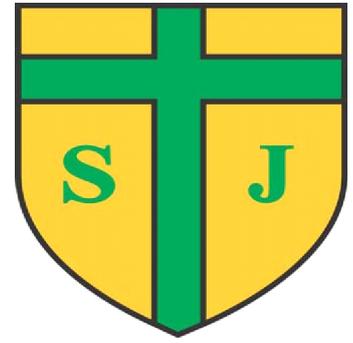


**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL OTLEY,
A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**



Friday 19th May 2017

BISHOP ROCHE NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday afternoon 12 girls from year 5 and 6 went to the Bishop Roche Netball tournament at St Mary's. All the girls played really well and we came 5th overall.

This means we go through to another round later in the month. It was lots of fun and we are going to train hard for the next round!



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.

Y2 SKIPPING FESTIVAL



We are proud to announce that year 2 took part in the Leeds City Skipping Final on Tuesday 6th June. Everyone skipped their hearts out and tried their best.

Our hard work paid off and we finished a close **2nd place out of 60 schools** in the Leeds area!

We are super-skipping silver medallists! Thank you to all the parents who have encouraged their children to practise skipping over recent months and for those parents who joined us for the first stage and the grand final; without your help and support we would not have been able to attend.



PENTECOST/INTERNATIONAL MASS

Our Lady & All Saints Church on 4th June 2017

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of our Church (Catholic/Christians). It is the festival when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Day of Pentecost is when God used the tongues of foreign nations to proclaim His glory! Last Sunday, when we celebrated the Mass we were very blessed to have 6 languages spoken during the service. We have Niamh, Heather & Daniel reading English, Eliza in Cebuano/Filipino, Marek in Polish, Pierre in French, Leona in Hindi and Pierce in Spanish. They all read so beautifully, a huge credit to our parish & to St. Joseph's. Thank you so much to the readers & to everyone who joined us for this wonderful celebration and for the small party afterwards at the parish centre.



It was a fantastic birthday celebration for all of us!

God Bless,
Beth Street

MRS KNIGHT

Unfortunately, Mrs Knight is currently not in school due to ill health.

We would all like to wish her a speedy recovery!

In the meantime, Miss Choma will be acting head teacher. If you have any problems or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact her.



Thank you for your ongoing support for all our staff.

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Time is running out to collect Active Kids Vouchers.

Please make sure you put yours in the box outside the office **by 30th June 2017**.

We look forward to purchasing some fantastic new PE equipment with the vouchers.



Sainsbury's
Active Kids 2017
Eat well • Move well • Live well

SPORTS DAY

Sports day will be held on **Wednesday 21st June** (obviously weather dependent!)

We look forward to another afternoon of races, obstacles, hurdles and much more.

Be prepared to wear your house colours with pride and see who is crowned our Sports Day winners!

Although we hope for sunshine, we know sadly that it often isn't the case in England, we, therefore, have decided that **Wednesday 28th** June will be our back up sports day.

More news to follow.



FOSJ FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2017

12.00PM – 3.00PM

Following the success of last year's event, the FOSJ and the Angels for Children are holding a Family Fun Day.

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!

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

Class Masses, Assemblies & other Diary Dates

Summer Term 2	Class Mass	Class Assembly
June 8 th	Year 6	
June 14 th	Year 4	
June 16 th		Year 5
June 23 rd		Year 1
June 29 th	Whole school mass	
July 6 th	Year 3	
July 7 th		Year 2
July 13 th	KS1 in church. Led by YR	
July 21 st	Whole school Mass	

OTLEY CARNIVAL

The Otley Carnival will take place on Saturday 17th June and the theme for the carnival this year is '**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**'.

Children need to come dressed as a character from the book or the film version of this beloved Roald Dahl story. Any adults walking with the children will also need to wear a costume. We are currently busily preparing all the props and other items to make this a memorable carnival day.



Otley Carnival is a day long celebration of the town and its residents aimed at giving local children a day to remember. The event is held on the third Saturday of June every year and achieved its 25th anniversary in 2008.

If your child is in either Reception Class or Year One, we ask that you walk with them.

There is a completed risk assessment which is in the school office; **please ensure that you have read the risk assessment before the 16th June.**

We will be meeting at the Wharfedale Farmer's Auction Mart, entrance via the East Chevin Road at 12.15pm. Judging takes place at 12.45 p.m. The parade will start at 1.15 p.m.

As mentioned, we request that all parents of children walking **sign in** with Miss Wilkinson and **sign out** at the end of the parade. We will be ending up in the show ground just over the bridge. Please can we ask that you collect your child promptly.

In the event of a hot day please ensure you have sun cream, water and a sun hat for your child. In the event of bad weather please also wear the appropriate wet weather gear under your costume. We've requested that the weather be just right again this year!!

You can find out more information and look at previous entries at <http://www.otley.co.uk/carnival/>





Class News



Year 6 News

Year 6 had a very busy day on Thursday! The day began with their last ever Class Mass, the children decided they wanted the theme to be thanking God for their talents and friends. It was lovely that we were joined by family, friends and parishioners - thank you for coming.

After that, the Year 6 led the school in a mock General Election. Before half term the children had produced their own manifestos which they shared with the rest of the school. Each class then came into the hall to vote. The results were as follows:

The Forever Party 67

The Future Party 27

The Nature Party 16

The Present Party 85

The United Party 15

Well done to Amber, Billy, Darcy, Hugo, Rosa and Yuri who were in the Present party. All the children enjoyed campaigning and voting.

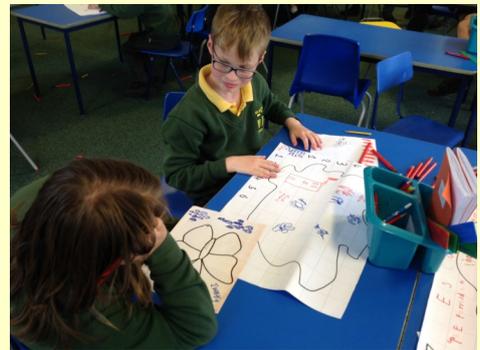
Finally on Thursday, the children continued the theme of Survival by looking at Maya Angelou's poem "Still I Rise". They then tried to write their own version based on things that they or other people have survived. This included: bullying, Suffragettes and terrorism.



Year 4 News

We have had a very exciting 'Survival' topic week. We foraged for edible and inedible plants using guides to help us. "I like finding out about edible plants and poisonous plants it was fun," explained Chloe.

We have written diaries as though we were having to survive on a deserted island and we even made up our own survival games using co-ordinates. Edie exclaimed, "Learning about how to survive in the wild was awesome!"



Year 5 News

For survival week in year 5 we have been learning about how to survive in the rainforest. We have made survival packs. These include what we would take in our rucksacks (we could only take 7 items!!), fact files on famous explorers and facts about the rainforest. We also wrote a piece of descriptive writing about what it would be like to walk through the rainforest. We imagined all the different sights sounds and smells, and we watched a short film and listened to rainforest noises for inspiration.

In maths we continued the survival theme by playing battleships! This helped us learn about plotting coordinates. It was really fun!

Elsewhere in the week we played survival games in PE and had a talk about water safety.

Year 3 News



This week Year 3 have been learning about how animals adapt to survive in different habitats.

They designed their own species and had fun creating animals with strange adaptations and some very strange names. Come in and see them on display!

We also endured a desert island team survival challenge. Each team had to choose 6 items to 'rescue' from a sinking plane. The teams thought carefully and tried to make wise choices earning lots of points that would help them survive.

The winning team made very good choices and gained enough survival points to survive for up to 7 days!

Year 1

This week in Year 1 'our boat' has crashed! We went on a survival hunt to see which plants were edible and which ones were inedible.

Some of the 'edible plants' we found were quite surprising.

Did you know you can eat a prickly pear, a stinging nettle and dandelion? And that holly, wisteria and dog wood are inedible?

Alexa said, "It was really fun to find the plants and match them to the right pictures on our plant map".



Year 2 News

What a busy week we've had in Year 2! We've been learning all about staying safe near water, in preparation for our trip to the seaside.

This has included: fun beach safety games where we learnt that flags are not just for decoration at the beach; they give us important information! We really enjoyed watching water safety films and learning about the important job that lifeguards and the RNLI do to help keep us safe when we go to the beach.



Year R News

In Survival week, Reception have been thinking about what items they would take with them if they were on a desert island. We have been writing lists of items and describing why we would take them. Niamh thought a compass would be useful "Because it would tell us the way to go". George S would take a "Torch because it will be dark".

Reception enjoyed voting in our school election on Thursday. We listened very carefully to each parties ideas before casting our votes.

