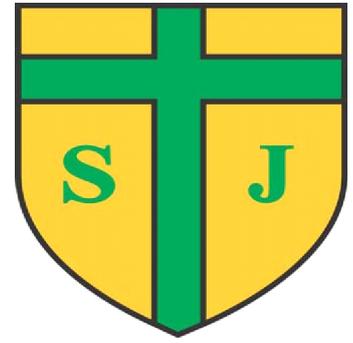


**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL OTLEY,
A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**



Friday 22nd September 2017

DATA COLLECTION

Please ensure that you have returned your child's data collection sheet and letter giving permission for local visits, internet and photographs.

It is essential that all forms are completed and returned by Wednesday 4th September.

If you require another data collection sheet then please let the office know as soon as possible.

NASAL FLU

Please ensure you have returned your nasal flu reply slip to the office as soon as possible. If you do not want your child to have the vaccine then please let the office know by returning the form with that clearly marked on the front.

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.

YEAR 7 OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS

St Mary's Menston

Saturday 30th September 2017

11.00 am – 2.00 pm

Prince Henry's Grammar School.

Monday 2nd October 2017

6.00pm—8.30pm

Please contact the individual schools for more information. Please note that applications for secondary schools is now open until 31st October 2017.

Thank you.

HARVEST MASS

Harvest Mass will take place on Wednesday 11th October in church at 9.30am.

All welcome.

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.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - LAST CHANCE

If you would like to purchase any of the prints then complete the form and return to school sealed.

Please make sure you return your completed applications by Friday 6th October.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for your generous love.

Please help us to grow in generosity and do your work in the world with a loving and generous heart.

Amen.

This week in Monday assembly we looked at the theme of generosity and how we can give not only money, but more importantly time and effort to help those less fortunate than ourselves.



BANANA AND NUT FREE SCHOOL



Polite reminder that due to severe allergies, St Joseph's is a banana and nut free school. Unfortunately, if your child is found with a banana or nuts, the product will have to be confiscated.

BREAK TIME SNACKS

Additionally, please note that children should only be bringing fruit as a snack at playtimes. We are currently seeing an assortment of inappropriate snacks on the playground. If your child brings something other than fruit, we will ask them to put it back in their bag to take home.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to all the fantastic cake donations and for generously donating £183.58.

As well as helping with the medical needs of people affected by cancer, Macmillan also looks at the social, emotional and practical impact cancer can have, and campaigns for better cancer care.

We enjoyed a slightly different bun sale today. We gathered in the hall and shared our buns in a café style situation. The children loved being able to sit with their friends, enjoying some yummy treats whilst raising money for such an importance cause. Well done everybody.



Additional thanks must go to the Year 5 Mini Vinnie team who organised the event and spent their free time advertising and preparing.

For more information, please see <https://be.macmillan.org.uk/be/default.aspx>

NATIONAL FITNESS DAY

On Thursday at 10am the whole school gathered in the hall to take part in National Fitness Day.

All the children took part in a Samba routine with Samba rolls, Samba shimmies and Carnivals waves.

The children had great fun and one child was heard saying at break time "I can't stop doing exercise – it's so much fun!"

A huge thanks to Mrs Harvey for organising a fabulous morning!



SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS

A huge thank you to everybody who donated Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers last summer. We managed to collect an impressive amount of vouchers which meant we could order lots of new and exciting equipment.

The equipment has now arrived and we are very excited to start using it.

Some of it has gone directly to Reception, with the rest being used for break / lunch time activities and boosting our PE equipment provision.



DATES FOR DIARY

FOSJ AGM—WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER

The AGM will take place at the Horse and Farrier pub on Wednesday 4th October 2017 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 to contribute to the new school playground equipment and we are hoping to continue with this project in the coming 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!

If you would like to nominate yourself or another for a position on the Committee (please check with them first!) we would appreciate it if you could complete the slip below and return it to the School office by Friday 29th September 2017.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our AGM.

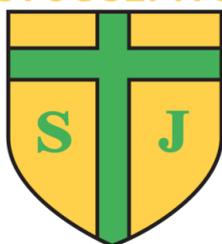
TOPIC WEEK—WHO ARE TODAY'S HEROES?



Preparations are under way for our first topic week of the year on the 16th October. The showcase will take place on Thursday the 19th October

We will be looking at modern day heroes; if any of our parents work for the emergency services, charities, armed forces or any other organisations that work to help others, and would like to come and talk to the children about what you do, please speak to Mrs Tremlett or Miss Kendall.

ST JOSEPH'S



OTLEY

YEAR RECEPTION 2018 COHORT OPEN DAY

Wednesday 8th November 2017

9.30am – 11.30am and 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Parents/Carers of children starting school in September 2018 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!

GLOW DAY—FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

This year we are getting involved with the Child Brain Injury Trust's Be Seen Not Hurt campaign. Kicking off on 30th October — 5th November, this is a week of events and activities across the UK that spreads the important message of road safety.

At this time of year many children are making their way to and from school in the dark and we want to help them be safe.

We will have lots of activities in the classroom about how we can Be Seen Not Hurt and the week ends with a national Glow Day on Friday 3rd November.

We will be asking pupils to wear something bright into school and to bring a £1 for donation to the Child Brain Injury Trust.





Class News



Year R News

In Reception this week we have enjoyed 'Dough Disco'. We use Playdoh to do hand and finger exercises designed at developing the children's fine muscle control. Ask your children to show you what we do!

In RE we have read 'Guess how much I love you' and thinking about how much God loves us. We have drawn pictures of people we love and who love us.

In Literacy we have been reading 'Funnybones'. We have learnt so much about our skeleton and enjoyed labelling all the different bones we have learnt.



In Maths we have been focusing upon number recognition and counting.

Finally, we loved National Fitness Week and having a go at the Samba in the hall with the rest of the school.

Year 1 News

Year 1 have had a brilliant week! We have been learning all about meerkats in English; we even pretended to be David Attenborough narrating a meerkat documentary.

In maths this week, we have been practising using number lines - we love playing 1 more ping pong to show off our number knowledge.

In Geography, we have been exploring hot and cold countries. We can't decide which place would be best to live in - in the North pole with polar bears, or Africa with elephants!

On Wednesday it was National Fitness Day, Year 1 had a fabulous time dancing along to Despacito - keeping fit is fun!



Year 3 News

This week Year 3 have been very busy in all areas of the curriculum. In Maths we have been developing our understanding of place value and comparing numbers by saying whether they are less than or greater than.

In English we have been building up our vocabulary of adjectives. We did this by using a Thesaurus, many of us didn't know what this was and now we know how to use it. We can't wait to use it again to make our writing more exciting.

Mrs Kealey taught us some French this week. We played the French version of 'Simon says' and we were learning numbers 1-10, it was so much fun.

We also have been developing our skills with the Ukulele in music; have a look on the website for another video!



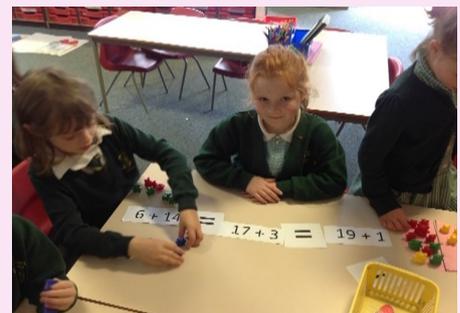
Year 2 News

This week in Maths, we have been busy learning about greater than and less than. We have also been looking at words that mean the same as equals and showing different ways to represent them.

In English, we have been busy learning about different types of sentences. These have included sentences such as, exclamations, commands and questions, which we wrote on our message in a bottle.

In RE, we talked about the importance of Harvest time and wrote very special Harvest prayers.

Finally, we had our special class assembly which was about how God has chosen us and given us special gifts.



Year 5 News



This week we have been busy yet again. Following on from our trip to Leeds City museum last week, we each chose something from the museum that really interested us.

Some of us chose animals or historical figures and historical time period. Leo even thought outside of the box choosing to research wigs as his favourite part of the day was trying on all the different wigs on offer. We completed some research for our homework over the weekend and continued to re-search our chosen subject in class.

We have then written a report using the facts we found. We have been thinking lots about the purpose of our writing and who we are writing for and have used this to guide our writing styles.

We have also explored our new PSHE scheme this week and have been learning about physical health and well-being in the media. We have explored how advertising and marketing can make products look healthy but when compared to the nutritional facts we can often see a different story. This has helped us to understand that we can't always believe everything we see in the media.

Check out our class page on the school website for more pictures of our trip



At the clock tower in the market square we bumped into a familiar face - can you see who it is?



Year 4 News

On Thursday morning, Year 4 went for a walk around Otley to help us with our Geography, English and artwork. We visited Wharfemeadows Park to find out what activities we could do there now and in the past. Beth's Mum also showed some of the children how to read the sun dial in the park. We also went to the courthouse where we learnt about how the building was used in the past and some of us got locked in the prison cell!!!!

Outside the Parish Church, we did a traffic count. Then in the afternoon we used the photos we had taken to draw pictures of the landmarks we'd seen. Thank you to Mrs Russell, Mr Voller, Beth's Mum, Mrs Pratt and Mrs Hope for coming with us.

In Science Year 4 have been investigating loud and soft sounds this week and measuring amplitude in decibels. We took a decibel measuring APP around school to see which were the noisiest places. On Tuesday morning it was recording 89 decibels in the hall where children were having a singing lesson.

Year 6 News

In Maths this week we have been focusing on rounding numbers up to ten million. We have done this through a Maths Investigation where we began to look at the heights of the tallest 10 mountains around the world.

We then ventured into carrying out our very own investigation choosing a topic of our interest

In English this week we have started our work on fiction writing. We have done this through looking at various paintings from the artist, Tracy Savage. We have used our senses to understand how to 'paint a picture' to a reader whilst also making sure we have punctuated our work to the best of our ability.





On the Golden Table last week:

Cora (Y2), Brian (Y3), Kit (Y4), Jessica (Y6)



Sunshine Awards goes to:

Amelia (Y1), Rhys (Y2), Orla G (Y3),
Eli (Y4), Alicia (Y5), Jack (Y6)

Maths Awards goes to:

William (Y1), Ella (Y2), Niall (Y3),
Niamh (Y4), Freddie (Y5), Dylan (Y6)



UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 10th October—North West School's Cross Country



Friday Assembly/Mass Timetable 2017 -2018

Autumn Term 1	Class Mass	Class Assembly
September 29 th		Y2
Wed October 4 th	Y3	
October 6 th		Y5
October 13 th		Heritage Assembly
Wed October 18 th	Y6	
October 20 th		Training Day
Autumn Term 2	Class Mass	Class Assembly
Wed November 1 st	All Saints—whole school Mass	
Thurs November 2 nd	Y5	
November 3 rd		Y4
Thurs November 9 th	KS1 Mass led by Y2	
November 10 th		Y6
November 17 th		Y3
November 24 th		Y1
Thurs Dec 7 th	Y4	YR
Tues December 19 th	Mass - whole school	