



Dear Parent and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are already into our third week of this term. Everyone is settling nicely into their new class routines, including our new reception children. All the children have thought about their hopes and aspirations for the coming year and are already working hard to achieve them.

Class newsletters will be uploaded to the website by Friday so you can see what each class will be learning this half-term. Also, don't forget to look at our Facebook page where you can see what each class is up to.

Teachers will have started to send home homework, in particular spellings and reading. In KS2, the children will also receive times-tables to practice. If you have any questions please contact the class teacher in the first instance.

On Friday, Father Michael said Mass for us as we celebrated the start of a new school year. Each class played a part with their readings, prayers and reflections. A big thank you to Father Michael and also to all the parents and family members who attended.

We look forward to another successful week.

Kind regards

Mrs Rhodes (HT)

Mrs Gilhooly (AHT)



The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

We hope that you spent yesterday in the way you wished. Some of you may have travelled to London or may have watched proceedings on the TV with family and friends. Some of you may have chosen to spend the day in quiet contemplation or prayer. Whatever way you decided to pay your respects, we hope it was a fulfilling day.

Mass

Please visit the websites of our parishes to access the bulletins.

www.sacredheartilkley.org.uk and www.ssfishermore.co.uk.

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary time

In Collective Worship this week, we will listen to Luke 16:1-13 and hear about the rich man and his the servant who managed his property.

The rich man was cross because the manager was not careful with his money. He spent too much of it and so the rich man told the manager he could no longer have a job. There are many rich people in the world and there are even more people who have very little. We will think about whether it is fair that some of us are rich and have lots of nice things and some of us are poor and do not have clean water, a house to live in, a school to go to, clothes to wear or books to read from.

Another word that is sometimes used instead of manager is steward. We are all stewards of this world but also of each other. We are called to look after both people and the earth, wisely and fairly.

Jesus says we can't serve both God and money in our lives. God must come first. Then other people. Then money and the things we own last. He also says that we should be generous with the money that we do have and use it to look after others. In this way, we will be welcomed into heaven by God.

The children will think about these questions this week:

What's important to you, which comes first? God? Your friends and family, including our brothers and sisters around the world? Or your toys and clothes and other things?

Going forth, they will be asked:

How will you make sure that you put God and other people before your possessions in the coming week? What will you do to show that you serve God in your life?

Prayer for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Generous God, in you we have all we need. Help us to put you first in all that we do and to trust that you will care for us always. Amen.

This is our second week of celebrating the virtue **Love of Learning**:

I am a lifelong learner

I am excited and enthusiastic to learn

I *"Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance."*

(Proverbs 1:5).



St Francis Stay and Play

Mrs Gilhooly welcomes parents and carers into school on Thursday 22nd September for their first Stay and Play session. The children will be collected as normal at 3.15pm. We then ask you to come to the school office to sign in from 3.30pm with the session finishing at 4.30pm. This event will take place in St Francis classroom, parents and carers will be able to have a look around the environment, meet the families of the other children in the class and see all the things that your children get up to in the school day! Mrs Gilhooly will be in the classroom and is happy to answer any questions you might have. Siblings can attend if there is no alternative childcare but we kindly request that older siblings are reminded to take care in the classroom designed for younger children.



Harvest Celebration

We would be grateful if we could borrow some hay bales for our Harvest Celebration on Friday 7th October. These could be dropped off either the night before or on the morning of our celebration and then be collected straight after school on Friday. Please contact the school office if you can help us out with our request.

More details will follow about contributions of non-perishable foods which will be donated to Ilkley Foodbank.



Sports Tots and Little Hearts

Families with younger children are invited to a Sports Tots and Little Hearts session with Mr Gibson and Mrs Gilhooly. It looks like it will be a fun morning.

The session will take place on Wednesday 21st September between 9-10:30 am in the school hall.



The Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Upcoming events this week:

Monday– BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday- PE -St Francis Reception / Yr 1; PE– St Vincent Yr 4/5; guitar lessons

Wednesday– PE St Peter-Year3/4; PE St Oscar- Year 6; Sports Tots and Little Hearts 9-10:30 am

Thursday– PE St Peter-Year3/4; PE St Claire– Year 2/3; Woodwind lessons; St Francis Transition Stay and Play 3:30–4:30pm

Friday– PE St Oscar– Year 6; Brass lessons; Whole School Collective Worship with Head boy and Head girl election presentations

Upcoming events for Half Term One

21st September– Sports Tots and Little Hearts 9-10:30 am

22nd September– St Francis Transition Stay and Play 3:30– 4:30pm

28th September-Sports Tots and Little Hearts 9-10:30 am; Mass at Leeds Cathedral for Mini-Vinnies

29th September– Phonics Information Meeting 5-6:00pm

30th September– Whole School Special Mentions assembly 2:45pm start-all welcome

30th September– Yr 6 to lead Macmillan Coffee Morning (time to be confirmed)

3rd October– Black History Begins; World Space Week

5th October-Sports Tots and Little Hearts 9-10:30 am; Grandparents Day– grandparents/carers invited from 2:30pm (more details to follow)

6th October– Year 6 Residential Information Meeting 4-5pm; KS2 (Yr 3 to Yr 6) information evening 5-6pm

7th October- Harvest celebration/ Whole School Special Mentions assembly 2:30pm- all welcome

12th– 14th October– Year 6 Residential

17th October– World Faith Week; individual photograph day

21st October– School closed training day

31st October– School opens 8:45am

We are currently compiling a list of 'Save the Dates' for the coming year. Please bear with us as we await confirmation of dates for some events.

