

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th November 2019

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 1st December: Victorian Fayre
- 5th December: Reading Breakfast
- 6th December: FOSJ Christmas Disco
- 7th December: Parish Christmas Party
- 8th December: School Led Mass
- 11th December: YR & Y6 Christmas Tree Festival
- 12th December: Y1, Y2 & Y4 Christmas Tree Festival
- 12th December: Christmas Dinner Day
- 13th December: Y3 & Y5 Christmas Tree Festival
- 17th December: KS1 Performance
- 18th December: Y2 Trip
- 19th December: YR & Y1 Trip
- 19th December: Christmas Party Day

#### Assemblies and Class Masses

- 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

## FLU IMMUNISATION

### 5 reasons to vaccinate your child against flu

- The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- Flu can be really serious, especially for children with medical conditions like heart disease and diabetes
- If your child gets flu you may have to take time off to look after them
- Protecting your child can stop flu spreading to other children and the family, especially babies and grandparents, who may be at higher risk from flu.

**What should I do?**  
This year all 2, 3 and 4-year-olds and children in school years 1 and 2 are being offered the free flu vaccination. You will be contacted to let you know where your child will be vaccinated.  
If you are part of the family of a primary school pupil, children will be offered the vaccine.

For more information visit: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)



On Wednesday, many children received the Nasal Spray Flu Vaccination. However, due to levels of sickness and those without parental consent, they have kindly agreed to come back on Monday 9th December.

If your child did not receive the vaccine on 27th November due to illness, they will automatically receive it on the 9th December.

If you did not manage to sign your child up for the vaccine using the online consent form, a paper copy should have been given to your child which you can complete and return to the school office **by Wednesday 4th December.**

Should you wish you discuss any aspect of the flu vaccination programme, please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team directly on [childhood.immunisations@hdfn.nhs.uk](mailto:childhood.immunisations@hdfn.nhs.uk) or via 01423 542360.

## 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? Are you willing and able to support Christmas morning Mass?



We rehearse in the organ loft on Monday 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!

## OTLEY LIGHT SWITCH ON

Well done to our Christmas Choir who performed at the Otley Lights Switch On on Monday. The children sang beautifully and impressed the crowd with a variety of songs, including some difficult unaccompanied pieces.



The choir's next performance will be the Otley Victorian Fayre on Sunday 1st December at 3pm in Manor Square. All welcome to come along and watch.

## 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.



## FOSJ NEON CHRISTMAS DISCO



**FRIDAY 6TH 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 and 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



## CROSS COUNTRY

On Saturday morning, KS2 students took part in the cross country race at Woodhouse Grove School. The children had a fantastic time despite the rain and mud, all running brilliantly in their races. A slippery success!

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



The next race is at Corpus Christi on Saturday 14th December if you want to come along and join in the fun!

## 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 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.



## 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.

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/packet 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 has come home today with details of what we would like you to bring.



**CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU**  
ON: THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER  
WE ARE SERVING UP A FESTIVE FEAST

**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

## CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU

Who would believe that is **just 2 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.

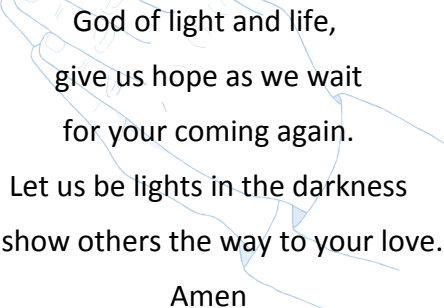
This will appear on Parent Pay as a one off payment.

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



# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK



God of light and life,  
give us hope as we wait  
for your coming again.  
Let us be lights in the darkness  
to show others the way to your love.  
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.



## SCHOOL LED MASS

Polite reminder that the children will be leading the Mass in Church on Sunday 8th December. If you would like your child to take part in this Mass, please return the slips to the Office as soon as possible - thank you.

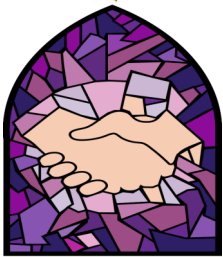
## SVP TALK IN ASSEMBLY

During Friday's assembly, Steve O'Neill (Chairman of the SVP Otley) came and spoke to the children about working at the SVP Centre in Leeds and how our Reverse Advent Appeal will help those people in Leeds who are not as fortunate as ourselves. Next weekend, he will be giving the toys to families throughout Leeds who otherwise would not receive many Christmas presents. We are asking families to donate a new toy, and a non-perishable food item to help with this project.



## BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATHS

During Friday's assembly, Y3 led the collective worship with the theme of Advent and preparing for Jesus' coming. Thank you to Father Lawrie who joined us for our worship, and blessed the Advent wreaths. Each classroom will have an Advent wreath as a point of focus during their collective worship.



## 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.

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.



## GOING FORTH MASS

On Sunday, all the Confirmation candidates led the 9:30am Mass with the theme of "Going Forth". All the candidates took part reverently and it was a special occasion to celebrate their commitment to their faith. At the end of the Mass, they were presented with their certificates and a prayer book. Thank you to all the families who donated cakes and came to the coffee morning, and for donating non-perishable items for the Food Bank. We are pleased to announce that we raised over £100 for the SVP. The catechists would like to say thank you for their gifts, they were





# CLASS NEWS



## YEAR R NEWS

As Christmas is just around the corner, Reception have been busy writing their letters to Santa. They are really looking forward to going to post them next week! We really hope that the elves aren't too busy to send us a response!

In Maths, our number of the week has been the number 7. We have also learnt about subtraction. We made our own St Joseph's bus and the children's enjoyed putting the teddies on the bus. They then had to roll the dice to see how many they had to take off and find out how many were left.

In RE, we learnt about the Christmas story and how the birth of baby Jesus, is the reason we celebrate Christmas. We also talked about our advent wreath and what each candle represents.

On Friday, we really enjoyed our first Christmas craft day. We made Christmas tree decorations, a card and a calendar. On Friday afternoon we continued our rehearsals for our Christmas performance. Please continue to support your child in learning their lines if they have been given one.



## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in Maths, Year 1 we have been learning about why we write numbers with one or two digits. The children have used base 10 to show the tens and ones in numbers to 20, and even independently swapped ones for tens when they needed to!

In English this week, Year 1 have written the openings for their story based on 'Dogger'. They had to include an interesting story opener, time conjunctions and conjunctions to join their sentences. Miss Armitage was amazed at the quality of work and how much progress there has been in writing since September.

In RE, we learned about how to prepare to celebrate Jesus' birthday at Christmas. We learned the meaning of Advent and how we can show our preparation with an Advent wreath. The children worked together to make their own Advent wreaths for our classroom.

We have combined History and ICT this week so that the children have been doing two lessons in one! They have written a short paragraph on Word about how toys have changed and how they are different today. They typed, changed font colour, size and style, and even saved their work on the shared resources network so that Miss Armitage could show their work on the board.

We have also been hard at work practising our songs and dancing for our Nativity, as well as rehearsing our lines for class assembly next week. We were very excited to learn about the real story of Santa, and we hope you will be too!



## YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in RE, we have been learning about the tricky concept of the Holy Trinity. We have learnt that there is exactly one God. There are three really distinct Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each of the Persons is God. We reflected on the different ways the Trinity makes sense to us such as the shamrock or the apple.

In Maths, to finish our unit on subtraction we have been looking at reasoning problems. Some of us have been using the written formal method of subtraction to help us with our word problems.

In Phonics, we have been learning how to form regular verbs in the simple past tense. We have looked at the spelling rules that apply for the various letter patterns within the verb.

On Friday, we had a whole day of Christmas craft-making fun! We put the finishing touches on our calendars, we made salt dough mangers and Nativity scene Christmas cards. Reuben explained, "It feels really Christmassy listening to our Christmas performance songs and making our crafts, it has been a lovely day!"

In the afternoon, we were given our (secret) Advent Angels. For the duration of Advent we are going to think about that person and make sure that we're filling the classroom with kindness and positivity.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English we have been exploring adverbs ending in -ly and looking at their root words. We have played spelling games to help us learn our weekly spelling list.

In our Maths lessons we have been adding and taking away three digit numbers and exploring calculations that involve regrouping the tens or hundreds.

In Science the children have made hands-on observations of lots of different types of rocks including sandstone, slate, basalt, marble and limestone. They recorded the names and produced careful pictures of the rocks.



Also this week the class have been improving their handball skills with Mrs Fenton-Green from PHGS. The children are preparing for the Handball Festival on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

In RE this week, Year Four heard the story of Zechariah. We discussed how and why he put his trust in God. We wrote newspaper reports, retelling the story and using the specific literary techniques of a news story such as headlines, eye-witness accounts and telling the story in chronological order.



In English, we continued reading our new book of 'Winter's Child'. We wrote a letter as if we were Tom, telling our Nana all about our trip to the frozen ravine. Using prepositional phrases ensured Nana could visualise our trip as she read it. We also practiced using direct speech and wrote a conversation between Tom and the Winter's child.

In Maths, we were multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. We used both practical apparatus and place value charts to help us.

In Science, we continued our learning of the states of matter. We focused on gases by learning about their properties.

On Friday, we had a fabulously messy day for Christmas craft day, we are proud of our decorations and can't wait to put them on our trees.

## YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths, we have continued with our topic on statistics, we looked at various bus and train timetables and answered lots of different questions, and even some extended word problems! Joshua explained, "This was quite tricky to work out as many of us do not use buses which made it difficult to understand the timetable."

In English, we have finished reading the story of the Pied Piper. We really enjoyed this alternative ending to this version of this story. We have started to plan our own version of the Pied Piper and we can't wait to start it next week.

We began our new topic of Rainforests, we used an atlas to identify where the rainforests are in the world. We found out that they are near the equator and between the Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn. We also compared them to other types of forests around the world and said how they are similar and different.

Finally, on Friday, we had a wonderfully festive time creating our items for Christmas Craft Day. It was a fantastic opportunity to put some of the art skills we have been learning into practise.



## YEAR 6 NEWS

On Thursday morning, Year 6 were joined by Matthew (our Parish Youth worker) and Jess Wilkinson (the Youth co-ordinator for the Diocese) who came to tell us about opportunities for young people in the Diocese and the Faith in Action Award. Lots of the class have now decided to work towards the award and have received their badges and information packs.

In English, we have continued to read our class novel, "Over the Line" and this week we used the text to help us write a poem using prepositions. We have also written a letter to our parents pretending we were a soldier who had just arrived at the trenches. You can read some of these poems on the next page.

In Maths, we have been drawing our own line graphs and interpreting pie charts.

In French, we have been singing our days of the week song and learning the months too!

Of course, we finished the week with making our Christmas crafts.



On the edge of his trench  
a soldier stood  
peering over No-Man's Land.  
Below him there were scuttering rats.  
Behind him the trenches lay deep.  
Beside him his soldiers stood.  
Above him flares shot up.  
Inside him courage spread

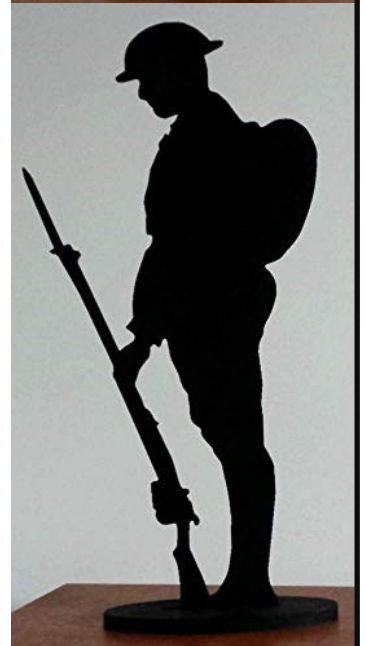
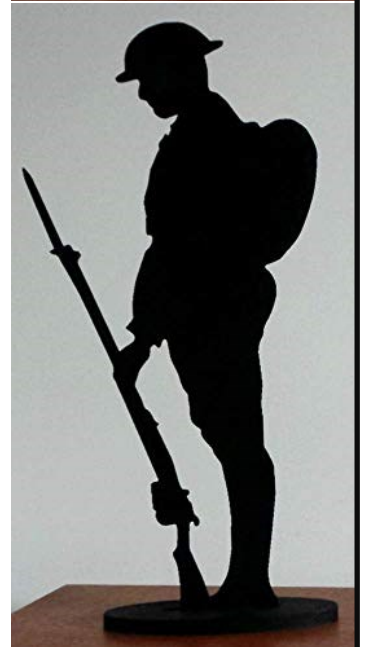
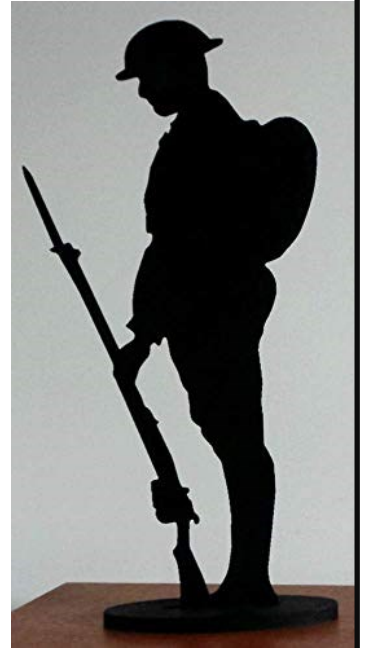
**By Archie C**

On the edge of his trench  
a soldier stood  
peering over No-Man's Land.  
Behind him, shells dropping.  
Above him, explosions popping.  
Between him, the soldiers stood.  
Upon him, there was mud.  
Towards him, there was a stench.  
Below him, was the trench.  
Along from him, nothing was in sight.  
Against his fear he stood, with all his might.  
Over him, wind blew fast.  
Until he gets home - then he'll be safe at last.

**By Freya**

On the edge of his trench  
a soldier stood  
surveying over No-Man's Land.  
Around him there was barbed wire crouching like a tiger, ready to pounce.  
Behind that, there were splintered trees, groaning and dying.  
In the distance, the sound of harsh explosions.  
Around him, the smell of smoke and burning enclosed him.  
Below him, in the trenches there was squelchy mud and the sound of squeaking rats.  
Upon his helmet, he heard the tinny pattering of rain.  
Near him he felt the wind, rushing like a Kingfisher.  
In his mouth, he tasted the stale air.  
Between the trenches, there was a large crater like a gaping mouth.  
Through the darkness, he saw the silhouettes of men, German and English alike, fighting for their  
country.

**By Beth**







# AWARDS



## GOLDEN TABLE

No golden table this week.

## SUNSHINE AWARD

**JOSEPH H (YR), JAMES (Y1), EMME (Y2)  
ANITA (Y3), EVA (Y4), SAM (Y5), BETH (Y6)**



# SPORTING EVENTS



## Upcoming Events

12th December: Y3 Handball Festival at PHGS

14th December: Cross Country at Corpus Christi



# 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	