



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd November 2019

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 23rd November: Cross Country @ Woodhouse Grove
- 24th November: Confirmation 'Going Forth Mass'
- 25th November: Otley Lights Switch-On
- 27th November: Influenza Programme
- 29th November: Christmas Craft Day
- 1st December: Victorian Fayre
- 6th December: FOSJ Christmas Disco
- 7th December: Parish Christmas Party
- 8th December: School Led Mass
- 11th December: YR & Y6 /12th December: Y1, Y2 & Y4/ 13th December: Y3 & Y5 Christmas Tree Festival
- 12th December: Christmas Dinner Day
- 17th December: KS1 Performance
- 18th December: Y2 Trip/ 19th December: YR & Y1 Trip
- 19th December: Christmas Party Day
- 20th December: Whole School Mass at 1.30pm

#### Assemblies and Class Masses

- 29th November: Y3 Assembly
- 6th December: Y1 Assembly
- 20th December: Whole School Mass at 1:30pm

#### EYFS AND KS1 PERFORMANCE

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 present...

"Prickly Hay"

On Tuesday 17th December at 1:30pm.



**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER  
FROM THE OFFICE.**

#### PARISH CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

The Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady and All Saints will take place at 6.00pm, with carol singing from 5.30pm.

If you would like your KS1 or KS2 child to participate in this very special mass either by reading or taking part in the nativity tableau, then please contact Denise Emmett

07854969701 or

[deniseemmett@live.co.uk](mailto:deniseemmett@live.co.uk)

by 12<sup>th</sup> December.



Thank you on behalf of the Children's Liturgy Group OLAS



## FOSJ NEON CHRISTMAS DISCO



FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2019

DISCO TIMES : REC &KS1 3.30PM – 4.45PM. KS2 5PM – 6.15PM

The disco will run in two parts; Reception and KS1 together followed by a KS2 disco.

- Reception class children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Reception and KS1 children can bring white, fluorescent disco clothes to school and get changed in their classes after school.
- A £2.50 charge is payable on entry to the disco: KS1 children should have this in a sealed, labelled envelope to prevent it being lost. Their class teacher will collect the money from them on the morning of the disco.
- The £2.50 charge will include entry, a drink, a bag of crisps, a bag of sweets.
- When parents collect their KS1 children (and when reception children leave with their parents) please ensure that you “check out” with the staff on the desk.
- KS2 children should come to the main entrance at the start of their disco. They should “check in” with staff and pay at this time.
- When you collect your KS2 child, please ensure that they “check out” with the staff on the desk.

PLEASE NOTE KS2 CHILDREN MAY NOT ATTEND THE KS1 DISCO AND SIMILARLY  
KS1 CHILDREN MAY NOT STAY FOR THE KS2 DISCO



Thank you for your support



## SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Well done to all the children who took part in the Athletics event at Ralph Thoresby on Wednesday night.

The event included: running, hurdle and obstacle relays as well as different field events-speed bounce, various jumps, chest push and javelin.

Thank you to all the parents who came and cheered us on and transported the children to and from the event.

Well done to ALL the children who took part—you were fantastic!



## BOOK FAIRS

This year, we are excited to be hosting **TWO** book fairs in the lead up to Christmas. Children will be invited to peruse the book fair during the school day, which will then be available for parents to look at with their children after school.

### The Book People

The Book People Book Fair - 27th November to the 4th December.

### 1/2 Price Scholastic Book Fair

**HALF PRICE** Scholastic Book Fair - 4th December to the 10th December.

### Reading Breakfast

On Thursday 28th November and Thursday 5th December, we welcome you to join us early to enjoy a reading breakfast with your child. You will be welcomed in to school from 8:15—8.40am to enjoy a light breakfast and a drink (we ask for a small donation) and to take the opportunity to visit the school library or the book fair to choose a book to read with your child. Your child can share with you their favourite books at school, how they change their reading books and take the opportunity to have a relaxed start to the morning reading for fun.



## PAID WORK OPPORTUNITY WITH THE J&P COMMISSION IN THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS

Do you want to make the world a better place? Do you have the time and skills to help the Commission in its work of celebrating & encouraging action about social justice issues across the Leeds Diocese?

We need one or two self-employed people who are available, on a flexible basis, to do about 500hrs of work per annum – sourcing and adding content to our website, posting to Facebook, editing our newsletter and servicing the meetings of the Commission and its executive -as well as organising events like our Days of Reflection. A lot of this work can be done remotely at times to suit the individual doing it.



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Please email [jandp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:jandp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) for a set of the Terms of Reference detailing out the activities that we need doing or see the home page of our website - [www.leedsjp.org.uk](http://www.leedsjp.org.uk)

**Closing date 20 Dec 19**

### PARISH MUSIC GROUP

Christmas is coming, and musical thoughts turn towards ideas and choices for Christmas morning Mass.

Would you like to join a singing group, willing and able to support Christmas morning Mass?



We rehearse in the organ loft on Monday the evenings between 19.30 and 21.00 starting on Monday 25th of November followed by 2nd December, 9th December then 23rd December (not 16th of December)  
All welcome!

### SCHOOL DINNERS

As the winter arrives, we know that lots of parents would like their child to have a hot dinner.

For just £2.40 a day, children receive a tasty main course and a pudding.



Please look on the school website to see the menus available. Please contact the office for more information.

### PARENT PAY

Please can all parents/carers check their Parent Pay account and make any outstanding payments. There are payments due for dinner money, trips and after school clubs.

Please could we ask that dinner money balances do not go over 2 weeks (£24.00) in arrears.



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### UNIFORM

Please ensure that **ALL** uniform is labelled as otherwise it is very hard to ensure that clothes are returned to their owners.

We do not have a central lost property. Please check your child's cloakroom for missing items.



All children should be wearing winter uniform, and please ensure that PE kit is available on the days required.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **PLEASE NOTE**

There has been more sickness in school this week.

Please ensure that your child is **symptom free for 48 hours** before returning to school as this greatly reduces the risk of spreading infection.

We will continue to encourage children to wash their hands frequently especially before eating.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **REPORTING ABSENCES**

If your child will be absent from school, please contact the office in the morning to report the absence. If your child is absent for more than one day, the office need to be contacted on every day that your child is off school.



## CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find some dates for the 'Christmas diary' listed below.

If you are normally on packed lunches and would like a Christmas Dinner on this day (priced £2.40) then please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Please note that these events are subject to change and we will keep you updated as the weeks go on.

Monday 25th November	Otley Lights Switch On
Friday 29th November	Christmas Craft Day
Sunday 1st December	Victorian Fayre
Friday 6th December	School Disco
Saturday 7th December	Parish Christmas Party
Wednesday 11th December	YR & Y6 Christmas Tree Festival
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 12th December	Y1, Y2 & Y4 Christmas Tree Festival
Friday 13th December	Y3 & Y5 Christmas Tree Festival
Tuesday 17th December	KS1 Performance
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 21st December	Whole School Mass @ 1:30pm

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR APPEAL

As Advent approaches we are thinking about people who do not have food to eat and toys to give so as a school we would like to participate in the Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal.

The idea is that each day one child from each class will donate a tin for a hamper and a **new toy** suitable for your child, so that by the end of Advent each class has a magnificent hamper and a selection of new toys that can be given to people in need.



A letter will be coming home next week with more information.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU

Who would believe that is **just 3 weeks** until Christmas Dinner day!

We will be donning our Christmas jumpers and hats once more as we celebrate together.

If you are normally on packed lunches and would like a Christmas Dinner on this day (priced £2.40) then please let the school office know **by Friday 29th November**.

This will appear on Parent Pay as a one off payment.

Please call or email the office to let us know as soon as possible.

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Future Foodies  
Healthy eating for all

Merry Christmas!

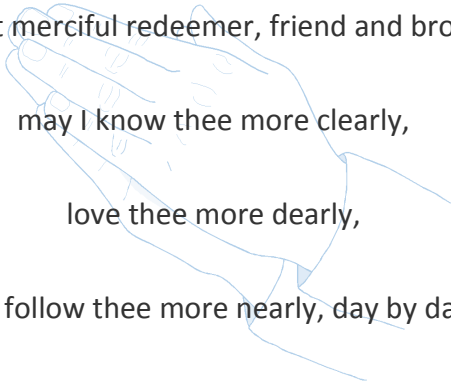
Menu

- Roast Turkey with Pork Sausage
- Vegetarian Sausage
- Roast and Mashed Potatoes
- Sage & Onion Stuffing
- Seasonal Veg
- Novelty Ice Cream
- Christmas Pudding with Custard
- Satsuma or Yoghurt

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

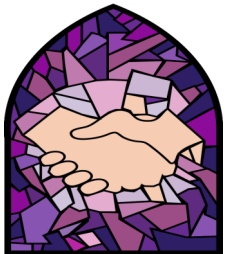
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.  
Amen.



## 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.



## RECONCILIATION

There will be a meeting in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 7.30pm for parents of children in year 3 ( and above) who would like their child to prepare for their FIRST Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please could you let Mrs Russell or Father Lawrie know if you wish to attend. Thank you.

The meetings for the children will take place each Wednesday after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in Church from 15th January 2020 to the 12th February 2020.



## HOLY COMMUNION

Any parent who would like to order a First Holy Communion tie for Saturday 2nd May 2020 please let Miss Wilkinson or Mrs Russell know. (I know it is early but we get a discount if the order is placed by January!) There is a sample tie in the office. Thank you.



## Y6 PRAYER WORKSHOP

On Thursday, Matthew (our Parish Youth Worker) led Year 6 in a prayer workshop. We talked about different types of prayer and reasons for praying. Matthew then led us in prayer using the 'Examen'. At the start of the prayer, we focused on our breathing and then we thought about all the different things we were thankful for. Next, we thought about the things we could have done better and finally, we thought about what we needed help with for the day ahead and asked God to help us. All the children said they enjoyed the peaceful time to have to think and that they found it helpful. Matthew will be starting a Prayer workshop initially for Year 5 and Year 6 at lunchtimes next month which will continue after Christmas.



## CONFIRMATION

Well done to all of our candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at a very special Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Marcus on Wednesday night. We were very proud of all them and it was a lovely occasion.

## GOING FORTH MASS

On Sunday, all the Confirmation candidates will be leading the Mass at 9:30am with the theme of "Going Forth". All the candidates are invited to bring a non-perishable item for the Food Bank and cakes for the coffee morning afterwards, money raised will go to SVP - thank you.



## SCHOOL LED MASS

Letters were sent home last week about the Mass in Church on Sunday 8th December which will be led by pupils from school. If you would like your child to take part in this Mass, please return the slips to the Office by next Friday - thank you.





# CLASS NEWS



## YEAR R NEWS

This week in Reception we have been busy writing recipe instructions for the cakes we made last week for Louis Bear's birthday party. We focused on using bossy words for our instructions.

In Maths we have been learning about time. We learnt about o'clock and made time on clocks in the class. Ask your child to show you. Additionally, we have been learning the number 6. We looked at how we can make six in different ways on a ten frame. The children enjoyed identifying different ways to six. We have also continued to learn how we find one more and one less than a number to 5.

We have sent home the Nativity parts and lines this week. Please support your child to learn these at home ready to practise next week.



## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in numeracy in Year 1 we have been doing some very tricky maths assessments. We were all very resilient and Miss Armitage was so impressed at the progress everyone in Year 1 has made! We also made 2D shapes on the pegboards and found different 2D shapes on the faces of the 3D shapes.

In English this week, everyone in Year 1 had to plan their own story about Joe the bear in Antarctica without any help from teachers. Then the children had to write their stories independently, using all their own knowledge of story structure.

In RE we learned about Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and we were surprised to learn that there were two babies on the way - Jesus and John! We talked about the Annunciation and the Visitation and the importance of special visitors.

We have had lots of choosing time this week to help consolidate our knowledge in different subjects. We have been: on a material properties hunt in the classroom; designing our 'perfect' toy and modelling it in clay; painting our toy models; writing book reviews; buying toys in the toy shop; and generally being very very busy!

In ICT this week we all became software engineers for an hour, writing algorithms for Minecraft's "Hour of Code". All of the children were able to write code to help the Agent move around the level.

We have also been hard at work practising our songs for our Nativity. We found it hard to choose our favourite song... Year 1 says "EVERYTHING!"



## YEAR 2 NEWS

We were given an exciting writing task this week- to write about Joe the bear's adventures in Antarctica. We planned our story using a story mountain and tried to make our writing as exciting as possible by including noun phrases and conjunctions. Emme's writing featured an adventure, where Joe and his friend the seal, found a message in a bottle...

We have been learning how to do subtraction on a number line this week in Maths. We have also talked about Times Tables Rockstars, which is a fun and challenging programme designed to help children master their times tables. By the end of Year 2 children should have a secure understanding of their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. We will be sending home details of how to login to this interactive online activity.

Our Art lesson was really fun this week we learnt the technique of marbling to create the backgrounds of our seasonal calendar. Using paint, PVA glue and a funnel the children created unique and interesting pictures to show the changing of the seasons.

Year 2 children have worked hard this week with assessments. With this in mind, this week's spellings on the past tense will now be on December 2nd.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in Year 3, we have been inventing stories about Joe the St Joseph's Bear and his visit to Antarctica. We learnt lots of facts about Antarctica including the different animals that live there and the Scientists who work there. We found out that Antarctica is classed as a desert because it has so little annual snowfall!

In our Maths lessons, we have moved on to subtraction and have been looking at different ways of taking away 2 and 3-digit numbers including formal column methods.

In Science, we have been investigating the formation of soil, and the different levels and types of soil underground. We put our plastic gloves on and made very close observations of soil dug up from our school grounds. We found stones, roots and lots of dead and decaying matter in our soil samples. We also found lots of small living creatures such as worms, spiders and millipedes. We made sure the soil and the small living creatures were put back safely at the end of the afternoon.



## YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in RE, year four learnt the story of 'A Lesson for Jonah'. We discussed the importance of trusting in God, thinking why it might be hard, relating it to how Jonah struggled in the story. We carried out the conscious alley activity in which we gave Jonah advice. We then wrote a letter to a friend who is finding it hard trusting God, using the story of Jonah to support our advice.

In English, we wrote some fantastic stories about Joe's trip to Antarctica (Miss Chappel has had lots of laughs reading them!) We also began looking at our next class text. We looked at just the cover and made predictions and asked questions about what it might be about.

In Maths, we started our topic of multiplication and division. We started with multiplying by ten, representing it using different apparatus.

On Friday, we had a visit from some students, who have come all the way from Sweden. We learnt about their country and their traditions before learning how to speak Swedish. We can now say, "Hello how are you?" and "My name is..."



## YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we have created some fantastic stories about Joe the bear and his adventures in the Antarctic. We included lots of varied sentences, varied vocabulary, different grammatical features and punctuation.

During Maths, we have continued to work on our topic statistics. We have solved problems from line graphs and tables. We have also been taking part in the Whiterose Barvember challenges, this has helped us to use bar modelling to answer questions. We loved having a go at these problems.

In Music, we are continuing to develop our skills in drumming and percussion. Over the past two weeks, we have been using Djembe drums as well as Bamboo Tamboo percussion instruments. Mrs Shakespeare can't believe how quick we are picking up the rhythms!

On Thursday morning, we celebrated Class Mass with Father Lawrie, parents, grandparents and parishioners. Our theme was Creation, we listened to some very important reading about creation and how God created the world for us to use wisely.



## YEAR 6 NEWS

This week, we started our RE topic about justice. We talked about different injustices that are in the world and what the word justice meant. We then looked at a piece of art representing The Parable of the Sheep and Goats. The children had time to reflect on the painting and we read the Parable in Matthew's Gospel.

In Art, we practised free hand drawing using a range of materials.

In English, we have been continuing to read, "Over the Line" where the main character is about to travel to the Trenches in France. We have also been practising writing reported speech. Additionally, we are reading 'The White Horse of Zennor' which tells the tale of a farming family whose fortunes take a turn for the worse.

In PE, we are doing dance this half term. Last week, we did the Samba and today we have been practising our disco moves!





# AWARDS



## GOLDEN TABLE

SOFIA (YR), OLIVE (Y2), MIKEY (Y3), OLIVER (Y5)

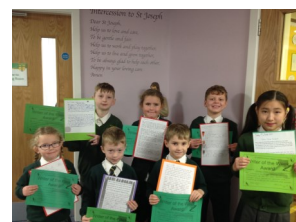
## SUNSHINE AWARD

SAMUEL (YR), ALEX (Y1), DANIEL (Y2)  
EVIE (Y3), ALEXA (Y4), POPPY (Y5), JUDE (Y6)



## WRITER OF THE WEEK AWARD

SOFIA (YR), FIN (Y1), STEFAN (Y2)  
GEORGE D (Y3), ELLA (Y4), THERESE (Y5), MILO (Y6)



# SPORTING EVENTS



## Upcoming Events

11th November: Netball Tournament

23rd November: Cross Country @ Woodhouse Grove



# MASSES & ASSEMBLIES



## Friday Assembly/Mass Timetable 2019/2020

Autumn Term 1	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September		Y2
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Mass @ 9.30am	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Class Mass	
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> October		Y5
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4 Class Mass	
Autumn Term 2	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 Class Mass	
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> November	KS1 Mass	
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Y5 Class Mass	
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> November		Y6
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> November		Y3
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> December		Y1
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December		Y4
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Mass	