



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY  
SCHOOL OTLEY,  
A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
Friday 8th November 2013



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY—POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to our Y6 Fun Friends who sold Poppies this week. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the donations given by the children. Thank you for your support.

100% in NOVEMBER

Leeds City Council are running this very successful competition again this year. If a child has 100% attendance from 5<sup>th</sup> November to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013 inclusive, they will be automatically entered into the free prize draw. At least one prize will be given out per school in the Otley, Aireborough and Horsforth area.

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

**Morrisons Let's Grow Vouchers**—Thank you to everyone who had one last check in their pockets for vouchers; we place our order of Gardening gear soon!

**OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS FAYRE—SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER**

Our Lady & All Saints Parish Church are holding their annual Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 30 November 2013** in the School Hall. As always, school helps in any way we can. We are asking for your help. Instead of the usual Toy Tombola, we thought we would have a Sweet Tombola! Please could we ask that on **Monday 25 November**, the children can wear non-uniform and bring in a contribution to the stall. We have also been asked to ask for donations to the Red stall (anything red goes!!), the toiletries stall and the bottle stall. If you have any items that you think are suitable, please call into the Office and leave them there. Thank you.

LAST CALL FOR ENTRIES into 'The Great School Lunch' promotion. If your child would still like to take part in the competition, please ask them to *complete the activities on the reverse of the sheet sent home with the last Newsletter, including drawing their idea of a great school lunch, and return it to the School Office by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.*

**SKYECYCLE BAGS**

Thank you to everyone who brought in a bag or two for the Skyecycle collection that took place this week. We hope to report a bumper 'weight' this year as we had a great response this year. We will keep you informed when we receive the weight of the bags in cash; all proceeds go to the Friends of St Joseph's

**LADIES NIGHT: FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2013, 7.30pm onwards**

The Committee has been busy organising another fun Ladies Night for the ladies in the school and parish community! In the past, this has been a great opportunity to start some Christmas Shopping whilst enjoying a glass of wine, or having a casual social evening with friends. We hope it will be the same this year as we have secured the following stalls: Body Shop, Home Decor and gifts, Homemade Chutneys and Jams, Christmas Card making, Jewellery, Shoes, Books, Pictures and even massages! Tickets are available from the Office @ £2.50 each. We will have a Bar and a Raffle on the night;

The Friends of St Joseph's look forward to seeing you there

## TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER: TOPIC WEEK—OTLEY

What a fantastic week we have had this week in school. Reception Class made box models of their favourite buildings in Otley, painted pictures and designed a BeeBot map of Otley. Y1 went up the Chevin on a walk to explore our countryside and forest, Y2 walked the length and breadth of Otley on Market Day to see how things worked, visited lots of our old buildings and received a guided tour around the Courthouse. They have also made lots of craft items to sell in their own 'Market' this afternoon. They had a visit from a local Cartographer who showed them how to make a model of Otley! Y3 & Y4 also took a walk around Otley and sketched various buildings and visited many local hotspots that they perhaps wouldn't normally have noticed whilst walking around town. Y5 were looking at a DT & Maths focus and recreated Otley Bridge! Y6 spent the week looking at Victorian Otley and finished it off by dressing in Victorian clothing today!

We were also lucky enough to arrange for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 to visit the Courthouse for a Science Show this week. Phew.... and its only week one of this half term! Check the website for pictures of these fantastic events; each class are keeping their own log of their learning fun!



**Sunshine Awards this week went to:** Rec: Beth, Y1: Ned, Y2: Heather,

Y3: Archie, Y4: Joseph, Y5: Ella, Y6: Holly

**Writers of the week with their work on display in the foyer area were:**

Rec: Maddie, Y1: Monty, Y2: Eva, Y3: Andrew, Y4: Amy, Y5: Ciaran, Y6: Oscar

**On the Golden Table this week were:** Ava (Rec), Jack L (Y4), Edward (Y1) & Holly (Y6)

Year 4 have had a busy week learning about Otley. At the beginning of the week we learnt about Otley in the past and enjoyed having a visit from a lovely lady called Joyce who has lived in Otley all her life and talked about going to school where naughty children were caned. She also remembered going to the cinema in Otley and what life was like in Otley during World War Two. To find out more about Otley's past we also had a walk around the town looking at buildings and gravestones in the churchyard! At the end of the week we looked at the Geography of Otley. We looked at maps of Otley and tried to find our school and other buildings. We were able to identify with Mrs Pratt's help that the map was at least 24 years old as various things were different to how they are now. We then focused our work on the River Wharfe and learnt about where it flows; the wildlife that lives in the Wharfe area and how the river is used (we had lots of experts about fishing!!!). We used oil pastels and water colours to make pictures of the River Wharfe and had a go at cross stitch to make fish!!!

As well as all that we had time to go the science fair where we learnt about evolution through music!!! Thank you to Mrs Swales who walked with us and of course Mrs Bates who organised the trip for us. Year 4 Team.

### Leeds United Football Coaching

Years 3, 4 and 5 will all receive football coaching from Leeds United this term on Mondays. It will start on Monday 11th November and will run for 5 weeks. All children in these classes will need to make sure that they have old trainers with them on Mondays as well as jogging bottoms and if they have shin pads to bring these in as well but these are not essential.



**POLITE NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS**—Please note, in line with the regulations that all school adhere to for the safety and well being of the pupils and staff, we ask that you do not bring dogs onto school property. We would also ask that you be mindful of the fact that some children who attend our school are not around dogs regularly and can be scared of them. Out of courtesy for these children and for members of the public and visitors to the Clinic next door, please could we ask that if you walk your dog to school, you do not leave it tied up at the gate / on the pathway, unattended. Thank you

### Y2 Parent : Teacher postponed Consultations

Reminder to all Y2 parents that their Parent : Teacher Consultations will take place *next week on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings*. These meetings will reflect the day and time that was originally arranged, prior to Miss Hulbert being ill. Text messages were sent today to remind parents of their day/time. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and Thank you for your co-operation