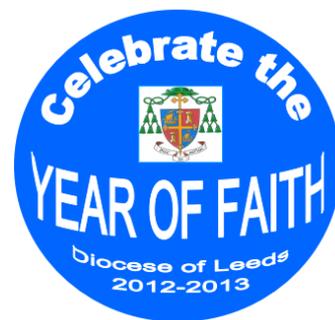


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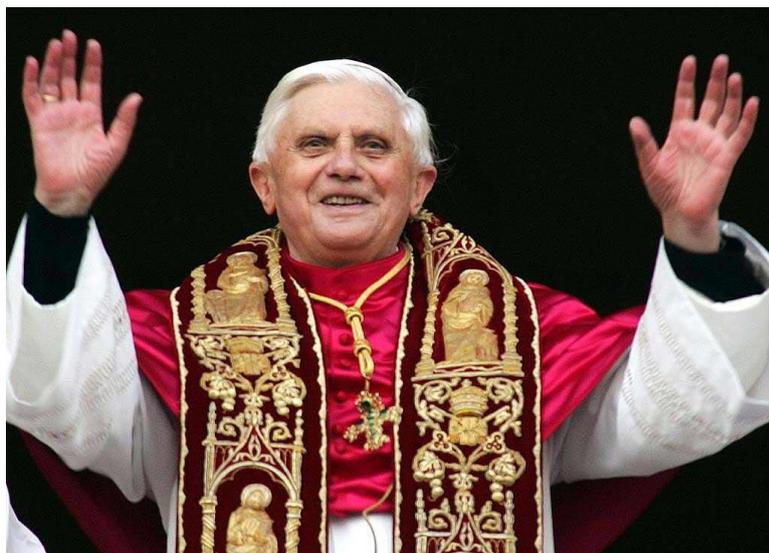
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If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the weekly newsletter, please call into the office and provide your email address. Alternatively, send a note into school with your details so that you can be added to the mailing list. Thanks

Year of Faith

The Year of Faith started on Thursday, to mark the 50th anniversary of the start of the Second Vatican Council. It will run until the 24th November 2013 which is the Feast of the Solemnity of Christ the King. During the year, the Pope wants us to think about how we can grow in faith and how we can use our faith to help others. On Thursday, in school we had a special assembly to introduce the Year of Faith to the children. During the assembly, the children learned about Saint Therese of Lisieux who believed by doing lots of little acts of kindness she could make a big difference and by doing this she would be showing her love for God. She said, "Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance, every word and the doing of least actions for love." To launch our Year of Faith in school, the children have been asked to follow Saint Therese and do 5 little acts of kindness. These will then be written on flowers, as Saint Therese was known as 'The Little Flower', and displayed in the entrance.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

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 to wish to spend a few moments in quiet prayer or reflection.

Y6 Robinwood Residential

A reminder that the first instalment of £35.00 for the Robinwood trip is due before we break up for half term. This can be paid in cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to St Joseph's School. Thank you

The next FHC Meeting for children will take place on Tuesday at 3.15—4.15pm in the Y3 classroom. The children will also celebrate together at 9.30am Mass on Sunday 14th October

Reminder - Phonics Information Evening for KS1 parents next Tuesday at 7pm. It would be fantastic to see lots of you there as phonics is essential in early reading. Miss Davis

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

WED 24TH & THURS 25TH OCTOBER

Appointments have been sent home for Parents Evening. If you have not returned your slip requesting a slot or have not received your appointment time please contact the class teacher.

Last week, in Year 2 we went to the park as part of our IPC topic, toys. At the park, we looked at what outdoor toys there were in the park, used our feet to measure markings on the floor, looked at the map of the park and sketched the different things we could see. In our lessons this week, we have followed up our visit by thinking about what we liked/disliked in the park and we have written directions on how to get there. Thank you to Mrs Diamond, Mrs Gunnoe and Mrs Sutton who came with us. In Literacy this week, we have had a go at writing our own versions of The Three Billy Goats Gruff from the point of view of the troll and in Numeracy we have been learning about 2D shapes.



In Year 6 we have been busy with Cycle Training this week! We were out on the playground and in the streets of Otley with our high vis vests, helmets and bikes! The trainers were really impressed with our listening skills, ability to follow instructions and safety on the roads. They have deemed us more than qualified cyclists! In addition to this, we have been artists this week, studying and re-creating the work of Impressionist artists. We went out into our school grounds armed with cameras, and took images which we then used to create paintings in the style of Renoir, Monet and the gang! We have been most creative indeed this week! Miss Edwards & Mrs Condliffe.

A "long awaited day" in Year 3! Our recorders have arrived, so musical nirvana is within our grasp. We shall be starting with some of the tunes that we all love to play, so do be ready to join us in assembly to hear our 26 beginner recorders showing their prowess.

Mrs Heatley

CALENDAR COMPETITION 2013

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART. THE LADIES IN THE KITCHEN HAD A MASSIVE JOB TO CHOOSE 12 PICTURES, THEY WERE ALL GREAT! KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED AND "GOOD LUCK ST JOSEPH'S"

ALL OF THE ENTRIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN SCHOOL ON PARENTS EVENING SO THAT YOU CAN ALL ENJOY THE CHILDREN'S ARTWORK.



Writer of the Week:

The first recipients of this new weekly prestigious award were:

*Alicia (Rec), Ava (Y1), Charlotte (Y2),
Francesca (Y3), Niamh W (Y4), Jack (Y5)
& Clement (Y6).*

FRUIT will be on sale to KS2 children each morning break time priced 25p per item.

Admissions for September 2013—OPEN DAY

We will be hosting an **Open Day** for all prospective 2013 children on **Wednesday 17th October**. If your child is due to start school next September please call into the office and collect a Supplementary Information Form for admission to St Joseph's. Please note that this form is **in addition** to the Common Preference Form from Leeds City Council which will also need to be completed.

Letters were sent home earlier this week detailing the results of the Parent Survey which took place towards the end of last year. If you did not receive a copy please call into the office and pick one up.

On the Golden Table:

Clara (Rec), Haley (Y1), James A (Y2) & Callum F (Y4)

Reception: Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Stay & Play' yesterday, it was nice to see so many of you here! This week we have been thinking about how we have changed since we were babies & all the things we can do now that we couldn't then. We used our Numicon shapes for counting and ordering and are now getting good at recognising the number each shape represents. Our sounds of the week are g,o,c,k, we have been learning to blend the sounds to read words and segmenting to make/write words we are already getting very good at it!

Please continue to help your child to learn their new sounds (without the ugh at the end!). To find out more ways you can help with this, please come to the Phonics Evening on Tuesday. Thank you. Mrs Dykes & Miss Procter.

This week in Year 1 a Spooky Spell Corner arrived in our classroom. Thank goodness we have been writing instructions. We explored outside to find ingredients for our spell first. Take a look at our class page on the website to see what we got up to. After this we were able to write some fantastic spells using our bossy words. In maths we have been naming and describing 2d and 3d shapes. We found so many outside and used our excellent photography skills to take photos of all the shapes we could see. Back in the classroom we used shapes to make pictures and discussed what features made them perfect for that picture. We have been working hard on our assembly this week and hope you all enjoyed it! Just a reminder that next Thursday is our trip to Ilkley Toy Museum. If you haven't yet returned the reply slip please could you do so on Monday. Many thanks.

Miss Davis

SUNSHINE AWARDS THIS WEEK

WENT TO:

*Hattie (Rec), Sammy (Y1), Malachy (Y2),
Connie (Y3), Calum (Y4), Kyle (Y5) &
Clement (Y6).*

Year 5 have been busy manipulating numbers this week. We have explored square and prime numbers and also looked at factors and multiples. In Literacy We have been laughing at the funny poems written by Pie Corbett and analysing the language used. Next week we will continue this and will also be learning about 'idioms', something that the children always love. Our writing star this week is Jack, who wrote a great explanation of how to find factors using Numicon, well done Jack. Have a great weekend, Miss Cree.



The high light of our week has now become our Friday swimming session. Despite some of us having initial doubts about being in a pool or never having had swimming lessons therefore feeling apprehensive, Year 3 has been having a great time as guests of Prince Henry Grammar School. Our instructors make it fun and everyone learns a lot and gains in confidence. We must also be one of the healthiest classes around, as we walk to the pool, have a very active half hour in the water and then walk back to school. All before lunch!! In our photograph you see us after a busy morning yet still cheerful and using our very best manners as visitors to PHGS.

