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Dear Parents

NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th September 2026

Our Focus Virtue this week is...

Love of Learning

I am a lifelong learner

I am excited and enthusiastic to learn

Gospel Reading



The theme of this morning's Celebration of the Word, and this Sunday's Gospel reading, is forgiveness. Peter asks Jesus the question about how many times we should forgive. Jesus' answer shows that we must forgive one another just as God forgives us: again and again, without limit. God is our loving Father and we can always count on his loving forgiveness and on the freedom that his forgiveness brings. Jesus instructs us to be just as forgiving toward others.

Celebration Assembly Sponsor

This week's celebration assembly is sponsored by Memo. Memo mainly works in the medico-legal industry, proofreading expert reports and making sure they're clear, accurate and professional. They also help businesses with AI, showing them how to use it properly and make their work easier. Please get in touch with them via their website;

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

Celebration Assembly

Well done to James H and Riley B for writing and presenting Celebration Assembly this week and to the choir who sang beautifully at the start of assembly. It was the turn of Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 to share their learning this morning. I visited Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 to find out about their favourite learning this week.

Reception have enjoyed learning all about their class saint, Saint Lucy, this week. They have learnt that her name means 'light' and have been thinking about how they can show their light in the world through acts of kindness to others.

Year 1 shared their beautiful creation story artwork this morning. We were all very impressed with their skills.

Year 2 named history and art as their learning highlights this week. In history, they have started learning about the Fire of London. In art, they have developed their shading skills. They have produced some excellent work.

Year 3 shared their history learning about the Stone Age. There were some very long words that described the different periods of time within the stone age! The children shared the significant themes related to these periods.

Year 4 have enjoyed the challenge of working with numbers up to 10,000 this week. They have been extending their knowledge of place value and have worked very hard.

Year 5 shared their vocabulary work based on their Space Camp work in English. Their use of descriptive language was excellent.

Year 6 presented their RE work this morning. They have studied accounts of creation and learned about original sin. They considered who was most responsible of this first sin and how our choices affect other people.

Thank you for not taking pictures or videos at Celebration Assembly.

Following feedback last year, we have added information on the certificate about why your child has won their award. We will also take and post pictures of all children (who have consent) who won awards.

Awards

Children who showed The Virtue of Love of Learning

Reception – Olivia G
Year 1 – Phoebe C
Year 2 – Nancy W
Year 3 – Noah C
Year 4 – Salma-Rita H
Year 5 – Conall D
Year 6 – Isabelle C

Leadership Awards



Reception – Kai A
Year 1 – Harrison B
Year 2 – Darla B
Year 3 – Isabella D
Year 4 – Niamh C
Year 5 – Theo O
Year 6 – Dylan S

Lunchtime Awards

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

Bobbi K (Y2) and Melisa C (Y2)

Reception Class 2026

A special well done and congratulations to our amazing reception class. This has been their first full week altogether, and we have been very impressed with how well they have settled. During Monday's Celebration of the Word, Wednesday's Singing Praises and this morning's Celebration of the Word and Celebration Assembly, they all came into the hall to join the rest of the school, showing fantastic behaviour – amazing! Well done, reception!

Team Points

Congratulations to Fountains who are this week's team points' winners!

Good Samaritan Award

Well done to Theo O (Y5) for being this week's winner for his acts of kindness in school.

Times Table Champions

Congratulations to our latest times table champions:

Year 5: Joseph C, Juliette H, Seth K, Anthio S, Jude C, Joseph M, Cole E

Year 6: Harriet B, Zach C, Charlotte H and James H

Well done for such a fantastic achievement.

Leeds Library Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children who completed the summer reading challenge. It was great to celebrate your achievements with you this week.

Active Mark Award

We are delighted to share with you that we have been awarded the Platinum Award for outstanding school sport competition and provision. You can only apply for this award if you have received the gold award for 4 years in a row. A big thank you to everyone who contributes and supports the sporting provision in our school.



Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to everyone that has attended the parent information evenings, and thank you to class teachers for their hard work preparing and running them. If you were unable to attend, please let the class teacher or school office know, and we can send a pack home. Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Altar Servers

I was very proud to take 13 children from Y5/6 to church this morning to receive Altar Server training from Canon Tim. The children were very sensible, attentive and enthusiastic about their training. Thank you to Canon Tim for taking the time to explain features of the role so well.

Sponsorship Opportunity

I am sure you have noticed the fruits of Mr Holdsworth's carpentry skills with the new planters at the front of school. If you are interested in sponsoring these, please see the separate letter that has been sent out about this. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Start of Year Mass

We have our first Mass of the school year in church at 9.30am on Tuesday 15th September. As always, you are very welcome to join us.

Mission Day

On Monday, we will be having a special Mission Day in school. We will be exploring our school mission, "Learning through faith, hope and love", St Paul's teachings, and how we live out this mission in our lives.

Young Voices 2027

Please look out for a letter on Monday regarding signing up for Young Voices 2027. Please note this will be for KS2 and above. Rehearsals for this will start after half term.

Class Charities 2026-27

Each class have democratically decided on their chosen class charity for this school year. There will be a fundraising event for each class at some point in the year, and there are charity boxes in each classroom. The Y6 Mini Vinnies will be supporting the charity work in each class.

Reception: The Woodland Trust
Year 1: Keighley Cat Care
Year 2: Yorkshire Air Ambulance
Year 3: Dogs Trust
Year 4: The Princess Trust
Year 5: AVSED
Year 6: Make a Wish Foundation

School Council

The following children have been democratically elected to this year's school student council. Congratulations to them all.

Year 1: Rafferty McK W and Molly A
Year 2: Harry T and Bobbi K
Year 3: Rory O'B and Isabella D
Year 4: Darcey B and Tommy R
Year 5: Joseph C and Ashani L
Year 6: Beth K and Hugo H

Student Leadership Responsibilities

As well as the School Councillors, the following leadership responsibilities in school have also been decided this week:

Eco Warriors

Year 1: Lily R and Max M
Year 2: Harry W and Melisa C
Year 3: Oliver T and Alice R
Year 4: Harriet S and Louie S
Year 5: Emre C and Ariana C
Year 6: Jersey F-G and Sam D

Librarians

Year 1: Eleanor M and Jude H
Year 2: Beauden C and Roisin McG
Year 3: Aaron S and Saoirse D
Year 4: Elsie M and Abraham L-O
Year 5: Conall D and Corinne H
Year 6: Connie M and Riley B

Talent Show

The school council are already working hard to create suggestion boxes for each class and organise the annual talent show! They have prepared a poster for each class explaining when each round will take place and what will happen during that round. The first stage starts next week with children performing in front of their class to win a place in the next round. Finalists will take part in our live final on Tuesday 13th October at 6:00pm and parents of finalists will be invited to watch.

RE Curriculum Newsletter

Please see attached the Parents' Religious Education Newsletter for this academic year.

Sport

Y6 Boys at Home against Ireland Wood

Well done to our U11 boys' football team who warmed up for their league season with a friendly match yesterday. Despite losing 3-1, the team played very well and showed a great attitude.

Next week

Y5/6 Girls at Home against Ireland Wood

It is the girls' turn next week as they play Ireland Wood in a friendly match. Good luck to them

Tempest Photography

Tempest photography will be in school on Wednesday 23rd September 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.

Reception Welcome Liturgy

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.

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.

Open Days at St Mary's Menston

The School Open Day for St Mary's Menston High School will take place on Saturday 26th September 2026.

Fidget Tools in School

Please see the letter that was sent out today regarding this.

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 and Going Home Arrangements

If there are any changes to your child's collection arrangements, 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/>

Benedict's Law

Please complete the google form link that was shared via email by Monday 14th September.

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.

After School Clubs – Autumn 1 – September to October Half Term

School run clubs are now live on ParentPay. Please pay to book your child on their chosen club.

Monday: Movie Club - all children
Netball Club – KS2

Tuesday: Singing Club - KS2

Wednesday: STEM – KS2 and above

Thursday: KS1 Arts and Crafts – Rec, Y1 and Y2
KS2 Arts and Crafts – Y3 and above

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.

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 FOSPAP PTA

Excitement is now building around school for the upcoming Zactiv (aka Steel from Gladiators) visit on 24th September. We are pleased to share that this has been fully funded by FOSPAP along with a postcard for each child that Zach will sign on the day. He will talk to all the children about how to have a healthy mind and body and celebrate their achievements like a real gladiator! In addition Zactiv do sell an optional 'Glimmer Pad' a journal aimed at helping children reflect on their day, understand their emotions and recognise and celebrate their positives! These can be ordered via ParentPay. £3 of every order will go straight back to FOSPAP. Orders close at 12.00pm on Monday 14th September.

If anyone has any spare Xmas wrapping paper, coloured card, tissue paper or craft paper that they would like to donate to school for the cauliflower card making day Mrs Lloyd would be very grateful. Could any donations could be sent in to the office by Friday 25th September. Thank you.

Our Autumn term is packed with lots of fun activities, and we will need plenty of parent/carer volunteers for these to go ahead, if you can help at any of our events please reach out via your class rep.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 14th October at 7.00pm in school. If anyone would like to put themselves forward for the role of chair, secretary or treasurer (all of which can also be co-positions) please submit your nomination to fospap1@gmail.com by Friday 9th October. All are encouraged and welcome to attend the meeting. As mentioned previously we are looking to replace our current chairs and secretary over the next 2 years, so please do consider coming along to see how you can help keep FOSPAP going strong!

FOSPAP can be contacted at fospap1@gmail.com

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr. Power
Headteacher