

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 27 September 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 30th September: Harvest Assembly—please bring non-perishable items
- 30th September: Y2 and Y3 Curriculum Evening
- 4th October: School 50th Celebration and Whole School Mass
- 7th October: Y1 & Y2 Pedestrian Training
- 8th October: Y4 Pedestrian Training
- 8th October: KS2 Cross Country at Wharfemeadows
- 16th October: Praying the Rosary
- 22nd October: Y4/Y5/Y6 Pedestrian Session
- 22nd October: Parents Evening 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- 23rd October: Y2 Otley Walk and visit to Courthouse
- 24th October: Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6:00pm
- 24th October: Y6 Rugby Festival
- 25th October: SCHOOL CLOSED - TRAINING DAY

Assemblies and Class Masses

- 9th October: Y6 Class Mass
- 11th October: Y5 Class Assembly
- 18th October: Heritage Assembly
- 23rd October: Y4 Class Mass

Training Days

- Friday 25th October - Whole School
- **Friday 8th November - Year R only**
- Friday 14th February - Whole School
- Monday 1st June - Whole School
- Monday 20th July - Whole School

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

This year's Harvest Assembly will take place on Monday 30th September .

We would ask children to bring non-perishable food such as tins, packets and jars.

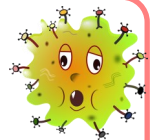
The food is distributed by members of the Church to those in need. It is important to remember others who may not be as fortunate as ourselves.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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.

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.

BACK TO the '60s



On Friday, St Joseph's will have been in this building for 50 years! The school was unveiled on 6th October 1969 and we are celebrating all things 60's. We have decided to move topic week to coincide with this fabulous event!

During the week, we will (amongst other things):

- Studying songs by The Beatles with Mrs Shakespeare
- Creating art work inspired by the Pop Art movement
- Researching the 1969 Moon landing
- Thinking about 'The Day in the Life' of a 60's pupil
- Hosting a Q&A for past pupils/staff
- Creating timelines of key historical events
- Analysing 60's fashion, and making tie-dye headbands
- Learning a fun dance routine to Loco-Motion

On Friday, we will host our a small festival to showcase our fabulous work. We would like to invite parents to join us in the school hall at 3:15 to look at some of the great work, try out our fun photo booth and watch videos of our singing/dancing. We can't wait!

PLEASE READ - WE ARE TURNING 50!

Were you a pupil or member of staff at St Joseph's Otley between 1969 - 2000?

If so, you are invited to join us in a special 50th Anniversary Mass on Friday 4th October at 9:30am in Our Lady and All Saints Church. After the Mass, you are welcome to join us in the School Hall for light refreshments.

Additionally, we will create a display in advance of the celebrations, and we are asking for people to bring in school photos (please label with year).

If you would like to take part in any of the celebrations, or are unable to attend but would like to send your favourite memories of school life, please email SJ50@stjosephsotley.org

FOSJ SPONSORED CYCLE EVENT—RIDE THE RAINBOW

A huge well done to the 20 children who took part in the Friends of St Josephs 'Ride the Rainbow' Sponsored Cycle on Saturday, which coincided with the opening weekend of the UCI Road World Championships.

A total of 159.5 miles was completed in 1.5hrs by children age 3-10!

- **That's the equivalent of Cycling from Otley to Whitby.....and back!**
- **Cycling 172% of the total distance of the 2019 Women's Elite Road Race (93 miles)!**
- **Cycling 90% of the total distance of the 2019 Men's Elite Road Race (177 miles)**

The amount of sponsorship money raised is to be confirmed, but we are very thankful to all the children, families and donors for their contributions to this brilliant day!



OUR ST JOSEPH'S BEAR IS GOING TO THE ANTARCTIC!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Helen, Archie and Ellie's mum, for making a very special St Joseph's bear which will travel to the Antarctic with Hannah when she heads back to conduct further research in the polar regions.

Helen cleverly made the bear using recycled items of St Joseph's school uniform, including making his feet using an old tie.

We love it! We can't wait to see updates in the next few months!



OUR NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last Friday the School Council met for the first time. Every member of the council was presented with their school council badge. We also took pictures for the school council display so all the other children in school are aware of who they give their ideas or suggestions to.



CROSS COUNTRY—MIDDLETON PARK

Well done to all the children who took part in the cross country event last Saturday. It was a fantastic morning in the sunshine.

A big thank you to all the parents for transporting the children to the event and giving up their precious Saturday morning.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER LAWRIE

On Thursday, we celebrated Father Lawrie's 70th Birthday!

Each class presented Fr Lawrie with a birthday card, and some gifts to thank him for all he does, and to wish him a very happy birthday.

We hope that he has a wonderful time celebrating, and enjoys his special day.



MINI VINNIE COMMISSIONING BLESSING

This morning, the Mini Vinnies made their promise to 'turn concern into action' as they committed to make a difference in their school, community and world.

They received a commissioning blessing from Father Lawrie, and were presented with a certificate to take home.

We are very proud of all the children.



FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S AGM

The AGM will take place at the Horse and Farrier pub on **Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 8.00pm.**

Please do come along to show your support, we need new members!

The role of FOSJ is to fundraise and sustain the school community with social events throughout the year. Last year we successfully raised funds for new school playground equipment in Key Stage One, and we are looking at new ideas for this academic year. The AGM is an opportunity to celebrate our achievements and to elect officers for the coming school year. No previous experience is necessary, just a sense of humour!



FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNING

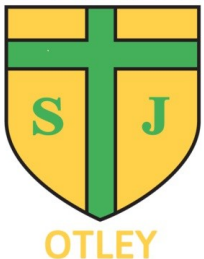
On Friday, the Mini Vinnies created a fabulous café in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and Starlight. We asked families to donate buns and cakes which we sold during the day.

We raised a fabulous **£255.88** during the Café. Thank you to the Mini Vinnies and Mrs Poole for organising the event, and to all the families who made a donation today.

The cakes looked and tasted absolutely splendid—well done all!



ST JOSEPH'S



YEAR RECEPTION 2020 COHORT OPEN DAY AND EVENING

Wednesday 6th November and 20th November 2019

9.30am – 11.30am and 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Parents/Carers of children starting school in September 2020 are invited to come and see our school.

Mrs Knight and Miss Wilkinson will be available to answer any questions and visitors will be given a guided tour by our super Year 6 Pupils. We look forward to meeting you!

This year, for the first time, we are hosting an **Open Evening on Wednesday 6th November between 6-7pm**. Please sign up to attend this session by contacting Miss Wilkinson (office@stjosephsotley.org or 01943 463840). Please note - there will be no guided tours, but you will have opportunity to meet members of staff and the Academy Council.

CAN YOU HELP? WE NEED YOUR STICKERS FOR ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS

Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit!

Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and fill up your school's poster for a chance to win.

We currently have 48/300 stickers!



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord, help us to live our lives as you would want by being caring, loving, and respectful to others.

Help us to follow in Jesus' footsteps by treating others as we would like to be treated.

Please help us to remember to say "please" and "thank you" and to be polite to everyone we meet .

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.



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS

Thank you to all the candidates and families who came to the Enrolment Mass on Sunday, it was a lovely occasion to see all the children commit to the next step on their faith journey.

Thank you also to everyone who brought in cakes for the coffee morning afterwards and who joined us in the Parish Centre; we raised £55 for the SVP.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship, the children have been thinking about courtesy. We can show courtesy by being polite, kind and respectful.

In the Gospel of Matthew it says, "So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12)

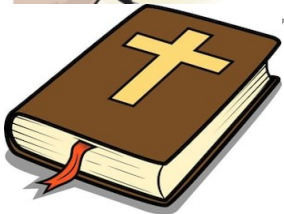
We thought about how we show courtesy to everyone as we are all made in God's image and likeness.



PRAYING THE ROSARY

On Thursday 16th October at 9am we are inviting everyone to join us as we pray the rosary

Please come and join your child in class to pray a decade of the Rosary and pray for world wide unity and peace. Thank you for your support and prayers.



PARISH YOUTH WORKER

We would like to welcome Matthew Steen to the Parish; he is the new Parish Youth Worker and will be working with our children as well as children from St. Mary's and all of the children in the Parish. We are very much looking forward to him being a part of our school community.

ALTAR SERVERS MASS

Well done to Therese in Year 4 who took part in the Mass for Altar Servers last Saturday in the Cathedral.





CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy this week we have been reading 'Funnybones'. We have been discovering what the different bones are called in our bodies. Then we have been using our phonics to label a skeleton. We have started learning Phonics this week. Ask your child to tell you what new sounds they have learnt, the actions and songs.

As we are sure your child will have told you, we did PE for the first time this week. All the children were brilliant and really enjoyed the session. We moved to the 'Funky Monkey' song and explored different ways of moving. Please can you ensure all PE is labelled.

In RE we have been thinking about who loves us and who we love, learnt about our prayer table and how to make the sign of the cross. We have also created our leaves for our Leader in Me tree.

On Friday afternoon we enjoyed going into the hall with our buddies to enjoy a bun or a piece of cake as part of our Macmillan fundraising event.



YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in Year 1 we have come to the end of our first Maths topic of place value within 10. The children completed 'special maths' to see how much they have learned since the beginning of September and we had a whole class celebration for all the progress we have made!

In English, we have been extending sentences to make them more exciting and to encourage our audience to read on. We have worked on using Captain Capital, Full Stop Hero and Super Finger Space in our sentences and discussed why they make reading back our writing so much easier.

In RE we have been discussing the story of Adam and Eve and how God gave them the right to choose what to do. The children made posters to show ways to make the right choice and obey God, and which choices disobey God and how to avoid them. Miss Armitage was very impressed by the teamwork showed by all the groups to produce amazing posters.

In science we have been learning about human body parts and had a competition to see who could name the most parts of the body and write them down. Thank you to Alex for bringing in his human body jigsaw which helped show the human body in more depth.

Thank you so much to all the parents who attended the Curriculum Evening, and to all those who inquired about more information. We will be uploading this onto the school website for any parents who could not attend.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In RE we learnt about the story of baby Moses and how he was found floating in a basket. We reflected on the thoughts and feelings of his older sister, Miriam who hid him in the bullrushes. The children wrote about Miriam's trust in God.

We've been reinforcing our understanding of odd and even numbers in Maths this week. This has helped us to recognise that the multiples when counting in 2s and 10s are even. We used our reasoning skills to think about how this would change for multiples of 5.

In English, our focus has been on noun phrases. We looked at examples and shared ideas. We practised writing our own. Please can your child complete the noun phrase activity that has been set on Active Learn which will further their understanding.

We've been continuing our Let's Explore topic in Geography by learning about position and direction. Navigating our way through waterfalls and volcanoes hoping that we'd find the x that marks the spot...

Next week we will be setting activities to be completed at home for MyMaths. Login details have been sent home. Please can you help your child to log in to their account and familiarise themselves with the learning site.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, the children have continued working on our class text 'Stone Age Boy'. We have been reading and improving our letters and checking that we are using capital letters, full stops and commas in the right places. In our spelling lesson, we have been working on some tricky words using the 'ai' letter pattern and sound. Many of the children have received extra reward points as a result of their hard work learning their spellings.

In Maths, we have been continuing to investigate different number lines to 1000 and we are working out what intervals they go up in. We have also been working on our times-tables and exploring what the word 'multiples' means.

On Monday, the class went into the hall and voted for their favourite candidate for the Leeds Child Mayor. The children had to make a mark on their secret ballot paper and place it in the ballot box to be collected and counted.

In P.E, the children again enjoyed another visit from the tennis coach. They had the opportunity to improve the way they held the tennis racket and practised hitting the ball over the net.



YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in RE, Year 4 learnt the story of how God called Joseph. We led interviews for 'Joseph's Life Story', ensuring we asked interesting questions.

In English, we continued our learning of the 'Iron Man'. We met the character Hogarth, and used information from him as an eye witness when writing a newspaper report about the incident.

In Math, we continued looking at 4-digit numbers. We compared, ordered, and worked with them on a number line, thinking what is 1,000 more and 1,000 less.

In Geography, we looked at land use in Otley and compared it with the land use in Leeds. We coloured maps according to what the land was being used for to help us compare.

On Tuesday, we had our second session of tennis coaching from Sam. We put into practice what he had taught us the previous week by playing lots of tennis themed games.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In maths, we have been developing our understanding of numbers to one million. We have represented these numbers in various ways such as: part whole models, bar models, number sentences and number lines. We even created some of our own problems and let our partners answer them.

We have started a new topic in music, we have been working on percussion.. This week, we had a go at drumming on our chairs and began to layer sounds. This was a really good work out for our brains because we had to hit the chair with both of our drum sticks at different times.

During RE, we have looked at theories of creation. We looked at the Theological Truths and the Scientists theories, we described these different theories and drew pictures to represent them. We then looked at the Creation story in detail and thought about how important it is and why God created the world.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In RE this week, we thought about people who we think use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives and then we started to think about the Sacrament of Confirmation; the children role-played what actually happens when people are confirmed, looking at the words said and the actions performed.

In our topic work, we have continued to think about the class system using different sources. We watched the opening clip of "My Fair Lady" to compare the working class and upper class in the 1910s. We then looked at different photos and talked about the advantages and disadvantages of photos as a historical source. We looked at more photos to find out what life was like in school during this decade and compared it to school today. In Science, we continued our work on Evolution and Inheritance— we learnt that some of our characteristics are inherited and some are acquired.

In Maths, we have been practising formal methods for long division and long multiplication. Thank you to all the parents who came to the Curriculum Evening on Thursday - we hope you found it helpful.



AWARDS



GOLDEN TABLE

NO GOLDEN TABLE THIS WEEK

SUNSHINE AWARD

EDWARD (Y1), BLONDIE (Y2), ZACHARY (Y3),
RHYS (Y4), JOSHUA (Y5), MEGAN (Y6)



MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK AWARD

KAITLYN (Y1), INDIA (Y2), LUCAS (Y3)
TALLULAH (Y4), FINN (Y5), PATRICK J (Y6)



SPORTING EVENTS



Upcoming Events

24th September—Y3 & Y4 Tennis Coaching



MASSES & ASSEMBLIES



Autumn Term 1	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Friday 27 th September		Y2
Fri 4 th October	Whole School Mass @ 9.30am	
Wed 9 th October	Y6 Class Mass	
Fri 11 th October		Y5
Wed 23 rd October	Y4 Class Mass	
Autumn Term 2	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Thurs 7 th November	Y3 Class Mass	
Wed 13 th November	KS1 Mass	
Thurs 21 st November	Y5 Class Mass	
Fri 22 nd November		Y6
Fri 29 th November		Y3
Fri 6 th December		Y1
Fri 13 th December		Y4
Fri 20 th December	Whole School Mass	