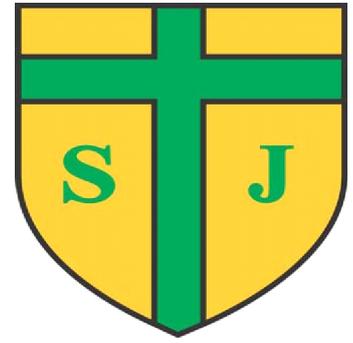


**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL OTLEY,
A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**



Friday 19th May 2017

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The weather stayed sunny for our beautiful First Holy Communion celebration in church on Saturday.

The First Holy Communion group made us proud and we all enjoyed sharing their happy day.

A big thank you for all those who supported Year 3 on this special occasion especially with their prayers and wonderful singing.

"I went to a Holy Communion party to support my friends," said Beth. "I felt quite nervous because I was doing the first reading," explained Francesca.



A note from Mr Hughes and Mrs Skeoch

"Thank you to the parents of the Holy Communion group who gave us our lovely gifts. Also, a big thank you to the Year 4 parents who prepared food, baked cakes and helped with the smooth running of the day. It was much appreciated. Many thanks."

Parish Sacraments

Mrs Harvey reported, "It was a privilege to attend both the First Holy Communion on Saturday and Confirmation at Trinity University on Wednesday where some of our past pupils were being confirmed. On both occasions, it was so lovely to see so many young people committing to their faith with reverence and grace. Well done to all of the children - past and present and thank you to all of the families for helping the children grow in God's love. A special "well done" to Annalena, Clara M and Alicia who served at the Confirmation Mass with the Bishop - they represented the Parish brilliantly".

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/LUNCHTIME

SUPERVISOR VACANCY

The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust would like to appoint a dedicated, enthusiastic and flexible Administrative/Lunchtime Assistant to support the effective operation of the school.

The successful candidate will be an effective administrator with good word processing skills and the ability to work calmly and accurately, well organised with a high level of interpersonal skills.

**Closing date for
applications:
6th June 2017 at 12pm.**



For further information and an application form please see our website **www.stjosephsotley.org** or contact the school office.

Many thanks.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

This week we think of the Ascension which we celebrate on May 25th this year, ten days before Pentecost.

The Ascension is when Jesus ascends in to Heaven to be with God.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the darkness of death you have raised your
Christ
to the right hand of your majesty on high.

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. Therefore, we have decided that **Wednesday 28th June** will be our back up sports day.

More news to follow.



GOOD SHEPHERD SERVICE

On Friday, 5 of our Year 5 Altar Servers joined the Bishop in the Cathedral to present a cheque for £436.58 raised in school for Catholic Care.

We are very proud of all your fundraising efforts and enjoyed sharing our time with other Catholic schools in the diocese.



FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS

WE NEED YOU



We would like to request donations for annual Father's Day stall. This will take place on **Friday 16th June**. If you would be able to donate any suitable gifts then please leave them in the office.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Finally, we have a wonderful date for the diary. On **Sunday 9th July**, we will be hosting a Family Fun Day.

Further details to be announced.



SCHOOL DINNER PRICING SCHEDULE

We have recently received a letter from Leeds City Council Catering Services detailing an increase in cost for KS2 meals.

From 8th May—31 July 2017 KS2 will be charged

£2.35 per child meal.

From 1 September—31 March 2018 KS2 will be charged

£2.40 per child meal

Thank you for your co-operation



5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS

This week, we have been demonstrating our fantastic footballing skills as we took on other schools from the local area at Pool Primary School's 5-a-side football tournaments. They all had a fantastic time and worked really well as a team. All of our teams made St Joseph's proud with their great sportsmanship and dedication. Everybody played really well and we have seen some amazing goals. Next week, Year 5 and 6 boys will be heading to Pool to compete in their year group tournament. We wish them luck!

A special thank you to all the parents for devoting their time and support.



PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS

Friday 26th May

We will be hosting a Pentecost celebration afternoon. Children will be invited to wear red, orange or yellow on this day. In the afternoon, children will enjoy a 'sweet treat' and a variety of Pentecost themed activities in their classroom.

Pentecost—Sunday 4th June

You are all invited to celebrate International mass with us at 9.30am mass.

Please wear something red as symbolises joy & remind us of the fire of the Spirit or if you have some kind of international costume that would be good too. We would also encourage that you bring a flag that's relevant to you & your family.

Lastly, if you can bring food (international food) to share after the mass at the Parish Centre that would be much appreciated.

For more information, please contact Beth Street on 07719 785986.

Class Masses, Assemblies & other Diary Dates

May 20 th		Year 3
May 26 th		Year R
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	



Class News



Year 3 News



This week has been Assessment Week and the children have been superstars with their hard work and perseverance, well done!

In Maths, we have been learning about right angles. We have had fun exploring this by using Pac-man symbols to find these angles around the school. We also extended our learning when we went outside to find angles smaller and greater than right angles, acute and obtuse angles.

Our week was finished off beautifully with our Holy Communion Assembly, and the children did us proud delivering their lines clearly and with their lovely singing.

Year 4 News

Year 4 have been working so hard on their assessments this week however we have managed to squeeze in lots of other learning. We have been learning about electricity in science and this week have made circuits and drew diagrams to show them. Some of us made psychedelic patterns by decorating pieces of paper and allowing them to spin on a motor. Leo, Billy and Monty even tried to hypnotise us with their pattern.

In art we have been learning about aboriginal art and this week we have made didgeridoos. We had a lot of fun blowing down tubes and making raspberry noises to make a similar sound to a real didgeridoo. Then we decorated our own using the skills and techniques we have learnt in previous weeks.



Year 5 News

We have had a busy week in year 5! We have been working hard and doing really well in our assessments. Mr Kilner and Miss Daly are super proud of us.

Alongside that we had a lovely class mass on Thursday. It was about different religions and praying for peace.

Finally we have been learning about rain forests throughout the world and different food chains within them. "My favourite rainforest animal is a squirrel monkey. It is an omnivore, this means it eats plants and meat" explained Haley.



Year 6 News



This week in Year 6, we have started doing some work on our class novel - Kensuke's Kingdom. On Thursday, we wrote our own shipwreck adventure trying to include: personification, onomatopoeia and alliteration. Then in the afternoon, the children chose different mediums to create their storm pictures in Art. Next week, we shall start looking at the General Election and preparing our own Year 6 manifestos - over the weekend please could the children have a look in the newspapers or watch some of the news to find out what the different Political Parties are talking about.

Year 1

This week we had a special visitor in our classroom. On Thursday, Mrs Gallagher brought her speckled warren chicken in and answered our many questions. Cluck-Cluck was very well behaved and we discovered lots of interesting facts about chickens. We were even able to give Cluck-Cluck a little stroke on the head but we made sure we washed our hands thoroughly afterwards. Big thanks to Mrs Gallagher for coming in to see us. We really enjoyed it.



Year 2 News

During our life cycle topic in Science Year 2 have managed to grow 5 butterflies and released them today. It was very interesting to see how they grew inside cocoons and changed into such beautiful creatures. Additionally, we have held our lovely, adorable chicks.

There has been lots of talk about our revolting Mr Twit pictures. The children enjoyed making them and have promised not to come in looking like Mr Twit (even if they have had spaghetti Bolognese or scrambled egg!).

This week we have worked particularly hard on our English and Maths and we are looking forward to having a well deserved rest this weekend.



Year R News

In Literacy this week in Reception we have been writing about the life-cycle of our chicks. We also enjoyed seeing what our chicks will grow into when Mrs Gallagher-Thompson brought her chicken into school! We have also been writing a letter to Farmer Robert to say thank you for giving us the eggs. Oscar said " We have 12 chicks and they are lovely and fun to hold". Charlie W said "They are really cute and tickly".

In Maths we have been practising our number bonds to 10 and beyond. Ask your child to say the rhymes to you i.e "7 and 3 love to bungee"

We have been very lucky in Reception to have 4 beautiful butterflies that have hatched this week. On Friday afternoon we decided to let them go outside.

