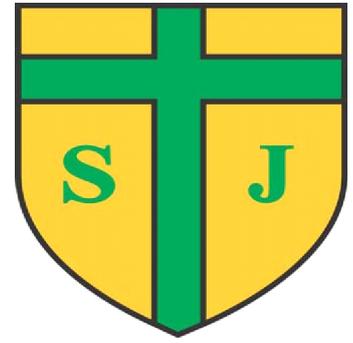


# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OTLEY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 27th January 2017

## Internet Safety

As you are aware, a letter was sent home on Thursday regarding an e-safety incident involving primary school aged children.

We urge you to spend time as a family to discuss keeping safe within our ever-advancing technological environment.

We recommend looking at the CEOP website which contains a wealth of information at age appropriate levels.



Find out more:

[https://  
ceop.police.uk/  
safety-centre/](https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/)

## 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.*

## KS2 Athletics Event

Tuesday 24th, saw 18 of our super talented athletes visit Leeds Trinity University in the semi-final of the Leeds Indoor Athletics competition. We had advanced through to the semi-final due to two previous events in which we performed magnificently.

On the night, the children from St Joseph's did amazingly well and we won a number of events. Unfortunately, we did not qualify for the final next month. The children were disappointed but did themselves and the school proud, finishing roughly 16th out of 220 Leeds schools! An amazing achievement and one that we can aim to improve on next year.

Well done to all the children and a huge thank you to the parents for their support!



## Basketball Festival

On Monday, 9 of our Year 5 children took part in a basketball festival at Prince Henry's Grammar School. Our children played 4 games, winning 3 and drawing 1.

The children were fantastic, played like a team and won praise from many of the other coaches and parents.

Due to their superb performances, our children have qualified for the Leeds schools basketball finals in March.

Well done and a huge thank you to the parents for their support!



## Prayer of the Week

This week's prayer was beautifully written by Pippa in Year R.

Dear Lord,

Thank you Lord for everything

And all the friends that you give us

Thank you for our progress

Amen

## Friends of St Josephs

### Date for your Diary

Due to the success of the last one, the FOSJ are holding a family bingo and games night on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017 from 6.00pm until 8.30pm.

Further details and information as to when tickets will be available will be in the newsletter soon!

All proceeds from the event will be used to provide more playground equipment for the school.



## ACTIVE KIDS LAUNCHES 25TH JANUARY

With your support collecting Active Kids vouchers we'll bring a smile to thousands of kids and help them to eat well, move well and live well. In previous years we have been able to buy lots of cooking equipment and PE equipment due to your support. Thank you

3 ways to collect:

Sainsbury's Local

In Sainsbury's Local stores you'll get one voucher for every £5 you spend

Sainsbury's Supermarkets

Every time you shop in store you'll be given one voucher for every £10 you spend at the till

Online at [sainsburys.co.uk](http://sainsburys.co.uk)

You'll still receive the equivalent of one voucher for every £10 you spend. But they'll all be printed on one piece of paper up to a maximum value of 50 vouchers—so make sure you keep it safe.

Please place your vouchers in the box outside the office.

An advertisement for Active Kids vouchers. It features a photo of a man and children playing soccer in a gym. A pink banner at the top says 'We'd love your Active Kids vouchers'. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'Active Kids 2017' and a Sainsbury's logo. Text at the bottom says 'Donate your vouchers here by 30th June'.

## SICKNESS

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.



We will continue to encourage children to wash their hands frequently especially before eating.

Thank you for your co-operation.

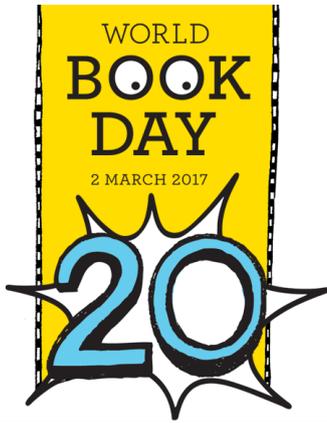
## PARENT PAY

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.

Thank you.



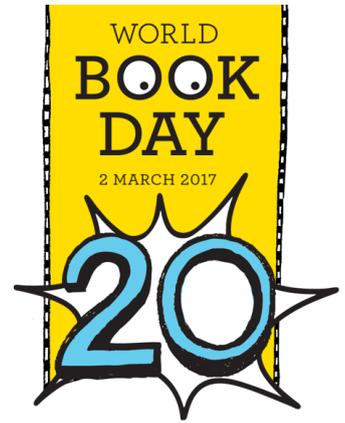
### DATE FOR THE DIARY

On Thursday March 2nd 2017 we will be celebrating World Book Day.

We would like to invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character as we take part in a host of book related activities.

This event aims to raise money to help children around the world have access to books.

More details to follow



### MINI VINNIES

Lent is fast approaching! Therefore the Mini Vinnie's have met today to discuss what we are going to do to raise money for charity this year to support the Good Shepherd appeal and CAFOD.

We also have in previous years sold toast. As I'm sure you will remember from Advent, the toast sales are extremely popular and raise a lot of money for charity.

The Mini Vinnies along with Mrs Tremlett are putting their thinking caps on to come up with new ways to fundraise, so watch this space for more information.

### PLEASE NOTE- PARENTS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO PARK AT THE PARISH CENTRE

IT IS PRIVATE PROPERTY AND POSES A SEVERE RISK ESPECIALLY WITH THE INCREASED NUMBERS OF CHILDREN USING THAT GATE DURING BUILDING WORK.

IN ADDITION, RESIDENTS NEED ACCESS AT ALL TIMES.

WE RESPECTFULLY ASK PARENTS TO NOT DROP OFF OR PICK UP FROM THIS CAR PARK.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

### CAFOD LUNCH

A quick date for the diary! On Wednesday 1st March we will participate in our annual whole school CAFOD Faith Lunch. Not only is this a successful fund-raiser, but it serves as a thought provoking meditative day of reflection at the start of Lent.

On this day a simple lunch of sandwiches and fruit will be served to KS2 children, allowing us to raise funds for the less fortunate than us and reflect on our own good fortune. As KS1 receive a free school lunch they will not participate, but are being invited to show their support by sending in a donation.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all staff and children to appreciate all that we have and to experience in a small way the difficulties facing many people across the world.

Thank you, Mrs Tremlett and the Mini Vinnies.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOICE EVENT



Our Y4/Y5 council representatives had a fantastic day at PHGS! With a variety of workshops from Democracy to coding for Minecraft. We took part in drama activities, which encouraged us to meet lots of other council representatives from schools across Leeds. During our afternoon session, we met our real city councillors and had the opportunity to discuss youth activity funding (YAF). We were able to have our say about some of the exciting activities available for young people in Leeds.





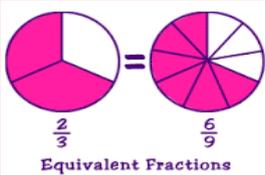
# Class News



## Year 5 News

"This week we have focused on looking at fractions in Maths. Now we understand equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and how to add them. I found them quite difficult at first but with the help of the teachers and my friends I got the hang of it" reported Katie.

"In English, we have been looking at persuasive writing. We have researched endangered animals and decided to write a letter of persuasion to encourage the public to save the animals. We also wrote a letter to Mrs Knight to persuade her to buy a brand new white chair for her office—we used key features such as expanded noun phrases, exaggeration and talked to the reader in an informal way" explained Molly B.



## Year 2 News

In Year 2, we have had a very varied week.

We have been

- Studying the character of Peter Rabbit and his love of mischief (a bit like Year 2!)
- Practising our division and times tables songs
- Telling the story of the Feeding of the 5000 in RE and what we can share to bring Good News to everyone

A big thank you to Therese's mum for helping us celebrate Chinese New Year. We enjoyed prawn crackers, Chinese dates and fortune cookies. We made Chinese fans and talked about some of the important Chinese traditions.



## Year 6 News

"This week in Art we have been looking at the work of Pablo Picasso. His artwork played a big part in the style known as Cubism. He uses geometric shapes and colour to create surreal pictures. We tried to recreate his artwork using oil pastels and pencils.

I have really enjoyed this work as it makes my imagination come out onto a simple piece of paper. At home, I love to use digital art software but in school I love having time to come up with new ideas of things to draw by hand," revealed Aleks.



## Year R News

This week reception have been exploring working transport. We went out to the building site to look at the diggers and other equipment. We wrote a list of everything we could see on the building site and used iPads to take photographs. Back in class we enjoyed looking at non-fiction books about working transport and other vehicles.

Alfie reported, "The machines dig up lots of mud and put in the dumpers or put back on the ground. The diggers were very muddy! I liked looking at how the machines work and taking pictures"



## Year 4 News

Lily and Leona explained, "In science, we were looking at the digestive system and how the body works.

We began by going outside to act like all the parts of the digestive system. For example, to act like the mouth we stamped around as if we were chomping teeth and for the small intestine we used squeezing movements to show how it processes the food.

Next, Mr Gibbons mashed up chocolate cake and added some water and some orange juice. He put some orange juice in a cup and pretended it was acid in the stomach which breaks down all the food. In your small intestine, the food is separated into the useful bits like proteins and the bits we can't absorb. The unnecessary bits get taken to your large intestine—Mr Gibbons put the chocolate mixture in a pair of tights (to act as large intestine) and he pushed it through as if it was "toilet time"!

Leona and I covered our eyes because it was gross and looked so real. Even if it was disgusting, it was good to find out how our bodies work"



## Year 3 News

This week in P.E, Year 3 have been working on their tennis skills. We have been enjoying trying out different strokes and now we're preparing ourselves to have some small tennis games.

Year 3 are keeping tree diaries to observe the changes to the trees in our school grounds throughout the year. We've noticed the trees are looking very bare now compared to the beautiful leaves they were covered with at the end of summer!



## Year 1 News

This week the children have been learning about rhyming and have created a verse to add to a poem.

In Maths we have been practising counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We love using different equipment and songs to learn this important skill.

On Friday, we performed our assembly to our family and friends. We explored the different seasons and used poetry and music to express ourselves.

Eva commented, "We loved learning a new song to sing to our mums and dads".





**On the Golden Table last week:**

Alfie (YR), Lily-Rose (Y1), Amy (Y2), Ciaran (Y5)



**Sunshine Awards goes to:**

Rosa (Y6), Bobby (Y5), Joshua (Y4), Beth (Y3),  
Michael (Y2), Cora (Y1), Arron (YR)

**Writer of the Week Awards goes to:**

Amber (Y6), Caoimhe (Y5), Chloe (Y4), Hughie (Y3),  
Niall (Y2), Xanthe (Y1), Ellie (YR)



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

Spring 1	CLASS MASS	ASSEMBLY
January 20th		Year 4
January 27th		Year 1
February 3rd		Year R
March 1st	Whole School Mass	
March 3rd		Year 3
March 9th	KS1 in Church. Led by Y1	
March 11th		Year 2
March 16th	Year 5	
March 17th		Year 3
March 23rd	Year 6	
March 24th		Year 6
March 29th	Year 4	
March 31st		Year R