



Dear Parent and Carers,

We hope you are all well and have had a good weekend. We even saw a glimpse of sunshine.

Thank you to St Oscar class and to Mrs Eccles for leading a thoughtful and moving class assembly to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day.

Well done to our children, who received a Special Mention award on Friday.

St Francis- Robyn and Natalie      St Peter– Charlotte and Ani

St Clare-Caitlin and Edvards      St Vincent– Ruby and Jack

St Oscar– Alice and Emily

Kind regards

Mrs Rhodes (HT)

Mrs Gilhooly (AHT)

## IMPORTANT NOTICE- INDUSTRIAL ACTION

**Please find below the plans for the strike action due to take place on Wednesday 1st February:**

St Francis (Reception/ Year 1)- open as usual

St Clare (Year 2/ 3)- closed to most children, open to children where a parent is a critical worker

St Peter (Year 3/ 4)- open as usual

St Vincent (Year 4/ 5)- open as usual

St Oscar (Year 6)- open as usual

**It is important to make you aware that this is a plan and the utmost will be done to keep to it. However, staff who are not striking, have received advice from their unions with regard to their covering of striking staff's classes and supervision of children. This means that some staff are not able to provide cover. Because of this and the reduced number of staff in school, there is limited capacity to cover any staff absences on Wednesday. At the moment, we have a high number of staff absences. Should we have any staff absences on Wednesday then the plan will be revised, which may result in further class closures.**

**If you are a critical worker with a child in St Clare class, wherever possible please can you keep your child off school on Wednesday e.g. you are not rostered to work that day. Thank you.**

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As you are probably aware, the school and many of our families received some devastating news this week, with regard to the proposed withdrawal of Burley/Menston school Bus Service.

If the withdrawal was to go ahead then families, who use this service, may have to consider other schools or alternative jobs as they have no means to get their children to Sacred Heart. For the school, it may limit future families from Burley and Menston selecting Sacred Heart for their child's education. Clearly, we do not want any of our wonderful children to leave the school nor do we want to impede the growth of Sacred Heart in any way.

Please can I ask that **ALL** families voice their objections in support of our current families and to safeguard the future of our school.

All objections need to be recorded on the schools' section of the Metro website at [www.wymetro.com/schools/changes-to-school-services/](http://www.wymetro.com/schools/changes-to-school-services/).

It would be very useful for the school to fully understand your objections and be able to collate all of your comments should we be required to take this further. Therefore, if you are happy to, please email school with a copy of your comments to the bus company.

In addition to this, I have another request. If you live on the bus route, please can I ask you to consider using the bus service over the coming weeks, even if it is for one or two journeys a week. An increased uptake might sway any decision in our favour and it you may find it a more convenient option for transporting your child to and from school.

Thank you for your support.



## SIMON ON THE STREETS

Thank you again for your fundraising support for our Elf Run before Christmas. We presented a cheque for £1,600 to Tracie from Simon on the Streets on Friday. An excellent effort.

## Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

In Collective Worship, we heard the Gospel from Matthew 5:1-12a. Jesus shared the Beatitudes. Jesus teaches his disciples about the way he would like people to be treated and how he sees some types of people as extra special. He says that they will be happy or blessed.

We thought about the kind of people Jesus says will be happy and what will happen to them. We reflected on when will this happen and asks will this only happen in heaven or could it happen here on earth as well.

We are all part of one global family and we are called by God to care for the other members of that family, wherever they are in the world. We can help Jesus' words to come alive today.

We reflected on these questions:

What could you do for someone who is sad?

What could you do for someone who is hungry or thirsty?

What could you do for people who are poor?

What could you do for someone who is afraid to stand up for what they believe in?

By doing all those things we will be truly following Jesus. We can help to make the words that he spoke to his disciples a reality.

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*God of love, you bless those people who are poor, who are sad, who are hungry and thirsty and who are hurt because they stand up for what they believe in. Help us to follow in your way. Amen.*

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

**I know that loving my neighbour means loving EVERYONE.**

**I show my compassion when I am patient, understanding and loving to my neighbour.**

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is: You shall love your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)*



### Mass

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

[www.sacredheartilkley.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartilkley.org.uk) and [www.ssfishermore.co.uk](http://www.ssfishermore.co.uk).

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Volunteers are needed to join the children's liturgy group at Sacred heart church during the 10.30 Sunday mass.

The short liturgy sessions during the 10.30 Sunday mass sadly had to stop during covid and we need more volunteers to get it going again.

It really makes a difference for children from reception up to communion age to take time out of mass to learn about the gospel in a child friendly way, and enjoy a practical activity linked to the gospel message.

We need volunteers to assist and/or lead the children's liturgy sessions, and to help out at the special Christmas and Easter services: it's a surprisingly simple task - none of us are theologians! - and very rewarding. Commitment would be once every 4-6 weeks.

If you are interested in the first instance please contact the school office.

## Second Sunday of Ordinary Time- Upcoming events this week:

Monday- PE- St Clare (Yr2/ 3); PE—St Oscar (Yr 6); Lego

Tuesday- PE -St Peter (Yr 3/ 4); PE- St Vincent Yr 4/5;  
WVA Football Yr 1-6

Wednesday- PE St Francis Year R/ Year 1; PE- St Oscar Year 6; Dance and drama club Yr 3- Yr6 ;

Thursday- PE St Francis-Year R/ Year 1; PE St Peter- Year 3/4; WVA Multi-sports Reception- Yr 3

Friday- PE St Clare Year 2/3; Wild Hearts -St Vincent;  
WVA Dodgeball—Yr 2 -Yr 6

## **Upcoming events for Half Term Three**

Saturday 4th February- Cross Country Ben Rhydding

Friday 10th February- St Francis' (Reception) Assembly and Special Mentions; St Francis' Cake Sale

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Wednesday 22nd February- Ash Wednesday and launch of Lenten Projects

Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day ; 14:30pm St Francis' Stay and Read

Friday 3rd March- 2:40pm St Peter's Assembly and Special Mentions

Saturday 4th March- Cross Country- All Saints @ Ilkley Lido

Thursday 9th March- 14:30 St Clare's Stay and Read

Thursday 16th March- 14:30 St Peter's Stay and Read

Friday 17th March- St Vincent's Assembly and Special Mentions

Saturday 18th March- Cross Country Nell Bank Relays (yr 3-6)

Tuesday 21st March- Lego Computing and Coding Workshops

Thursday 23rd March- 14:30 St Vincent's Stay and Read

Wednesday 29th March- 2:00pm Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Production; Parent meetings (face to face) 3:30pm- 5:50pm

Thursday 30th March- 2:30pm St Oscar's Stay and Read; Parent meetings (virtual) 3:30pm- 5:50pm

Friday 31st March- 2:00pm Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Production; St Oscar's Cake Sale

Monday 1st May- Bank Holiday; Carnival

Friday 5th May- St Francis' Assembly and Special Mentions

Week beginning 8th May- KS2 SATS week

Friday 26th May- St Vincent's Class Assembly and special mentions

Thursday 8th June- Tempest Class Photos

Friday 9th June- St Clare's Assembly and Special Mentions