



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL OTLEY,
A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
Friday 6th September 2013



Dear Families,

Welcome back to the new school year, the good weather over the holidays obviously agreed with the children as they have come back looking relaxed, taller and brimming with enthusiasm.

We have had the last two classrooms (Years 2 and 3) refurbished as part of our on-going improvements so all of the classrooms look lovely now and provide a nice working environment for pupils and staff.

I would like to welcome all the new members of staff - Miss Kendall (YR), Miss Celli (Y1), Miss Hulbert (Y2), Miss Choma (Y5/ Acting DHT), Miss Tabel and Mr Voller (TAs in Y3 and Y5 respectively). I am sure you will give them all your full support. Mr Barber (Site Manager) is still off sick and will be for a while so I ask you to bear with us if things do not run as smoothly as usual on the premises front - we are doing our best! We are also a person down in the office as Mrs Jessop has started a new job so again your support and patience is much appreciated at this time.

We have arranged for each class teacher to host a **curriculum information evening** where parents can come in and hear about what the class will be doing over the coming year and some tips for supporting children in their learning. We received lots of positive feedback from parents last year about these evenings so please come along if you can. The dates are:

- YR - Wednesday 25th September 6.30pm
- Y1 - Tuesday 24th September 6.30pm
- Y2 - Monday 23rd September 7.00pm
- Y3 - Wednesday 25th September 7.15pm
- Y4 - Tuesday 24th September 7.15pm
- Y5 - Thursday 26th September 7.00pm
- Y6 - Monday 23rd September 7.00pm

Class teachers will continue to send out the curriculum information newsletters each half term.

Parent's consultation evenings are:

Wednesday 24th October 3.30 - 6.00 Thursday 25th October 5.30—8.00

Tuesday 1st April 3:30—6:00 Thursday 3rd April 5:30—8:30

Last term we held a topic week in school around the theme of music (as voted for by the pupils). It was a really vibrant and enjoyable week that culminated in a 'Topic Showcase' on the Friday after school where families were able to visit each classroom to see the variety work that had gone on across the whole school. The pupils and staff really enjoyed the week and the pupils requested that we repeat the experience, suggesting topics they would like to investigate. We have decided to hold 5 topic weeks over the coming academic year with a showcase event at the end of each week on Friday after school. The topics and dates are:

Otley, wc 4/11/13

Space, wc 6/1/14

Animals and nature, wc 24/2/14

Robots, wc 21/4/14

World Cup wc 2/6/14

Please note that the vast majority of information and news about school goes out via the weekly newsletter so please make sure you read it. The newsletter is emailed out to those who have registered for it and it goes on the website each week as well as paper copies being available in the office reception area. We are going to send out a paper copy to each family until half-term to make sure everyone can get in to the habit of reading it.

Mrs Knight

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.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

**Start of Term Mass will be held
in Church on Friday 13th
September 2013 @ 9.15am.**

All Welcome.

We will resume Friday Assemblies on Friday 20th September.

We will publish a list of Class Assembly dates and other important dates and send it out to parents in due course

MUSIC LESSONS

All Music Lessons will resume next week. Please ensure your child knows which day and time their lesson will be. **Payment can be made by cash or cheque (to BWCAT). Brass: £70. Guitar, Flute, Clarinet and Violin: £60**

We would appreciate prompt payment as we have already paid in advance for these lessons. If your child does not want to continue with their Music Lesson, please see Mrs Heatley; a terms notice is required.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS AT SCHOOL

The staff have kindly agreed to offer various afterschool clubs again this year, depending upon their own personal interests. Please note, a full timetable will be sent home with children and letters for Y5/Y6 Football & Netball, Y3/Y4 Running/Fitness, KS1 & KS2 Cooking Clubs have already gone home with children who have shown an interest. Please call into the Office if you require a letter

Junior Badminton Club

Junior Badminton Coaching is taking place every Saturday morning, starting this week, at Prince Henry's sports hall. For ages 10-16. Beginners or experienced players very welcome.

For more information, or to reserve a place, contact

Otley Badminton Club by

email: info@otleybadmintonclub.co.uk, or by

phone: 07860 242089

Otley Police Station Open Day

On Saturday 7th September, from 11am-3pm, Aireborough and Wharfedale Neighbourhood Policing Team are holding an Open Day. Free entry for what will be a great family day out with raffles, cakes, bouncy castles, and you can even explore vintage police cars and tour the cells.

DINNER MONEY CHARGES

Children who currently receive school meals have been given a letter with details of the charges for school meals for this year. For your information, they are as follows:

REC—Y4: £1.90 per day Y5—Y6: £1.95 per day

Payment can be made via cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to 'BWCAT' (The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust). We are pursuing an online payment scheme across the Trust and will advise when this becomes available.

Please send Dinner Money into school in a *clearly marked envelope* on a Monday.

Please note that two weeks notice is required if your child would like to change from Packed Lunches to School Meals and vice-versa.

We have put the latest menus on our website so that parents of younger children can assist their children with daily meal choices.

WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH'S!

We welcome three new families to our school this term. We are sure they will be made welcome by all of our parents and carers and will soon become involved in our School Family. The children have already settled into the term and have found new friends.

Welcome to Amber (Y3), Hugo (Y3), Niamh (Y4) and Sadie (Y5)

LOCAL VISITS FORMS

Each year, we are required to obtain parental/guardian consent for each child to leave the school grounds for local visits. We hope you have received your child's already this week and will sign and return the consent as soon as possible. Please note that if we do not have a consent form returned, a child may not be able to leave school on a supervised visit within the Otley area for the furtherance of their education.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

This week, we are sending home a Data Collection Sheet with every child. Please can we ask you to check the information on the sheet and update any details, particularly daytime telephone numbers and contacts. Please then sign and **return your child's Data Collection Sheet to their class teacher at your earliest convenience** so that can keep our records up to date. Many Thanks, Mrs Boswell

Y3 FRIDAY SWIMMING

Y3 will start their swimming programme on Friday 20th September. The children walk from school to PHGS at approx. 9.50am and return at approx. 11.30am. If you can help assist with walking the children to and from the pool, please call into the Office and complete a DBS Clearance Check. Thank you.
Mrs Heatley & Y3 children

KS2 FRUIT—25p per piece

Year 6 Fun Friends are back selling fruit this term! The Market Sellers of Otley would be proud of them as they go out onto the KS2 playground to sell their fresh basket of fruit. Please send your child in with 25p if they would like to buy fresh fruit or Sultanas at morning break

Ilkley Literature Festival

Running from Friday 4th to Sunday 20th October, it is a fantastic event to encourage children to read and also write their own stories. On the 12th and 13th there are visits from authors including Cathy Cassidy, as well as the production of the Boy Who Cried Wolf for ages of 3-7 and a performance from the children's stand up comedian and poet James Campbell. Children from all year groups are also able to enter their Children's Poetry Competition with prizes up for grabs. To book for these events, or the many more they are holding, Call 01943 816714 or book online at www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk.

COMMUNICATING THE NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CARERS

Our weekly Newsletter is being sent home with oldest child in each family **for this half term**. We will also send the Newsletter via email and it will be uploaded to the School Website on a regular basis. There is always a copy of the Newsletter available from the Office area each week. If you don't receive the Newsletter by email and would like to, please complete the slip below and return to the Office so that we can update our database. It is our main form of communication giving details of changes to the Club timetables, Classroom Weekly news, Sunshine Awards, Golden Table pupils and lots of other school and local information ; it is our main source of keeping in touch with you.

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Name of Child/ren:

Yr Group(s):

Name of Parent / Carer:

Email Address: