

Reflection



This Sunday, Jesus talks about the importance of giving, of being generous with what we have and treating other people as we would like to be treated.

Jesus is telling the disciples how he wants them to be. He asks them to be good to everyone, even those who hate them. He asks them to treat everyone as they would want to be treated and he asks them not to judge other people, to be kind and compassionate, and to forgive those who hurt them and he also asks them to be generous. To give what they have to anyone who asks them. Giving is a wonderful thing. It can make us feel happy, because we are making other people happy.

Jesus says that those of us who are generous will receive lots of gifts back. It's not about getting more toys or sweets or things, but about being surrounded by love, peace, hope and joy. These are really important gifts. Let's think about how we can put that into action this week.



Prayer: God of love, help us to be giving and loving to one another. Fill us with your gifts of peace, hope and love. Amen.

Busy half term!

It has been quite a half term since we returned in January with high numbers of positive Covid cases but also some amazing, exciting work, trips and visits for the children in school. This half term we have shared collective worships with St Stephen's Skipton and St Joseph's Pudsey, celebrated Year 5's First Holy Communion, had trips to Nell Bank and the Holocaust Centre, a Florence Nightingale workshop, Stay and Play session for Reception, trips to the library, workshops for the School Council, Bikeability, Primary Choices workshop for Year 6, Open the Book, Sports Cool workshops, class assemblies and class Masses. We have been very busy but despite its challenges, the children have had a brilliant time and learnt lots as well. Please follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with all the exciting things the children

do in school. Next half term will be just as busy again so please see our diary dates below.

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Reminder - World Book Day

World book day is on **Thursday 3rd March 2022**.

What to Wear

This year, we would like to celebrate in a slightly different way by dressing up as an interesting word. Children should come dressed in a costume which represents their chosen word, with their word displayed somewhere visible. This can be as simple or as complex as you like!

Here are some examples for you:

Hilarious – you could dress up as clown.

Contagious – you could come in your pyjamas with chicken pox drawn on!

Ancient/archaic – you could make yourself look really old.

Illuminate – you could wear clothes with stars on.

Inquisitive – you could dress as a detective.

Magical – you could be a fairy or a wizard.

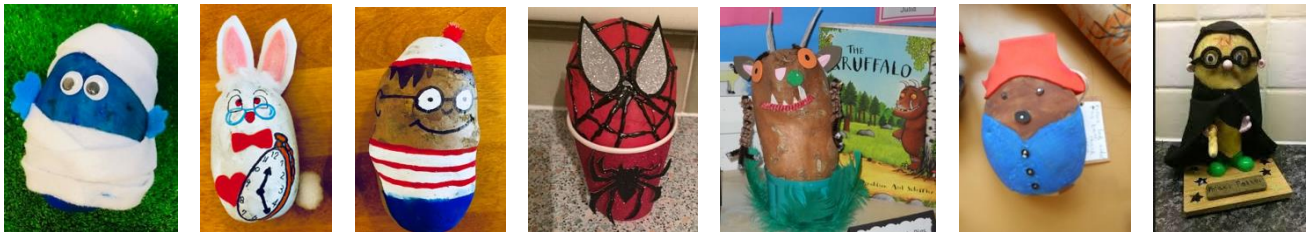
Blizzard – you could wear white and be covered in 'snow'!

Incognito – you could try and disguise yourself.



Potato Competition!

This year, we invite you to take part in a competition with a twist! We challenge you to take an ordinary potato and transform it into a well-known book character (see below for examples). **Please send all completed potato characters into school on either Monday 28th February or Tuesday 1st March.** There will be one winner chosen from each year group who will be awarded with a book-related prize.



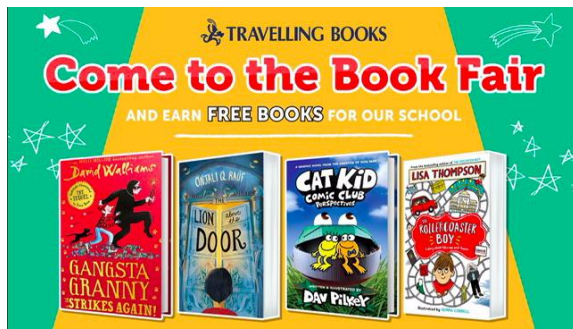
Northern Arts Factory

During the day on World Book Day, all year groups will have the chance to work with staff from Northern Arts drama company on a book theme. This is always a highlight for the children. A reminder, can you please pay the £3.50 via ParentPay for this activity by Monday 28th February. Thank you to the parents who have already made the payment.

World Book Day Assembly

You are invited to join us for the World Book Day assemblies on Thursday 3rd March. During this time, the children will have chance to show off their costumes, take part in a book themed quiz and listen to a story. We will also announce the potato competition winners! Reception and KS1's assembly is at 9.15am in the school hall and KS2's assembly is at 2.30pm in the school hall.

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Book fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be in school from 16th March to 21st March 8.30 – 8.50am and 3.15 – 3.45pm. For every book that is bought, school gets a percentage of the money to spend on new books so please visit the book fair. It has been 3 years since it was last in school!

Year 5 Bikeability

Year 5 had a brilliant week last week, learning to ride their bikes safely. The instructors were extremely complimentary about their attitude and resilience. They said Year 5 listened well to instructions and conducted themselves in a mature manner throughout the three days and were a credit to the school. Why not try some of your skills during the half term holiday? Click on the link to have a look at [Leeds cycle network](#).



Parents' Evenings

Our parents' evenings will be held next half term on **Tuesday 29th March** and **Thursday 1st April 4 – 6.30pm**. Information on how to book appointments, will be sent home after the half term.

Mrs Robertshaw

We wish Mr and Mrs Robertshaw all the best with their imminent new arrival. Mrs Robertshaw will finish working in Year 3 today but will be in school on the Monday and Tuesday after the February half term before she commences her maternity leave. We look forward to meeting Baby Robertshaw very soon!

Football cards

A number of children in KS2 have been bringing in football cards into school to swap which has led to a number of falling outs. **Please do not bring football cards into school.**

New parent governor

One of our current parent governors, Mr Jim Robinson, has become a foundation governor so there is a space for a new parent governor on our Academy Council. Information about how to register your interest will be sent out after the half term. Mr Robinson is happy to discuss the role of parent governor with anyone who would be interested.

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Awards

Headteacher Awards

Reception – Melody G & Luna Mc

Year 1 – All of Year 1

Year 2 – Amelia S & Leo P

Year 3 – Will R & Francesca G

Year 4 – Joseph E & Sam D

Year 5 – Jessica Mc & Orlaith G

Year 6 – Nancy S & Anissa TF

Virtue Awards

Reception – Zena G

Year 1 – Jesse Mc

Year 2 – Malachy G

Year 3 – Ethan S

Year 4 – Robin B

Year 5 – Olivia M

Year 6 – Hector P

Diary Dates *denotes parents welcome

February

Monday 28 School reopens

March

Wednesday	2	9.30am	Ash Wednesday whole school Mass led by Year 6*
Thursday	3		World Book Day
Thursday	3		Northern Arts workshops
Thursday	3	9.15am	Reception and KS1 assembly for World Book Day*
Thursday	3	2.30pm	KS2 assembly for World Book Day*
Sunday	6	11.00am	Family Mass – 1st Sunday of Lent*
Thursday	10	9.15am	Year 2 class assembly*
Friday	11		Family Fast Day – KS2 soup and a roll
Friday	11		Non uniform £1 for Cafod
W/b	14		Year 6 Sacrament of Reconciliation for Lent
Monday	14		Year 5 residential
Wednesday	16		Year 5 return
Wednesday	16		Book Fair in school 8.30 - 8.50 and 3.15 - 3.45
Thursday	17	9.15am	Year 3 class assembly*
Friday	18		Non uniform for Comic Relief £1
Friday	18	2.30pm	2022 Good Shepherd Fundraiser*
Saturday	19		Year 5 class Saint – Feast day of St Joseph
Monday	21		Last day of Book Fair 8.30 - 8.50 and 3.15 - 3.45
Tuesday	22	2.00pm	Reception Easter Workshop*
Wednesday	23	2.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Easter Workshop*
Thursday	24	9.15am	Year 1 class assembly*
Thursday	24	2.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Workshop*
Friday	25	2.30pm	Mother's Day assembly*
Monday	28	2.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter production*
Tuesday	29		Stations of the Cross activity day
Tuesday	29	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Wednesday	30		Stations of the Cross activity day
Thursday	31	9.30am	Whole school Mass led by Year 5*
Thursday	31	2.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Easter Workshop*
Thursday	31	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*

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April

Friday	1	2.30pm	Stations of the cross
Friday	1		Finish for Easter holidays

Parish news

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

During Lent, the Church encourages us to pray, fast & give alms. These are holy activities, through which those who actively take part identify and share in the grace of the passion, death & resurrection of Christ. The Liturgy of Lent guides us on how we must live out our Lenten lives. We can pray in private, but as a Community of Faith brought together by the death & resurrection of Christ we come together as one person or assembly to carry out some of the Lenten activities. We have decided to pray the Stations of the Cross once a week: every Thursday at Assumption at 10am, after Mass; every Friday at Holy Name 5.30pm, followed by Mass; every Wednesday at St Mary's at 5.30pm, followed by Mass. ***There will be no morning Masses on Wednesdays or Fridays during Lent.***

We appeal to the groups listed against the following dates to please organise yourselves and lead the whole church in Stations of the Cross:

Week 1 (Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th Mar)

Father & Altar Servers.

Week 2 (Wed 9th, Thurs 10th & Fri 11th)

Parish Council members

Week 3 (Wed 16th, Thurs 17th & Fri 18th)

Eucharistic Ministers

Week 4 (Wed 23rd, Thurs 24th & Fri 25th)

SVP & Live Simply Group

Week 5 (Wed 30th, Thurs 31st & Fri 1st)

Holy Name & St Mary's Catholic teachers

Week 6 (Wed 6th, Thurs 7th & Fri 8th)

Readers

We shall use "St Alphonsus of Liguori Stations of the Cross. Copies will be available at a cost of £4 each.

1st HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2022

If you have a child currently in year 4 or above who has already received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and wishes to prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion, which will take place on Sunday 19th June, please pick up an enrolment form from church or from the OLK webpage, complete it & return it to one of our parish offices or email to: catechist.ourladyofkirkstall@dioceseofleeds.org.uk This course will start after half term so please return the application Form by Friday 25th Feb.

SUNDAY MASSES (Saturday Vigil)

Holy Name	6.30pm
St. Mary's	8.15am
Holy Name	9.00am
Assumption	9.45am
St Mary's	11.00am
Holy Name	11.15am