



Week 8 Newsletter



Week beginning 4th December 2023

Autumn Term 1

Dear Families,

We can't believe there are only two weeks left of this term. Festivities have already begun! The children have written their Advent promises and Father Tim celebrated Advent Mass with the school yesterday. Today, the Christmas tree will be dressed by the children. The excitement is starting to build as our Reception and KS1 children have their last-minute rehearsals for what promises to be a spectacular Nativity performance. KS2 are busy learning carols for our concert in Sacred Heart Church. We hope that you will be able to join us for your child's Christmas performance. Please look at Save the Date for details.

Mrs Rhodes

Mrs Gilhooly

News and Notices

Be a Star Christmas Appeal

A massive thank you for all your 'Be a Star' donations. The Salvation Army are so grateful and your gifts will help make Christmas special for many children/ young people this year.

Christmas Fair

Another enormous thank you, this time to our fabulous FoSH for organising a wonderful Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who supported this event with donations, running stalls and attending the event (spending lots of money). A staggering £1400 has been raised- just amazing.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 14th December, Mrs Lim-Potter will treat us to a magnificent Christmas Lunch. Please can children wear their Christmas jumpers for the day.

Ready, Steady, Bake...

Judging for our Christmas Cake competition will take place on Thursday 14th December. Please bring your cakes in that morning. Our resident judge Mrs Eccles will deliberate and announce the winners by the end of the day. There is a small prize for each class winner and all cakes are donated to the 'Great Ilkley Get Together'.

Christmas Party Day

Our Christmas parties will take place on Wednesday 20th December. Please can children come to school dressed in their party attire ready for Christmas fun!

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023
 ST MARGARET'S QUEEN'S ROAD ILKLEY LS29 9QL
 FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 10 AM - 6 PM
 SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 10 AM - 6 PM
 VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS TREE
 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS | MITTEN TREE
 MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
 REFRESHMENTS ON SALE
 FREE ENTRY | ALL WELCOME
 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 3 PM
 FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS IN THE PARISH HALL

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Christmas Tree Festival

We have an entry for this year's Christmas Tree Festival. Our tree will be festooned with beautiful heart decorations made by our children.

Thank you to Mrs Palmer for working with the children and providing expert sewing tuition.

Thank you to FoSH for funding our entry.

If you have some spare time this weekend, please pay St Margaret's a visit and vote for Sacred Heart's tree.

Respect for each Other

At Sacred Heart, staff model respectful behaviour towards our children and children are always encouraged to talk respectfully to other children and adults.

Can I please ask that parents apply the same principle when talking to staff.

We have an open- door policy and we are always happy to talk through any issue with you in a polite and reasonable manner.

Many thanks.

Catholic Life

Children's liturgy

Mrs Hogan will be leading Children's liturgy on the first Sunday of every month at Sacred Heart Church and Children's Liturgy will take place on the third Sunday of every month in Burley.

Wednesday Word

Please find below the link to the Wednesday Word. This is an excellent resource that can be used at home to reflect on the issues and messages from Sunday's Gospel.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/hope?pid=MTA101634&v=113.2>



Confirmation

Congratulations to Edward, Finlay, Lorcan, Jack, Finnbar, Lucy, Lottie, Iris, Emily, Emma and Hannah, who were confirmed last night by Bishop Marcus.

Well done to you all!

Save the Date – Christmas Events

Monday 11th December – 10.00am Reception/KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 13th December – 14:00pm Reception/KS1 Nativity Performance

Thursday 14th December – Christmas Cake judging, Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Lunch!

Friday 15th December - 14:00pm Reception/KS1 Nativity Performance

Tuesday 19th December- 18:00 KS2 Christmas Carols at Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Party Day (children to wear party attire)

Save the Date (Cont'd 1)

Friday 22nd December: School closes at 15:15 for Christmas break

Monday 8th January- School opens at 8:45am

Thursday 18th January- Whole school trip to the pantomime (details to follow)

Week beginning January 29th- National Storytelling week

Friday 2nd February- 14:45 Wharfe Class assembly and Special Mentions

Saturday 3rd February- Cross Country League Ben Rhydding

Week beginning 5th February- Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February- Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February- School closes at 15:15 for Half Term

Monday 19th February- School opens at 8:45am

Saturday 2nd March- Cross Country League All Saints (@Ilkley Pool)

Thursday 7th March-World Book Day

Friday 8th March- Bluebell Class assembly and Special Mentions

Week beginning 11th March- British Science Week

Monday 11th March- Science Fair (tbc)

Wednesday 20th March- Parent / Teacher Meetings (face to face) 15:30- 18:00

Thursday 21st March- Parent / Teacher Meetings (virtual) 15:30- 18:00

Wednesday 27th March- Year 3 and Year 4 Easter production 14:00

Thursday 28th March- School closes for Easter break at 15:15

Monday 15th April- School opens at 8:45am

Friday 26th April- Olicana Class Assembly and Special Mentions

Wednesday 15th May- International Day of Families; 14:30 extended family e.g. grandparents are invited into school.

Friday 17th May- Wheatley Class Assembly and Special Mentions

Friday 24th May- School breaks up for half term at 15:15

Tuesday 4th June- School opens at 8:45am. PLEASE NOTE MONDAY 3rd JUNE IS A TRAINING DAY

Thursday 6th June- Class photographs

Friday 14th June- 14:45 Wharfe Class Assembly and Special Mentions

Save the Date (Cont'd 2)

Friday 21st June- Dravet Syndrome Awareness Day; Bluebell Class Assembly and Special Mentions

Friday 28th June- Rombalds Class Assembly and Special Mentions

Tuesday 2nd July- Sports Festival Day (tbc)

Friday 5th July- NHS Day- wear blue to school

Tuesday 9th July- 15:30-17:45 Celebration open evening; reports to families

Wednesday 10th July- 18:00 Year 5/ 6 Leavers production

Friday 12th July- 13:45 Year 5/ 6 Leavers production

Thursday 18th July- Leavers' Mass (tbc)

Friday 19th July- 13:45 Leavers' Assembly; School Closes for Summer at 15:15