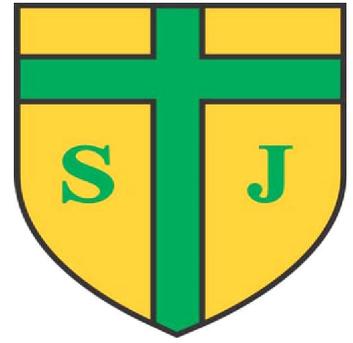


**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL OTLEY,
A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**



Friday 7th July 2017

AQUATHON

Don't forget, on Tuesday the 11th July KS2 will be taking part in our Aquathon at Prince Henry's Grammar School.

This will take place during school time; the children will leave school at 9:15am and return to school in time for lunch.

Children in Years 3 – 6 will take part in either a swimming activity or a running activity.

If you have not received a note in your child's bag then please contact the class teacher.

We require all reply slips by Monday 10th July.



As with all school events, we rely on the support of families to help to make them successful.

Many thanks.

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.

MISS HULBERT - OUR NEW SENCO

From September, Miss Hulbert will be taking on the role of Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator as Mrs Westhead is sadly leaving our St Joseph's family.

She is looking forward to this new role and meeting the children and their families.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

As the end of the year is drawing near, we are looking ahead to September. We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with Friday morning swimming for Year 3 and other school trips.

If you would like to offer your services then please contact Miss Wilkinson in the office to discuss acquiring a DBS Certificate.

Thank you to everyone who has donated their time and effort during this school year.

TRANSITION DAY

On Friday 14th July, all children will be involved in a transition morning.

Children will take part in a range of fun activities to give a taster of the year to come and the opportunity to meet their class teacher for the upcoming academic year.

If you have any questions, then please contact the current class teacher or Miss Wilkinson in the office.

VACANCIES

The St Joseph's Academy Council are looking to recruit an enthusiastic **Teaching Assistant** to join our Catholic Primary School. The post is to start in September 2016 and will include lunchtime supervisory assistant hours. This is a temporary role for the academic year (to 31 August 2017).

For further details please see our website:
www.stjosephsotley.org

Closing date for applications: 12 July @ 12 noon .

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Dear Lord, Help us to love one another and everything. Please help us to be full of joy and don't be a big bully to anyone, be a starling and not a robin! Teach us to have smiles, joy and love. Give us the wisdom to understand that we are all different and everyone deserves peace. Give us the strength to make everyone happy every day. Amen

Dear God, Help us to let people all over the world join in our games. Help us to think about all the children who are wounded in hospital. Help us to be friendly and not distressed with our friends. Teach us to be kind to others. Help me to like every one, even if they look different to us. Most of all, guide us to make others happy with our wonderful smiles. We pray that every one is happy in our world. Amen

UPCOMING DATES

July 11th KS2 Aquathon
July 13th KS1 Mass in Church
July 21st Whole School Mass and family picnic

LIBRARY BOOKS

This week has been the last week of this school year when children can change their library books.

Please can all library books be returned to school by

Monday 17th July

Please encourage your child to do lots of reading over the holidays.

END OF TERM MASS AND FAMILY PICNIC

End of Term Mass on Friday 21 July at 10.15am

This will take place in Our Lady and All Saints Church and ask that you join us there.

Following the Mass, we will have our Family Picnic. Please remember to either send your child into school with a packed lunch, or to bring your own picnic lunch for them to share with you; for children entitled to a free school meal, a packed lunch will be provided for them from the school kitchen.

The field must be vacated by 1.05pm when the bell goes for the end of lunchtime. After the picnic, we invite parents to take their children home - children must be signed out in Hall by their class teacher. Otherwise, pupils will return to classes at 1.05pm until 3.15pm. Please ensure that you exit via the main school door at the Office; all other gates will remain locked.

If you are unable to attend the Mass and Picnic but wish for your child to leave school with another adult, please provide this notification in writing, addressed to your child's class teacher on the day.

LOST PROPERTY

As the end of term draws near please can children and adults check cloakrooms/classrooms for any lost property.

PARENT PAY

Please make sure all outstanding debts are paid by 21st July 2017. Thank you for your co-operation.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Mr Kilner would like to remind parents that Tuesday's Gardening club will not take place on 11th July.

On that note, please remember that there are no afterschool clubs during the last week of term.

We look forward to seeing what wonderful clubs will be hosted by St Joseph's staff in the Autumn term.

BISHOP ROCHE NETBALL

On Thursday afternoon, a group of year 5 and 6 girls attended the C finals of the Bishop Roche Netball tournament. We played 6 matches altogether in the scorching heat. Whilst we didn't win, we showed great sportsmanship and enjoyed ourselves immensely.



Everyone played brilliantly and we have improved massively. The girls have worked really hard at their positions, rules and skills in training and all we can say is - watch out next year!

FOSJ FAMILY FUN DAY

DON'T FORGET - SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2017

12.00PM - 3.00PM

This weekend, there will be a barbeque, bar, children's mocktails, face painting, nail and tattoo bar, cake stall and lots of fun games for all the family to enjoy!

Thank you to all parents and staff who contributed to the bottle tombola and jam jar stall.

Entry is free and all proceeds will go towards new play ground equipment for the school and the Angels for Children.



Class News



Year 5 News

On Monday, Year 5 visited Prince Henry's for a high school experience day. We had an English lesson, a science lesson and a Chinese (Mandarin) lesson. Here is a little bit of what we learnt:

Ni Hao = Hello

Ni Jiao shenme mingzi = what is your name?

Wo jiao... = My name is..

Zai jian = Goodbye

We also sampled the delights of a Henry's Diner lunch and listened to a short concert performed by current Prince Henry's music students.

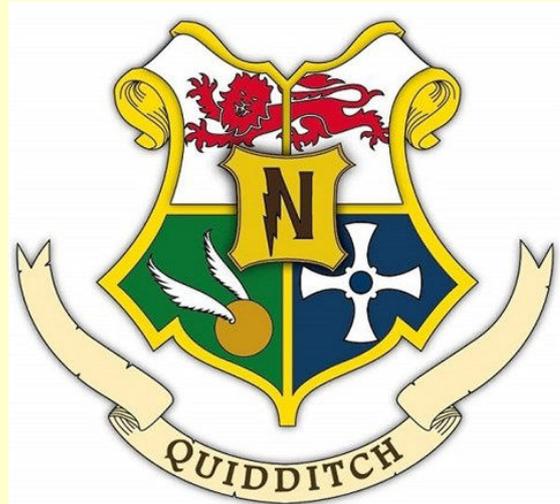
Year 4 News

It's been another busy week in year four. This week we have been focusing on division in maths and have been using a new method to us all which is called chunking. Some of us like it and some of us don't but now we know lots of different ways to do division and we can choose. We have been using our times tables facts to help us.

We've also had a big spelling focus. We have had two practice runs of our 100 spelling words and we have brought home the words we got wrong tonight to practice over the weekend. Remember special prizes for anyone who can get all 100 right!

We've also been involved in lots of PE this week and are making the most of the sun on the field. We were very lucky that Miss White took us for a PE lesson, but not any ordinary lesson, we played quidditch!

Don't worry mums and dads we kept both feet safely on the ground at all times.



Year R News



In Literacy this week in Reception we have been continued writing our stories about the seaside. Eva wrote "One day Niamh and her dog went to the beach. They went to the bus station. It was a long journey. When they got to the beach there was no sand!" We look forward to hearing what is going to happen next! In Maths we have been learning about capacity. Ask your children to tell you about what is full, empty, half full etc..

We have also been busy practising our Mass ready for next Thursday. Please keep practising with your children to ensure they know their lines.

Please look at our website, there are some photographs of what we have been doing in Reception recently.

Year 3 News



This week in English, we have continued with our topic on plants by writing a Non-Chronological Report on the life cycle of a sunflower. The children included different sentence openers and interesting facts to make their writing more exciting.

In Maths we have been learning about equivalent measurements from mm to cm and g to kg to help us solve problems.

We have also been creative this week by designing Anti-Bullying posters and having group discussions on this sensitive topic.

Year 1

This week, we have been learning to read a clock face. Lily-Rose explained, "It was a little tricky but I kept trying hard". It was fun to go on our 'clock hunt' around the school said Matthieu. On Thursday, we had a great time at making our own Matisse inspired collages putting our cutting skills to the test!



Year 2 News



This week we continued our learning about the human body by thinking about our senses. We used our senses on a sense walk around school and then tasted bitter, sweet, salty and sour foods. Can you guess from the photograph which food they had just tasted?

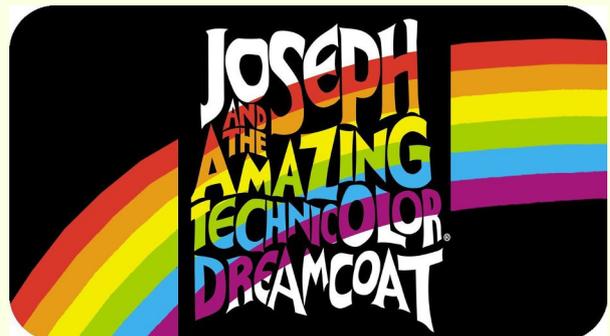
We have also been busy writing funny poetry about the children in our class. Here are some of the lines. I have a friend called Ava and she loves eating quavers. Millie likes eating sprinkles and she does not have any wrinkles. Marcus likes sultanas and he also likes bananas.

To finish our week we thought about sleep and made dream catchers to take home.

Year 6 News

Year 6 have had a strange week with children having transition days at St. Mary's and PHGS. But in between times, we've been busy rehearsing for our play - thank you for all of the costumes that have come in; the children look amazing!!!

We have also been continuing our PSHCE booklets, the children were all very sensible and asked some thoughtful questions about relationships. We have now finished our first 'God - the Image Maker' booklets and have started our seconds ones which we will continue to work through next week. Have a nice weekend.





Golden Table this week.

Blake (YR), Arron (YR), Phoebe (YR), Darcy (Y6)



Sunshine Awards goes to:

Evie (YR), Agnes (Y1), Niall (Y2), Kit (Y3),
Eliza (Y4), Molly (Y5), Robert (Y6), Luke (Y6)

Mathematician award goes to:

Aprameya (YR), Lily-Rose (Y1), Joshua (Y2),
Piotr (Y3), Clara (Y4), Holly (Y5), Finn (Y6)

You did it!
Congratulations