



## Newsletter 9

2019/20

### This Week

#### **Anti Bullying Day**

The theme this year has been 'Change starts with us'. This year the goal is to inform children and that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying.

Children have taken part in activities based around the idea of:

Change starts here.

Change starts now.

Change starts with us.

Children have been reminded what bullying is. They are aware that falling out with a friend is not bullying and that at St Joseph's we have our Anti Bullying Ambassadors and Worry Wells so that children all know that they report any concerns immediately so that we can deal with them quickly.

Each class was able to share some of their learning in this afternoon's assembly.

#### **Mass**

Father Simon led Mass for our Y6 children on Tuesday. It was lovely to have him in school.

#### **Dear Parents,**

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus encourages the disciples to be faithful to him. Everybody wants a faithful friend, Jesus offers to be our faithful friend and invites us to be his. Even though many things in the world change, the faithful promise of Jesus will never pass away, God's love for us will last forever.

#### **Loftus Fair**

A huge thank you to Miss Wright and the Y3 girls who joined her to sing at the fair in Loftus at the weekend. I have received a lovely message from the organisers saying how impressed they were

#### **Remembrance Service**

Thanks to the Y6 girls who laid our school wreath at the service in Liverton Mines.



We also had a lovely service in school where the children were so respectful and prayerful. Even our youngest children remained silent for a whole minute!

Don't forget we have our own Remembrance Book in school. If you would like us to remember any loved ones who have died, you are most welcome to add their names. We use the book as a focus in our prayers each week during this month of the Holy Souls.



## Next Week

### Basketball Match Nights

Lots of Y5 children are taking part in basketball sessions at Freebrough on Monday after school. Those involved have received additional information.

### Class Mass

Father Simon will lead Mass for Mr Scarlett's class on Tuesday at 10am in school. All parents are warmly welcomed.

### Loftus Lights

The Christmas lights will be switched on in Loftus on Friday evening, I am sure lots of you will enjoy the occasion!

### Stars of the week

L Joeys—Annie

FS1—Martha & Isaac

FS2—Ruby & Charley

Y1—Gracjan & Bobby

Y2— Benjamin & Sunley

Y3—Layla & Chloe

Y4—Anita & Jayden

Y5—Jaden & Katie

Y6—Gracie & Rachel



### Other Faiths

Children have been learning about Judaism and Sikhism this week as part of their RE curriculum. Activities such as baking bread, acting out ceremonies, using artefacts have helped the children to have some understanding of others' beliefs.

### Athletics

Y5 had an enjoyable morning in the Athletics competition at Saltburn Leisure Centre. They performed really well in a variety of running, throwing and jumping events and managed to be the overall winners. congratulations and well done.



### Achievements

Well done to Lewis and Eva who both brought in lots of medals and trophies for their fantastic swimming achievements this week. It is great to see the children doing so well in activities outside of school.



## Other News

### **East Cleveland Children's council (ECCC)**

The east Cleveland children's council visited Skelton primary to work on this years action plan.

1—Personal Safety

2—Social networking to support loneliness

The children enjoyed activities based around children's rights and needs.

### House of the Week

1st - Our Lady 288

2nd - St Joseph 259

3rd - St Anthony 246

4th - St Cuthbert 231

## IMPORTANT

### **Danby Moor Centre Visit**

FS are off to Danby Moor Centre next week to develop their understanding of the world around them, thinking carefully about winter and the animals that they might see. The day is based around Nick Butterworth's story 'One Snowy night'; the children will follow a trail around the grounds of the Moors National Park collecting animal characters from the story on the way. They will end up in a magical looking yurt, complete with a wood burning stove where they will enjoy a hot chocolate whilst they listen to the story. The children will complete an indoor activity based on the animal characters in the story. I'm sure they will all have a lovely time!

### **Kirkleatham**

Y1 and 2 had a toytastic day out at Kirkleatham on Thursday. We learnt all about how children lived in the past. We dressed up as Victorian children - some were rich, some poor and played with lots of toys we never knew existed. Our favourite was a zoetrope!



### **After School Clubs**

Can I please remind parents that after school clubs finish at 4.45pm. Staff have had to wait until well after 5pm several times this half term and children do get rather anxious.



## More News

### Children in Need

Our School Council have done a wonderful job in organising today's Children in Need event. They have made sure that children are aware that the money raised goes towards helping others and have made sure that we have all worn our onesies or spots!



Have fantastic weekend.

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Head Teacher

## Christmas Lunch Tuesday 17th December



We will be having a Christmas lunch on Tuesday the 17th December. The lunch price is £2.10. We need exact numbers by no later than

Friday 22nd November

### Shoe boxes

A huge thank you to those who have donated shoe boxes for our Christmas appeal. We have a good amount to send off and know that they will really be valued by the children and families that receive them. Thanks to our 'Leading Lights' for organising this across school.

