



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

OTLEY,

A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 20TH MAY 2016

Newsletter



First Holy Communion

Well done to all the children who received Communion for the first time on Saturday. It was a really lovely Mass. All the children looked angelic and behaved like angels too: they sang beautifully, read clearly and remembered when to stand and walk down the aisle. They were superstars in the rehearsals and they were superstars on Saturday too; we were all so proud of them. We hope they all enjoyed the rest of their special weekend with their families and friends.

Thank you to all of the parents for helping the children over the year to get ready for this important event and for making it such a special occasion for them.

Thank you to all of the Year 4 parents and anyone who helped with refreshments afterwards. There was an amazing choice of cakes and lots of people serving drinks, washing up and clearing tables - thank you.

Thank you to all the children, ladies and staff who gave up their Saturday morning to sing in the choir. The music sounded fantastic.

Thank you to Father Lawrie who, as ever, put us all at our ease and always puts a smile on everyone's faces.

Finally, a massive "Thank you" to Kirsty Hope who, in difficult circumstances, worked extremely hard ensuring that the children were ready for receiving Jesus and that they all had a special day. I know Mrs Hope would have been proud.

The First Holy Communion Day is our biggest and most important celebration as a school and it is made more special by the number of people who are so generous with their talents and time so to everyone who played a part in the day—thank you.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Holy Communion meetings scheduled for Saturday May 21st and Wednesday 25th have been cancelled.

THANK YOU

Miss Hope said: "Thank you for my cards and present. The day was a very special one for the children and myself."

THANK YOU

Mrs Denise Emmett said: "On behalf of all the families and children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, I would like to say thank you to Fr Lawrie, Miss Hope, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Choma for organising the beautiful mass and to the children and teachers who sang wonderfully throughout, it really did make the occasion very special. Thank you also to all the teachers and staff from the school who attended the mass to support the children."

Thank you also to Mrs Agnew, Mrs Diamond and Mrs Halliday for organising the Communion Breakfast and refreshments for the families afterwards, and thank you to all the year 4 mums who helped and all the parents who provided cakes – we have never seen so many!

It was a very special day and one which we will never forget.





Well done to the children who took part in the Cricket Tournament on Friday afternoon at Pool. It was a very close tournament with some high quality cricket being played and I am delighted to be able to say that we were the overall winners due to our superior run rate. This means we have now qualified for the Partnership Finals on Tuesday 7th at Hosforth cricket club from 12 - 4pm.

Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful Pentecost Day. After Mass we thought about what the Holy Spirit was like and explained why the Holy Spirit was like a butterfly, a rainbow, an anchor, a rainbow and lots more. We then created pointillism artwork. It was a busy day as we also re-told the story of Pentecost, made Pentecost cards and ate Pentecost coloured food. At the end of the day we released our butterflies.



SPORTS EVENTS

Monday 23rd May Y3 Mixed 5-a-side football tournament at Pool School 4 - 5:30pm

Tuesday 24th May Y4 Mixed 5-a-side football tournament at Pool School 4 - 5:30pm

This week, **Year 1** really enjoyed learning how to use adjectives to add detail to their writing. We wrote our own descriptions for some of our favourite animals. Then to test if we had used enough describing words, we read our sentences to our friends to see if they could work out which animal we were describing.

Domestic Violence Notification Project

A joint initiative between Leeds Children's Services and West Yorkshire Police is now in place to support children who are resident in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse. It is designed to provide confidential notification to schools on any incidents of domestic violence and abuse which occur within a child's household that might have an impact on a child whilst they are in school.

The project will ensure that a member of the school staff is trained to allow them to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, and ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence or abuse incident. We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you would like further support or information about domestic violence and abuse please go to www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk.

MAY HALF -TERM ACTIVITIES AT OTLEY COURTHOUSE

Craft workshop—planes, trains and automobiles to celebrate the Musical Theatre's performance of The Railway Children. Tuesday May 31st 10am-11.30am. £5

Inside Out—film and craft workshop, based around the film. Thursday June 2nd, 10am-12.45pm £4-£5.

The Railway Children, family entertainment. Friday June 3rd 2pm. £8 adults/£6 children.

PARENTPAY

Please note that the Dinner Money and Afterschool Activity Clubs can be paid on ParentPay. Please check your child's ParentPay account and ensure you are not more than 2 weeks in arrears of Dinner Money. Many Thanks

CALENDAR DATES

May 21st —Otley Show

June 17th Father's Day stall, please leave small gifts in the office.

June 18th —Otley Carnival

July 9th — School swimming gala, Aireborough Leisure Centre from 4.30pm

AUGUST 1-5th & 15th-19th ACES Sports Camp Prince Henry's Grammar School. £50 for the week/£12 per day 10am-3pm

SUNSHINE AWARDS

Esther YR, Max Y1, Eli Y2, Niamh Y3, Bobby Y4, Billy & Sadie Y5, Cohen Y6



WRITER AWARD

Mia YR, James Y1, Patrick Y2, Charlie Y3, Thomas Y4, Jools Y5, Tia Y6



GOLDEN TABLE

Esther YR, Eliza Y3, Haley Y4, Iga Y6

