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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Celebration Assembly

It was the turn of children in Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 to share their favourite learning during this week's Celebration Assembly. I visited Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 later in the day to find out what they have enjoyed!

Reception have been improving their counting skills by matching buttons and sorting them into different groups.

Year 1 have been enthusiastic authors this week as they have been writing their own stories.

Year 2 have really enjoyed reading 'Diary of a Wombat'. They have used this as a base for sequencing their own stories.

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about rocks and soils in science. They were very keen to tell me how much they loved using the class dictionaries to learn new and unfamiliar words.

Year 4 have been carrying out science investigations about teeth this week! They used egg shells instead of their own teeth! They also shared examples of past perfect tense work from their English lessons.

Year 5 have been researching information about Anglo Saxon life and were very enthusiastic about their extended writing work based on this research.

Year 6 have been debating children's evacuation during the war and shared some wonderful pieces of writing. They have also been exploring pitch in their music lessons – see twitter to see this in action!

Virtue to Live By:

Thankfulness

I am respectful. I treat others as I would like to be treated. I show courtesy to everyone as we are all made in God's image and likeness.

**Children who showed
The virtue of
Thankfulness**

Reception – Elijah
Year 1 – Isabel C
Year 2 – Joseph
Year 3 – Joseph
Year 4 – Amelia C
Year 5 – Phoebe
Year 6 – Betsy B

Leader in Me - Synergy



Reception – Eliza
Year 1 – Sam D
Year 2 – Joshua
Year 3 – Alice M
Year 4 – Leonardo G
Year 5 – Dougie D
Year 6 – Spencer C

Congratulations to all of this week's award winners!

Team Points

Congratulations to this week's team point winners – Byland! Please see the twitter page for a picture of the victorious captain with the trophy!

Twitter

Please continue to view our school twitter page <https://twitter.com/ssppyeadoncps> to see regular updates about the children's learning in school.

Dogs

A polite reminder that dogs are not allowed on school property.

Congratulations!

Miss Meikle and Mrs Pratt have become Grandparents again!

Miss Meikle and her family welcomed a baby girl, Darcy, on the 19th September. And Mrs Pratt and her family welcomed a baby girl, Etta, on the 25th September. Etta was delivered by Mrs Pratt herself, who now has 'midwife' to add to her long list of talents! Huge congratulations to you both, and your families.

Sport

It has been a busy week of sporting competitions and activities.

Y6 Netball – On Tuesday, Mrs Machell took a team of Y5 and Y6 girls to take part in a taster coaching and games experience at St Marys' Menston. The children really enjoyed it and behaved very well.

Y3 Cricket – Unfortunately, the Y3 cricket competition was cancelled on Thursday. To help soften the blow, we took part in a class dodgeball competition in the hall and had great fun.

U11 Boys' football – Yesterday, our boys' football team started their league campaign with an away fixture at Newlaiths, Horsforth. It rained goals (and raindrops!) as the team took part in an 11 goal thriller – coming out 6-5 winners! Well done to everyone who took part. The goals were scored by: Thomas H (2), Sam (2), Finn, and an own goal. Man of the match was Thomas Healy. Thank you also to all the supporters who braved the weather!

U11 Girls' football – On Tuesday, our girls' football team start their league season with a home match against Meanwood girls. There is great excitement amongst the players!

Y4/5 Cricket – On Thursday morning, our Y4/5 cricket team will be taking part in a competition at Leeds Mods Cricket Club.

Good luck to all our teams.

KS2 Outdoor Ted Trips

Children in Key Stage 2 are booked in for class trips to visit the Skylark centre for a day of exciting outdoor and adventure activities. They will take part in a range of activities including: arrows archery, orienteering, team building, shelter building and campfire skills for all of the classes. I'm sure they will all have a great time! Y4 will be attending this Tuesday. A letter has been sent home regarding this. There will be no charge to parents for this trip as it will be funded through the school sport premium funding budget.

Travelling Rosary

As we mentioned last week, children will begin bringing the travelling Rosary home this evening. The Rosary will come home with your oldest child. When your child brings the Rosary pack home, please try and set time aside to pray the Rosary as a family - there are some instructions in the pack to help you. Please remember to return the pack to school the following day to enable us to have time to send the pack home to each family. Inside each Rosary pack is also a colouring booklet which your child may take out of the pack and keep (a new colouring booklet will be put in the pack each day so that every family has one by the end of October). The colouring booklet focus on the 'Mysteries of Light' or the 'Luminous Mysteries.' In order to draw more attention to Christ as the centre of the rosary, Pope John Paul II suggested an additional set of mysteries. These Mysteries focus on five events in the public life of Jesus - The Baptism of Jesus, the Wedding Feast at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, The Transfiguration and the Eucharist.

Class Charity – Year 5

This half term, Year 5 are planning a fundraising activity to raise money for their chosen charity, Winston's Wish. This is a charity that supports children and their families after the death of a parent or a relative. On Wednesday 20th October, Year 5 have chosen to have a Pyjama day and a fitness afternoon. Parents, please see the letter that was sent home yesterday for full information.

Here is a photograph of Dougie who has made the collection box which has pride of place at the front of the classroom!



Parents Evening

We are happy to let you know that we will be inviting you back into school for Parents Evening. The evenings will take place on **Tuesday 19th October**

(3.30pm – 6.00pm) and **Thursday 21st October** (5.30pm – 8.00pm). Please visit

<https://sspp.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointment. The system will be open for bookings from Tuesday 5th October at 9.00am and will close on Friday 15th October at 4.00pm. If you have any issues logging into the system, please contact the school office.

FOSPAP PTA Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the FOSPAP reception afternoon this week and the AGM yesterday. FOSPAP have lots of great events planned to help raise money for the school. For this term, these include: spooky disco, Christmas cards, Christmas shops and Christmas hampers.

Members of FOSPAP have kindly agreed to fundraise for the following projects:

- To fund travel and t-shirts for the 83 members of our school choir to attend the Young Voices concert;
- To fund new adult chairs for the hall for when parents are attending events and performances;
- To fund the travelling panto for all children in school.

Thank you to FOSPAP for helping to create such fantastic experiences for the children. Thank you to everyone in anticipation of your support for their events!

Cauliflower Cards – FOSPAP

As part of their fundraising, FOSPAP have organised Cauliflower Cards again this year! We will soon be sending your child home with their design. Within the pack are instructions on how you can order various items with your child's design on. It is really important that once you have placed your order online, you **return your child's design** to school by Wednesday 13th October.

FOSPAP will be collecting the designs the following day to send to Cauliflower Cards, so please do not miss the deadline if you wish to order something.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival in school on Friday 8th October. Children can come to school in their own clothes in return for a suggested donation of £1 which will go to CAFOD. Please pay via ParentPay. Please can we also ask that, if you are able, children bring a donation of food or toiletries that will be distributed to our local foodbank and the sisters of the poor. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Currently, parents are unable to attend large events in school, but we are hoping this will change after half-term.

Reception – PE Day

Reception will do PE on a Wednesday this half term. Please ensure your children are dressed in PE kit on this day.

New Reception Intake – September 2022

We will be holding an open morning on Thursday 11th November, 10.15am to 11.30am. If you know of anybody that would like to attend, please ask them to call the school office.

Year 6 – Residential to Robinwood

Please can Year 6 parents ensure that they have paid the deposit of £50 for the Robinwood Residential. ParentPay is open for payments to be made as and when you can.

Volunteers

We are pleased to be able to welcome volunteers back into school now. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact the school office. This could be to help with admin tasks, support learning or listen to readers. Thank you.

Young Voices Choir Club

We had another great rehearsal on Monday, and the enthusiasm and quality of the children's singing was fantastic. If you haven't already, please ensure you send the form back to school with your child's t-shirt size, and the permission slip signed. Tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay. **This must be done by Monday 4th October as we will be placing the full order of t-shirts and tickets on Tuesday morning.**

A big thank you to FOSPAP PTA who are helping to pay for the coach travel, t-shirts and torches; we really appreciate it.

This week's focus song was: Power in Me – we'll be trying to sing it without the words on Monday! It is really important that the children practise at home as well as during choir club. The music files can be found on <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/music-room> using the passcode:YV2021.

After School Clubs

Please see below for information about the after school clubs that are running this term. Separate letters have been sent out regarding these. We will be changing the clubs (and the ages that they are aimed at) during the school year.

Monday	All term - KS2 Choir Club (3:30-4:30) in the school hall – all term
Tuesday	1 st half term - Y5/6 boys' football club (3:30-4:30) outside on the football pitch (weather permitting) 2 nd half term – KS1 Gymnastics
Wednesday	All term - Drama Club (Reception – Y6)
Thursday	1 st half term - Y5/6 girls' football club (3:30-4:30pm) outside on the football pitch (weather permitting) 2 nd half term – KS2 Gymnastics
Friday	All term - Inspiration Tree dance (Y1 – Y6)

Vacancies

There are a number of vacancies across the trust. For more information, please visit <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/trust-vacancies>

Calendar Dates

Please have a look at the calendar on the school website for a number of key dates and events that will be taking place this term.

Notices from The Parish

Children's Liturgy

We have a small team of Catechists who work on a rota presenting Children's Liturgy at 11.00 mass. We hope to re-start again soon!

We urgently need more helpers to come and join us, no experience is necessary just a willingness to share faith, patience and a sense of humour. You will not be expected to lead a group on your own but offer support to the present leaders.

Please contact: Karen hall 07963128448 jozzerkaren@hotmail.com

Bereavement Support Group

If you have been bereaved and would like someone to talk to then come to our support group sessions. The next 2 sessions are in the Parish centre at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 9th Oct, 23rd Oct. We are not here to counsel but to offer a friendly listening group that you can talk to in confidence if you wish.

Have a lovely weekend,

*Mr. Power
Headteacher*