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Dear Parents

NEWSLETTER

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Our Focus Virtue this week is...

Citizenship

*I show love for my neighbour
through my actions.*

Gospel Reading



During this morning's Harvest Festival, Year 6 read the parable of the sheep and the goats. This teaches us that when we help and serve others we are also doing it for Jesus. We are asked to help others and be selfless like Jesus.

Please contact the school office if you, or anyone you know, are interested in sponsoring future Celebration Assemblies.

Harvest Festival and Celebration Assembly

Thank you and well done to the children in Year 6 who led our Harvest Festival Worship this morning and shared the great work that CAFOD do to support those in need around the world. Thank you also to Joseph C in Year 5 who played the piano very well as we left assembly.

Awards

Children who showed The Virtue of Citizenship

Reception – Vivienne H

Year 1 – Ronnie B

Year 2 – Beauden C

Year 3 – Ted B

Year 4 – Theo W

Year 5 – Saoirse F

Year 6 – Emma T

Leadership Awards



Reception – Lenny E

Year 1 – Lyra C

Year 2 – Kuba W

Year 3 – Freya H

Year 4 – Louie H

Year 5 – Evan B

Year 6 – Cathryn C-S

Lunchtime Awards

Our lunchtime staff have chosen the following pupils for showing outstanding behaviour at lunchtimes:

Jack W (Y4) and Abraham L-O (Y4)

Team Points

Congratulations to Kirkstall who are this week's team point winners!

Good Samaritan Award

Well done to Ariana C (Y5) for being this week's winner for her acts of kindness in school.

Times Table Champions

Congratulations to our latest times table champions:

Y4: Sonny C, Samuel T, Louie S, Jack A, Salma-Rita H and Gabriel W

Y5: Corinne H

Y6: Ida W, Ailish McL, Hugo H, Ben E, Sam D and Abigail H

Number Bonds Champions

Congratulations to our latest number bond champion: Harry W and Theo B (Y2).

Harvest Festival

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our amazing collection of food and toiletries. They have been given out to our local foodbank. Thank you also for the kind donations on ParentPay for our non-uniform day. So far we have raised over £190 which will be sent to CAFOD; there is still time to donate if you can.

Learning Differences Awareness Week

It has been a very special week in school as it has been Learning Differences Awareness Week. I am incredibly proud and impressed of the knowledge, understanding and empathy that the children have developed during a range of different lessons and activities. Children have learned about the challenges and gifts associated with different learning needs. Attached is an information pack that we sent last week about the work the children have completed.

Sponsorship Opportunity

Thank you to those who submitted bids for the planters at the front of the school. We are delighted to share these have now been secured and look forward to seeing the new signs added shortly. A big thank you to Mr Sykes and Mr Weaver and their winning businesses for taking up this opportunity and helping support our school.

St Mary's Admissions

We hope Year 6 enjoyed their visit to St Mary's for their open day. Just a reminder that the deadline to apply for a secondary school place is the 31st October 2026.

Thank You to FOSPAP

We would like to say a big thank you to our PTA for funding new soft decorations for our library, creating a lovely reading area; the children are already enjoying this! They have also funded 5 brand new ipads for the children. Thank you from all the children and staff at SsPP.

Sport

U11 Boys' Football Team

Well done to the U11 boys' football team who started their league season with a 6-4 victory over Holy Name. It was a highly entertaining match with both teams playing fantastic football.

Y4 Boys' Football Team

Congratulations to the Y4 boys' football team who won 4-3 in a friendly match at St Joseph's Otley. The team played very well and, as did the U11 team, showed wonderful behaviour and sportspersonship.

Next week

Good luck to the Y5 boys' football team and the U11 boys' football team who have their next matches next week.

SSPP Talent Show

Well done to all the children that auditioned for this year's SSPP talent show. They were all absolutely amazing, and it has been tough to select the final few! However, we have 36 children taking place in the final, and they have now been given a Golden Ticket by Mrs Lowry and the school council. Letters will go out to individual parents on Monday, and tickets for the final are attached to the letter. The children will have a dress rehearsal on Thursday 8th October during school time. Please ensure your child has their costume on this day. Photographs will also be taken during rehearsals. Thank you to Mrs Lowry and the school council for organising the talent show.

World Mental Health Day

It is World Mental Health Day on Saturday 10th October, and we will be marking it in school on Friday 9th October. During the week, we will be learning about what mental health is, how we might feel if we are struggling, how we can look after our mental health and who we can talk to if we need help. On Friday 9th October, we are inviting children to accessorise their uniform with something yellow e.g socks, hair accessories, a badge, sash, something homemade out of paper etc. Wearing yellow is an initiative led by the mental health charity, Youngminds, to raise awareness amongst children and young people that they are not alone with their mental health. Thank you for your support and please feel free to accessorise in yellow too!

FOSPAP – Cauliflower Cards

On Tuesday, we were joined in school by members of FOSPAP who have been working alongside school staff and children to produce this year's Cauliflower Cards. Thank you to Mrs Adams who has helped to organise and run this event and to all the volunteers who joined us on Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed seeing all their artwork the children brought home earlier this week. Thank you for returning any artwork and placing your orders. The returned artwork will be collated over the weekend for Cauliflower Cards.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

In the Catholic Church, October is traditionally known as the 'month of the Rosary'. Here in school, we have two events planned to celebrate the month of the Rosary;

Travelling Rosary

As in previous years, the travelling rosary will be coming to your home at some point during the month of October. The pack will come home with the eldest child in your family. The Rosary pack can be opened at home, as a family, and the Rosary prayed together - there are instructions in each pack. Please make sure your child returns the travelling Rosary the following day to allow all children in the class the chance to take the travelling rosary home.

Rosary Challenge

Our Chaplaincy Team have set each child in school a challenge - to pray the rosary each week day during October. Your child will be bringing home a small leaflet next week (also attached to this newsletter). The leaflet includes a title of a bible story to read and an empty box which your child can tick when they have prayed the rosary. Children who complete the challenge will need to return their 'ticked sheet' to school after the half-term holiday and the Chaplaincy Team will present them with a certificate!

Tempest Photography

Please note the change in date. Tempest photography will be in school on Tuesday 6th October to take your child's individual photograph. If they have a sibling in school, they will also take a sibling photo. Please ensure they come to school in full uniform. If it is their PE day, please send them in full uniform with their PE kit in a separate bag to change into.

Fire of London Workshop – Year 2

A workshop focused on the story of the Great Fire, delivered in character by Sir William Petty, has been booked for the Year 2 class on Wednesday 7th October. The workshop is detailed and engaging, featuring artefacts for the children to examine and various activities to participate in. During the workshop, the children will learn about what London was like in 1666 and make simple comparisons between that time and the present day. They will discuss how the fire spread so rapidly and the methods used to combat it. Finally, students will explore how this historical event has influenced how we build new houses and tackle fire today. The payment item is now live on ParentPay.

Reception Welcome Service

A particularly important date to note for reception parents is the Welcome Service. This will take place in school on Thursday 15th October at 9:00am.

Young Voices

All orders have now been placed for t-shirts and audience tickets; thank you for being so prompt. Choir will start on the first Monday back after half term (2nd November). In the meantime, Spotify have the playlist on their platform so you can start learning the songs with your child at home.

Open Days for September 2027 Reception

Our open days for September 2027 Reception have been set for Tuesday 3rd and Monday 9th November at 10:15am. If you, or anyone you know, would like to attend, please contact the school office to book a place. Please share these dates with anyone you know who may be interested.

Snacks in School

A reminder that the only snacks that should be brought into school for break are a piece of fruit or vegetables. Thank you.

Collection/Going Home Arrangements and Photo Consent

If there are any changes to your child's collection arrangements or if you would like to change any photo permissions/consents previously set, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Contact Details

Similarly, please ensure all addresses, phone numbers etc are up to date with the school office.

Notable Dates

The school calendar on the website has been populated with dates up to the Christmas holidays. Please make a note of these dates. You can follow the following link to view this:

<https://sspeterandpaul.greenhousecms.co.uk/Calendar/>

Inhalers/Medication

Please ensure that new inhalers are sent to school if they have expired. If children require medication, please remember that this must be prescribed by a doctor, and must need administering 4 times a day for us to be able to give it in school.

If your child has a new diagnosis over the summer, or you think you may not have advised us of something, please let the school office known as soon as possible.

Clubs

Our **Breakfast Club** is in place from 7.40am in a morning, term time. The cost is £5 per child per session. Please pay on ParentPay to book your child's place, and state the days you are paying for in the notes section. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that full school uniform is worn. If you need a reminder, please check the school website. All items can be obtained from PC Sports on Yeadon High Street. Please ensure that PE shorts are plain and un-branded, and are a suitable length. Children will continue to wear PE kit to school on your child's PE day. No jewellery other than watches or stud earrings should be worn. Please label each item with your child's full name.

Donated Uniform

Our grateful thanks to all the kind parents and carers who have donated pre-loved uniform to the school. This is available from the main entrance free of charge, please help yourself.

Whilst we are very grateful for these donations I would like to remind you of the following:

1. The uniform should be in good, wearable condition.
2. Washed. Ironing isn't necessary.
3. Remove or cross out the child's name so that we know it's been donated not lost.
4. PE Hoodies – PC Sports on Yeadon High Street will change the initials for a small fee.
5. No shoes – there is just not the storage space.
6. Only uniform suitable for pupils at Ss Peter and Paul. St Mary's uniform can be donated to them at Visitor Reception FAO the person who deals with the donated uniform for them.

We have a very kind grandparent who organises all of this for us. There have been quite a few recent donations of unwashed non-uniform. Please remember this is just for our school uniform.

Volunteers

We would like to say a big thank you to the volunteers that come into school and help with various things, including reading with the children. This is invaluable and really does help us. If anybody has any time that they can spare to be a volunteer in school, please see Mr Power or Mrs Copsey.

Message from the Parish

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy has restarted at 10.00 a.m. Mass. It is for pre-school and primary age children. The Sunday gospel is presented in a suitable form for children with an activity included. They go out at the beginning of mass and return after the Homily. Please come and join us.

Parish Playgroup

The playgroup restarted this week, Wednesday 30th September 9.15 a.m. – 10.45 a.m. in the Parish centre. All pre-school children with their parents, grand-parents or carers are invited to join our new playgroup. There will be snacks and drinks available and plenty of toys. Everyone is welcome to come along and meet new friends.

Message from the FOSPAP PTA

We know, we know! - it should be far too early to mention the word Christmas - but it really was a festive filled day in the school hall on Tuesday. The children enjoyed making their Christmas card masterpieces and they were all so creative! A massive thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their weekend to prep the materials and their time on Tuesday to support the children. It was hectic and happy all at the same time!! Orders have now closed and products will be delivered to school and handed out to children during the beginning of December.

Don't forget to submit any nominations for committee roles by 9th October and do just come along to the AGM on 14th October if you would like to find out more about how you can help keep FOSPAP going.

The spooky disco tickets will be on sale early next week via ParentPay priced at £5 per person. The timings will be: Reception and KS1 5.30-6.30pm and KS2 7.00-8.00pm. Children will receive a drink and a small snack - please make sure you complete all allergen information on parent pay. Emergency contact details will be the same as held by school unless you advise otherwise - you can let us know any differences by email.

SAVE THE DATE - and dig out your dancing shoes! We are bringing a FOSPAP Family disco to the school hall on Saturday 21st November. Full details will be released shortly.

FOSPAP can be contacted at fospap1@gmail.com

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr. Power
Headteacher