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Dear Parents

NEWSLETTER

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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 Sunday's Gospel, is generosity. Jesus uses the images of workers and a vineyard to show us something about the kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity.

God's ways are not always our ways. At first, it may appear unfair that the workers who started early were only paid the same as those who arrived later. But, on reflection, we see that not only was the Landowner being fair by paying what had been agreed, he was being overly generous through rewarding everyone equally (even those who came at the last hour). God's generosity is unlimited and offered to each one of us.

Celebration Assembly Sponsor

This week's celebration assembly is sponsored by TW Community Sports who run football sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday evening here at the school. 1:1 football coaching sessions can also be booked with Mr Wardell as well as football parties, which are always very popular here at the school. Mr Wardell is holding a variety of holiday camps over the October half-term; please see attached flyers with further information on these.

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

Celebration Assembly

Well done to Olivia and Isabelle 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 Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 to share their learning this morning. I visited Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 to find out about their favourite learning this week.

Reception displayed their wonderful creative skills, and bravery, in showcasing their self portraits on paper plates. Well done, reception!

Year 1 have really enjoyed exploring addition this week in maths. They have used a variety of strategies to quickly solve calculations.

Year 2 showed us their brilliant writing skills in assembly. They used powerful adjectives to describe an animal in their listed poems.

Year 3 were in no hesitation about their learning highlight of the week. They loved their art and RE lessons where they have produced some wonderful creation paintings.

Year 4 told us all about their Mission Day work on faith, hope and love. They shared the footsteps and word clouds that they produced that linked with the school mission.

Year 5 picked PE as their learning highlight of the week. They have really enjoyed developing their gymnastic skills.

Year 6 presented incredible pieces of writtern work from their Mission Day work. They imitated St Paul's style to create wonderful, inspirational letters.

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 – Jack B
Year 1 – Eleanor M
Year 2 – Bea H
Year 3 – Rory O'B
Year 4 – Olivia S
Year 5 – Frankie G P
Year 6 – Harriet B

Leadership Awards



Reception – Monique L
Year 1 – Matthew B
Year 2 – Melisa C
Year 3 – Harriet G P
Year 4 – Abraham L-O
Year 5 – Juliette H
Year 6 – Jersey F-G

Lunchtime Awards

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

Zach C (Y6) and Annie S (Y5)

Team Points

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

Good Samaritan Award

Well done to Maya W (Y6) for being this week's winner for her acts of kindness in school.

Questionnaire

Attached to the newsletter are the results of our annual questionnaire. Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this.

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

Thank you for joining us on Tuesday for our first Mass of the school year. It was a lovely Mass and a great way to start the year. I was particularly impressed and proud of the new reception children for participating so well.

Mission Day

On Monday, we had a special visitor, John Hutchinson (previous headteacher of St Theresa's Catholic Primary School) who led our school mission day. We had workshops in each class and then celebrated our learning at the end of the day in a special assembly. It was wonderful to see the children reflect on their faith and gain greater understanding of how we live out our mission of 'Learning through faith, hope and love'.

Young Voices 2027

Preparations are already underway for Young Voices 2027! All of KS2 will have received a letter home with initial details. Please remember to sign your child up to the event using the Google form by Monday 21st September, and also order their t-shirt using the same form. Audience tickets should be ordered through ParentPay and again, the deadline is Monday 21st September. The letter contains the link to Spotify so please play this at home so your child is familiar with the songs. A big thank you to FOSPAP PTA for once again funding the transport and t-shirts/torches for this fantastic event.

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.

Foodbank Friday

Next Friday, it is the turn of Year 6 to try and fill our foodbank box. Please only donate if you are able to. Any donations will be gratefully received by those who need it most in our local community. Thank you.

Three areas to celebrate

Following our Academy Council's meeting this week, governors outlined the following 3 areas to celebrate:

- How well the new staff, including staff in new roles, and our new reception children have settled into our school.
- The fantastic KS2 SATs results
- The school receiving the Platinum award for sport.

Talent Show

The auditions are underway and it is lovely to see how much talent our children have. Finalists will take part in our live final on **Monday 12th October** at 6:00pm and parents of finalists will be invited to watch.

Sport

Next week

Y5 Girls' Football Away at St. Joseph's Otley

Our Y5 girls' football team have a friendly match away at St. Josephs, Otley on Thursday. Good luck to them.

Tempest Photography

Please note the change in date since the last newsletter. 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.

Gladiator Visit

A big thank you to FOSPAP PTA for funding a special visitor in school next week. We look forward to welcoming Steel into school on Thursday to talk with the children about healthy choices and being active.

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. Please see attached letter from St Mary's 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/>

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.

Benedict's Law

Thank you to all those who have completed the Google form link that was shared via email. If you haven't yet completed this, please can this be completed by Monday 21st September.

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

School run clubs are 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.

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 FOSPAP PTA

Less than a week to go and it's not just the children getting excited about the Zactiv visit on 24th ...we've got staff coming in early just to catch a glimpse of Steel too! All children will be given a postcard on the day (funded by FOSPAP) for Zack to sign. We hope they really enjoy the visit.

Thank you to the parent volunteers who have offered to help on the Cauliflower cards day - we really appreciate your time and support. Please can any Christmas wrapping and craft paper donations be sent to the office by Friday 25th September.

Don't forget to put the AGM on 14th October at 7.00pm in your diaries and send any committee member nomination emails to our FOSPAP address by 9th October.

Plans are well underway for our annual Spooky disco which will be held on Thursday 22nd October and more details will be shared in due course.

FOSPAP can be contacted at fospap1@gmail.com

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr. Power
Headteacher