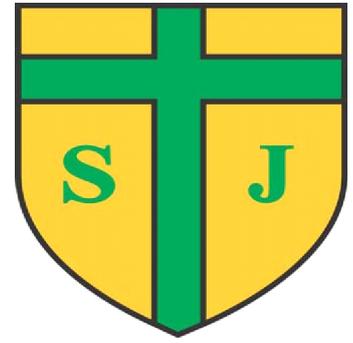


ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL OTLEY,  
A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 17th March 2017

**WEST YORKSHIRE CROSS**

**COUNTRY FINAL**

On Wednesday, Charlotte and Sadie took part in the Year 6 West Yorkshire cross country final. The race was keenly contested, with 150 of the best runners from the whole of West Yorkshire participating.

In the previous qualifying race, Charlotte and Sadie completed an outstanding 1-2, so the pressure was on. Both girls knew that a top 10 finish would mean qualification into the National Finals on March 25th.

The girls ran a superb race and used all their experience to get the job done. Charlotte set off like a steam train and finished strongly in an incredible 4th place. While Sadie had to fight hard at the beginning of the race to finish strongly in 6th!

Both incredible results and the girls were ecstatic with how well they had done. St Joseph's are immensely proud of the girls and wish them luck in the next round.  
Well done girls!

**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.*

**EXERCISE AND NUTRITION WORKSHOP**

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 5 were lucky to have a visit from some Leeds Trinity University students. They came into our class to deliver sport and nutrition workshops. We all had a great time taking part in football activities, rugby drills and learning about different food types and what is/isn't healthy. Thank you to everybody involved. Mr Kilner and Year 5.



**PARENT PAY**

Please can all parents/carers check their Parent Pay account and make any outstanding payments. There are payments due for after-school clubs, music lessons, residential trips, and Dinner Money.

Please could we ask that ***Dinner Money balances do not go over 2 weeks (£23.00) in arrears.***

Many Thanks for your continued support; if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Wilkinson or the Office Staff.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart,  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

Amen

Strengthen us, O Lord,  
that we may profess the  
faith taught by St Patrick  
and proclaim it by our way  
of living.



## MOTHERS DAY STALL



Our annual Mother's Day stall is coming soon!

If you have any unwanted gifts you could donate for the stall, please leave them at the office. Many thanks,  
FOSJ

## PARENTS EVENING



**Tuesday 28th March 4 –7pm**

**Thursday 30th March 3.30—6.30pm**

Bookings can be made on the online parents evening until Tuesday 21st March at 12pm.

Please visit <https://stjosephsotleyavoluntary.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

For more information or any problems, please call in to see Miss Wilkinson in the office.

## Y3 AND Y4 EASTER PLAY



Y3 and Y4 are busy rehearsing the songs and words for their spectacular production 'Easter Praise'.

**This will take place on Thursday 23rd March 2017.**

**The performance is at 6:30 and children will need to be in school by 6:15 at the latest to ensure we start on time.**

Tickets are available from the school office. Please make sure you collect your tickets ahead of the show so we know exactly how many people will be coming

Tickets are free of charge, however we ask for donations of prizes for the raffle and that you buy raffle tickets; all proceeds go towards the licence for the play.

## LENT BUN SALE

More delicious buns came pouring in to school on Thursday courtesy of KS1. What a fantastic effort!

Thank you to all who contributed.

The bun sales have managed to raise a brilliant **£192.77** for the Good Shepherd appeal.

The Good Shepherd appeal is the Lenten fundraising efforts on behalf of Catholic Care.

“Working together: Making a positive difference to the lives of people by taking the Caring Church into the Community.”

We are so pleased to be able to support this important charity during Lent.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY



### LENT TOAST SALE

What a fantastic start to our Lent Toast sales! We will have 2 more toast sales (21st and 28th March) so remember your money.

Toast will be sold on a Tuesday and will cost 25p per slice (max 2 slices per child).

**A huge thank you to the parents who have been helping so far, we couldn't do it without you!**

Please speak to Miss Wilkinson in the office or Mrs Tremlett if you are able to help.

Thank you, Mini Vinnies.



### FOSJ QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 5th May 2017.

From 7.30pm

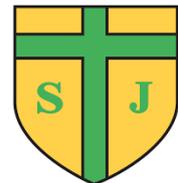
Grown ups only!

Tickets will cost £5 and will include a chilli supper.

Following the success of Bingo Night, FOSJ are back with a fun-filled quiz night. You don't have to be part of a team to come along, however we do welcome teams. Get ready to test your general knowledge whilst raising funds for a fantastic cause. All proceeds from the evening will go towards providing more play equipment for the children.

Stay tuned for more information in the newsletter.

Many thanks, FOSJ.



### GOOD SHEPHERD GAMES AFTERNOON

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, the Mini Vinnies will be hosting a fun-filled afternoon of classic fete games.

Each game will cost 10p a go and there will be potential to win lots of prizes.

Please note, the maximum amount a child can spend is £3.

If anyone has a teddy bear looking for another home, could they donate it for the guess the teddy bear game.

We can't wait for you to enjoy all the games we have organised. Lots of hard work has gone into the afternoon and we hope you will enjoy the range of games we have.





# Class News



## Year 6 News

One word—**ROBINWOOD!**

We had an amazing few days having fun, facing fears, hanging with friends and making memories to last a lifetime.

Keep your eyes peeled for more pictures and stories on the website.



## Year 2 News

Year 2 have been busy writing stories titled " In my house." Do you really know who lives in your house and what they get up to?

In science we've been germinating bean seeds and have been observing an experiment to see what conditions seeds need to grow.

In maths we have been using weights, metre rulers and litres to work out fractions and in topic work we have been hard at work producing weather forecasts.

What great weather presenters you all are!



## Year 3 News

In Science this week, Year 3 have discovered that not all metals are attracted to magnets.

We found an aluminium jug that was not attracted to our magnets when we tested it out but a two pence coin, Mrs Holmes bell and most other metals in our classroom were attracted to our magnets.

We have also been very busy rehearsing our St Patrick's Day assembly ready for Friday. We have learnt that St Patrick was a very clever and brave man! He shared the teachings of Jesus with many people.



## Year R News



In English this week our book is called 'Eliot Midnight Superhero'. We have been writing a character description of Eliot, describing his personality and what he looks like. Eva said "He is a superhero. He has orange coloured hair. He has a green cape and a green uniform with red on it".

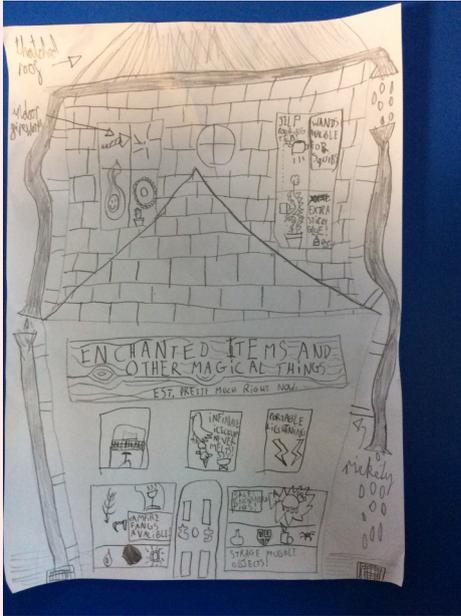
In Music we listened to 'The Toymaker's Shop'. "I had a shaker. I shook it when Mrs Shakespeare pointed at me, I liked making a noise," said Asa.

In Maths we have been sharing. We have used sweets to equally share between the children.

In RE we have been listening to the story of when Jesus met with Mary Magdalene after he rose from the dead. We have been then retelling the story.

We all enjoyed 'Stay and Play' on Thursday. If any more Reception parents would like to sign up, there is a form in the cloakroom.

## Year 4 News



Enchanted Items and other magical things  
by Flynn

We have enjoyed continuing to work on our Harry Potter unit in English. This week we have been exploring the character Hagrid and have written some really exciting character descriptions about him.

We have also designed our own wizard shops that would be at home on Diagon Alley and have written about the weird and wonderful things that belong in there. Take a look at some of our designs on the class website page.

We are also extremely busy practicing both our skipping festival routine and our Easter play. We can't wait to show you what we have been working so hard to achieve!

We've also been thinking about road safety this week and how we can stay safe when we walk to and from school. It would be really helpful if you could remind the children of road safety whilst walking around with them.

## Year 1 News

This week we have been learning about the traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children have recited poems from memory adding sound effects and actions. The children also discussed their favourite parts of the story and recorded them.

Linking with the 'Jack and the Beanstalk' theme, the children have looking at plants in Science. The children have now potted their own beans and we will continue to record what happens to them!

In Maths the children have been exploring fractions. The children have made fruit salads using their knowledge of halves and quarters. Josephs explained 'This is fun because it's Maths but it's so yummy too!'.



## Year 5 News

Year 5 got the week off to a very musical start. On Monday we worked in small groups and worked as a vocal orchestra, making noises with our mouths and bodies. Using our own sounds, we made the noise that a car would make when it travels.

It was lots of fun and very interesting. Some of the sounds we made included; the sound of the car splashing through puddles, the sound the windscreen wipers makes and the sound of driving over the bumps in the road.

We recorded our performances and will do more work on this next week using instruments.





On the Golden Table last week:  
George YR, Leila Y2, Ella Y4, Wilf Y5



Sunshine Awards goes to:

Aprameya YR, Abigail Y1, Poppy Y2,  
Paddy Y3, Monty Y4, Freya Y5

Maths Awards goes to:

Isla YR, Emily Y1, Ava Y2,  
Kit Y3, Edie Y4, Evie Y5

You did it!  
*Congratulations*

**UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS FOR THE DIARY**



Friday 17th March - Y5 Basketball Festival Final @ Becketts Campus, Headingley



Tuesday 21st March - Y5/6 Tag Rugby Festival @ Guiseley Rugby Club

Friday 24th March—Bishops Cup Match vs Sr Anthony's @ St Joseph's Otley

**Class Masses, Assemblies & other Diary Dates - until March 2017**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| February 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Year 3                   |        |
| March 1 <sup>st</sup>     | Whole school mass        |        |
| March 3 <sup>rd</sup>     |                          | Year 5 |
| March 9 <sup>th</sup>     | KS1 in church. Led by Y1 |        |
| March 11 <sup>th</sup>    |                          | Year 2 |
| March 16 <sup>th</sup>    | Year 5                   |        |
| March 17 <sup>th</sup>    |                          | Year 3 |
| March 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | Whole School Mass        |        |
| March 24 <sup>th</sup>    |                          | Year 6 |
| March 29 <sup>th</sup>    | Year 4                   |        |
| March 31 <sup>st</sup>    |                          | YR     |