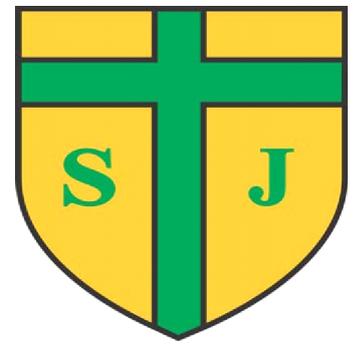


**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL OTLEY,
A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
Friday 13th MARCH 2015**



CAFOD FAITH LUNCH



On Tuesday 10th March staff and pupils pulled together as one family in Christ and participated in our annual whole school CAFOD Faith Lunch. This was a great success and we raised £400.01.

Proceeds this year will be split between CAFOD and an orphanage in Malawi, which Mrs Choma will be visiting this summer.

This was a wonderful opportunity for all staff and children to realise the privileges we have in the West and to experience in a small way the difficulties facing many people across the world—and to help! Thank you all for your generosity. Mrs Condliffe,

CAFOD Co-ordinator.

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.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Monday 30th March - 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 2nd April - 4pm - 7.00pm

Please make sure that you book online from midday on Monday 16th March until midday Friday 27th March

FILLED SMARTIE BOXES are coming back into school one by one. Thank you all for your generosity. If you still have one at home, please send it into school. Thank you. Mrs Heatley

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Otley, a Voluntary Academy:**

We are looking for a Lunchtime Assistant for 6.25 hours per week. Monday to Friday, 12.00 - 1.15pm term time only - £7.18 per hour. Successful candidate must be available to attend staff training at the end of the school day or during the school day or training days from time to time. For further details, please contact the School on 01943 463840.

SOUL EVENING - 21st MARCH

8pm - 11pm

KIRLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE, MENSTON.

In aid of Philippine Typhoon Haiyan Children

TICKET PRICE £10.00

PLEASE CONTACT: BETH 07719 785986

OR INFO: ANGELSFORCHILDREN.ORG.UK

The FoSJ would like to thank all those who attended the bingo night and supported the FOSJ. It was a really fun night! Thank you to all the parents who provided the curry supper and the members of the FOSJ team who organised the brilliant prizes and helped on the night. A big thank you also to our wonderful bingo caller Rob Lawrie and Mr Voller for helping clear up at the end.

PARENTS EVENING: As you will know from the School Calendar, we have two Parents Evening sessions coming up at the end of this term (Monday 30 March and Wednesday 1 April). We are trialling an online system for booking appointments this time around, as with some of the other schools in The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust. You should already have the information and website to book appointments to see Class Teachers. If you have any issues or cannot access a computer, please call into the Office where we can assist. Many Thanks for your continued support

SUPER SKIPPING FESTIVAL

It was an exciting day in year 2 last Thursday, World Book Day and the Skipping Festival! The children had been practising and trying their best, even when it was difficult they did not give up; they kept going and believed in themselves. Some of the children said, " It was the best day ever!" We won sixteen gold, twelve silver and two bronze awards. As all the results were added up, there was a big drum roll and Year 2 St Josephs achieved gold! (and 80 points ahead of the second school). As well as being very excited about being the champions, the children have learned that if you keep trying and you don't give up you can achieve so much. They have even learned that skipping at home is more fun than playing on the computer! Have a lovely weekend, Miss Hulbert & the Y2 Team.

Cross Country

On Tuesday afternoon a group of children from Y4, Y5 & Y6 took part in a Cross Country event at Wharfe Meadows competing against eleven other schools and with about three hundred participating. The children in Y5 & Y6 ran 1500m and Y4 children ran 900m. Well done to all the children who did well completing a long challenging course. A special well done to the Y6 boys team who finished third – the team consisted of Owen, Matthew, Felix and Calum D. A big well done also to the Y4 girls team who came first with Amber, Charlotte, Sadie, Ley and Darcy. Thank you to all parents who walked with us and came to cheer us on! Mrs Harvey.

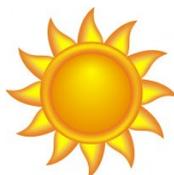
Bishop Cup 1st Round Match

The Bishop Cup is a knock out football tournament which involves the Primary Catholic schools from across Leeds. Last Friday a group of Year 6 children went to Bramley to play the 1st round match (the boys were very excited because our minibus had leather seats, it was like we were going to Wembley for the FA Cup final!!!). At the end of the 1st half the score was still 0-0 with St. Joseph's managing more shots on goal. In the second half we had a goal disallowed for off-side and unfortunately with about 5 minutes to go Christ the King managed to score a goal on the counter-attack. Despite the team giving it their all to get the goal back, it just wasn't our day!!! All the boys were really disappointed at the end as they were all so keen to win for St. Joseph's, but they played brilliantly and in my impartial opinion were the better team. Well done to everyone, I was so proud of you all. Thank you to Mrs Thomas & Charlie's Grandparents who came to cheer us on.

Mrs Harvey.

On the Golden Table this week were:

Niall (YR), Ned (Y2), Caleb (Y4), Finn (Y5)



Sunshine Awards this week went to: Y5:Jack, Y4:Joel, Y3:Annalena, Y2:Jessica Y1: Patrick, Rec: Therese

Writer of the Week Awards went to: Y5: Thomas, Y4: Beatrice, Y3: Bobby, Y2: Caitlyn, Y1: Hughie, Rec: James



LENTEN BUN SALES

The season of Lent is upon us and naturally our thoughts turn inward to deep spirituality, musings about our faith, introspective analysis of our inner being, the date of the next toast session and of course the all important question that hovers over Lent.....when do the bun sales start?? This question will have been on everyone's mind so let me reassure you that we will have the first bun sale of the season on Wednesday 18th March, hosted by years 3 and 4. Yet again we ask for your generosity and hope the year 3 and 4 parents will find it in their hearts to supply us with buns, cakes, gateaux, biscuits (or anything vaguely edible) so we can continue the fine tradition of St Joseph's raising money for Catholic Care. We shall sell the buns to the children during school and the remainder will be available in the pavilion after school.



Once again, thank you for your generosity, we know we make huge demands on your time, wallets and purses. As a community with Christ at its heart, we can all count our blessings for the safe, happy, well educated children we are jointly producing and make our alms giving part of our prayers of gratitude to God.
Mrs Heatley.

YEAR 4

In History this week we asked the question, "Would we rather be a Premiership Footballer or a Roman Gladiator?" Having found out about Roman Gladiators even those children who don't like football chose to be footballers!!!

In English, we have started writing a historical story based on our school trip. Happy Mother's Day to everyone!! Mrs Harvey, Mrs Bates and the Year 4 Team.



The Choir in Concert!

Our newly formed singing group has only been together for a few weeks and last night was our very first concert. We were all a little apprehensive as this was our first venture but I was very, very proud of our singers and dancers and I know they had a wonderful time. We had joined all the schools in Otley for a huge concert at Prince Henry Grammar school and performed to a packed, enormous school hall! It was a little intimidating at first, but as our music started we sang in two parts and had a fantastic dance routine. Our musicians then took over and delighted the huge crowd with their playing. As you can see from the pictures we looked as terrific as we sounded!!
Mrs Heatley, Miss Wilkinson, Miss Roberts & Mrs Hart.



**REMINDER - NO ASSEMBLY NEXT FRIDAY
DUE TO THE ECLIPSE!**