

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd October 2020

## MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA!

Another fantastic week at school – the children have worked very hard to complete assessments – well done everyone. Reception are settling in well to life at St Joseph's and enjoying getting to know each other.

There has been some lovely work throughout school: Year 1 were writing a letter to the meerkats; Year 2 went out into the grounds on a science walk with Mrs Bates; Year 3 were learning to use watercolours; Year 4 have written some wonderful statements about themselves – their likes, hopes and wishes, a lovely keepsake; Y5 have been learning about different geographical features and Year 6 were enjoying French (classroom routines) with Miss Kealey.

Well done – we ended the week on a fabulous 97.5% attendance - getting closer to the 100%. Starts and ends of the day are running smoothly – so thank you everyone.

Can we remember the children in Year 5 who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday - please keep them in your prayers at this special time.

**Molly and Miss Choma** – thought I would give you a quick update. Molly has struggled with everyone going back to school too. She has had to get used to spending more time on her own. It's lovely when I return home because she is so pleased to see me – I'm jumped on and whacked by her tail because it is wagging so much (quite painful at times). Then the whining starts – which means hurry up and take me out! Quick change then onto the field. We met her best friend Bonnie (a dog) last night; they exhausted each tearing around. At one point, they nearly knocked me off my feet!



## NEW MENU AFTER OCTOBER HOLIDAYS!



We are pleased to announce that we will be returning to serving hot meals after the October holidays. We are working with Mrs Brylov to organise a safe and convenient way of delivering the school dinners.

If you would like your child to start on school dinners after October Half Term, please contact the school office. School dinners are priced at £2.40 a day for KS2 pupils.

Please click [here](#) to read the new menu.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 6th October: Y4 and Y5 Chevin Seed Gathering Workshop
- 7th October: Flu Vaccinations
- 8th October: Confirmation Meeting
- 9th October: Harvest Assembly—please bring non-perishable items
- 15th October: Praying the Rosary



## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to those who donated cakes and/or money for the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** this week.

We raised a fantastic £278.03.

Everyone enjoyed a tasty cake and cup of squash, as we raised money for a worthy cause.

Miss Choma said, "I really missed the home baked cakes this year." A sentiment shared by all!



## TRAINING DAY

Polite reminder of upcoming training days:

- Friday 23rd October 2020
- Friday 28th May 2021
- Monday 26th July 2021
- Tuesday 27th July 2021

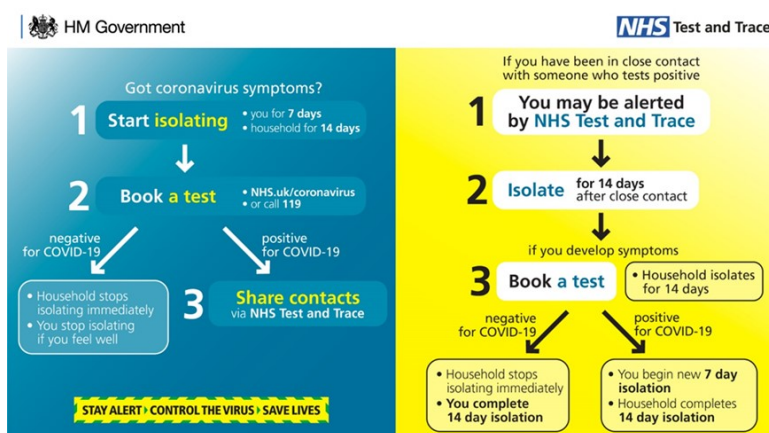
School will not be open to pupils on this day.

## REMINDER - CORONAVIRUS

**It is vital that pick up/drop times are strictly adhered to and that parents and carers leave the school site promptly after drop-off and pick-up.**

The government guidance also asks us to remind parents not to gather at the school gates and that coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed. Thank you to those who social distance whilst waiting for your children.

We have attached an image with this week's newsletter (see image) which is a simple flowchart to explain what to do if you suspect you have coronavirus, or if you have come into contact with somebody who has coronavirus. As always, you can contact the school office for guidance. Thank you!



## PHOTOGRAPHS



The children had a fun time having their photos taken on Thursday. Kelly, from Tempest Photography, complemented the children on their impeccable behaviour and wonderful smiles!



Proofs will be sent home on Monday, and these should be returned to school by Monday 12th October.

## BANANA AND NUT FREE SCHOOL

Polite reminder that due to severe allergies, St Joseph's is a banana and nut free school. Unfortunately, if your child is found with a banana or nuts, the product will have to be confiscated.

### BREAK TIME SNACKS

Additionally, please note that children should only be bringing fruit as a snack at playtimes. We are currently seeing an assortment of inappropriate snacks on the playground. If your child brings something other than fruit, we will ask them to put it back in their bag to take home. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The nasal influenza vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception - Year 6.

If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** please follow this link to complete an online consent form;  
<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=139355&Type=FLU>

The link to register is now closed. If you have any problems, please telephone 0333 358 3397 (option 7 ext 2)



# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

On Thursday, it was St Therese of Lisieux's saint day who is Year 6's Saint. Here is a prayer asking her to help us imitate her "Little Way" which is doing little acts of kindness for the people we love with a smile on our faces. The Year 5 children thought of lots of ways that they can help around the home, so hopefully parents they might offer to do some jobs for you!

*O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love.*

*St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day.*

*Amen*

## OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### MASS TIMES

Mass will be celebrated:  
Wednesdays 10.00am  
Saturday 6.30pm  
Sunday 9.30am

*Please see bulletin for changes to Mass times for week beginning Monday 31st August.*

The daily Mass schedule will resume on 21st September 2020

Please book a place for Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass - [book here](#)

## VIRTUE TO LIVE BY

Over the past four weeks, the children have been thinking about the virtue of Respect and Courtesy in our Collective Worships and have listened to stories from the Bible about Jesus' golden rule of treating others how we would like to be treated; God creating humans in his image; Jesus treating people with respect and the commandments that God gave us. During our time at school, we have been trying to live out the following statements: I am respectful; I treat others as I would like to be treated; I show courtesy to everyone as we are all made in God's image and likeness.



Well done to the following children who have been identified by their teachers as trying extra hard to follow these statements - Dylan, Anna, Emme, Arron, Daniel and Joshua.

## HARVEST ASSEMBLY

From Monday, we are inviting children to donate non-perishable food items (packets and tins etc...) as part of our harvest celebrations. These will then be donated to the Otley Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your support, we are always overwhelmed by your generosity. On Thursday morning, the children in school will watch the CAFOD Harvest Collective Worship.



**YEAR 5 WILL THEN LEAD THE SCHOOL IN OUR HARVEST CELEBRATIONS ON FRIDAY MORNING AS PART OF OUR ZOOM CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY. A LINK WILL BE SENT OUT TO YEAR 5 PARENTS WISHING TO WATCH IT.**

## CONFIRMATION

Classes will begin on Thursday 8th October after school and candidates will make their Confirmation on Saturday 28th November or Sunday 29th November.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the four children in Year 5 who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, they were very reverent and all of them read beautifully. It may have been very different to our usual First Holy Communion Mass but it was a very special and moving celebration. We hope the children had a wonderful day.

Five more children will be making their First Holy Communion this Saturday. We wish them and their families a very special and holy day.





# CLASS NEWS



## YEAR R NEWS

This week we have had another busy week in Reception! The children loved their first P.E lesson; we experimented with different ways that we can travel around using our feet. Lots of the children said they felt tired at the end of the lesson, so we also discussed how exercise makes our bodies feel.

This week, we have also begun Phase Two phonics. The children have made a super start learning the sounds s, a and t. Over the weekend, please support your child by continuing to look at things in your environment that may start with these sounds and practicing the formation. The formation rhymes we use are Read Write Inc and can be found on the Reception page of the school website.

We have continued working on our All About Me topic this week and we have discussed what makes us different to one another. In English, the children furthered their learning by thinking about their likes and dislikes and how they might differ from one another. The children were encouraged to draw pictures of things that they like and dislike and to label or write the letter sounds if they were able to.

In RE this week we have been learning about God's World. We have read the story 'Guess How Much I Love You' and spoken about people that love and care for us and ways that they might show this.



## YEAR 1 NEWS

In Science, this week we have been learning about seasonal change; we have thought about the different seasons and how to describe the weather in each one.

We have been sequencing in English. We have really enjoyed our book on Sunny the Meerkat and this week we have been looking at language to help us place the events in our story in chronological order.

In Maths, we have been investigating 3D shapes. We sorted the shapes into different groups based on whether they would roll. We also practised counting forwards and backwards and used number squares to help us find one more and one less.

In RE, we have thinking about Harvest and how lucky we are that God gives us so much. We read the story of Adam and Eve. We reflected on the choices that God gives us and how sometimes it is hard to do the right thing.

In Art we had fun with some finger painting and have been practising different types of jumps in PE.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

It has been assessment week in year 2! The children have completed some assessments in Maths, Writing, Phonics and Guided Reading. They have all been well behaved and had a positive attitude to each assessment. Mrs Deyes and I are extremely pleased and wanted to say a big well done to everyone in Year 2.

In PE this week we were practising our long-distance running. We played a tiring game of traffic lights and then moved on to relay racing. The children showed lots of enthusiasm as they were cheering their team on. This week is our final week of athletics and we enjoyed completing circuit training. We demonstrated our abilities in long jump, long distance running, throwing and catching.

In Science this week Year 2 have been learning more about local habitats. They enjoyed the chance to explore the school grounds in the lovely weather. They were observing closely and recording information about living things and their habitats.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

In Maths, we checked our arithmetic and problem-solving skills. Miss Armitage has been impressed at how much faster children are with mental arithmetic problems compared to when we started in September - our brains have really warmed up!

In English, the children planned out their own narratives around finding something unusual in the garden. We used our class text and our knowledge of the Stone Age to inspire us.

In History, we learned about the language of chronology and scale. The children put the different Stone Age periods (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic) in order by using clues about the names, and then measured out our timeline on the playground. We were shocked to find out how long the Palaeolithic period really was!

In Collective Worship, we thought about our Statement of Belief this week, "I can laugh and have fun". The children passed a smile around the classroom to help everyone feel happy, and we shared some jokes. See if they can share one with you this weekend!



## YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have had a busy week with assessments. They have all worked hard and Mrs Holmes is very proud of them.

In our RE work this week, we have been learning about Joseph and his wonderful coat of many colours. We found out that Joseph had great faith in God and God had great plans for him.

As part of our topic work, we have been learning about the different stages of a river; the upper, middle and lower courses. The beginning of a river, when it flows quickly with lots of energy, is called a young river. The river here is smaller and usually has a rapid, tumbling flow that cuts a narrow channel through rocky hills or mountains. The middle of a river's journey, when it gets wider and slows down, is called the middle age. When the river reaches the end of its journey, it is called an old river. The end of the river is called the mouth.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

In RE this week, Year 5 followed up their work about creation by looking at the Fall of humankind. The children used the picture below to help them understand the story. The children talked about original sin and how Jesus is the bridge that has helped us to get closer to God again.

In English, the children wrote descriptions using expanded noun phrases of their "Lost Thing" pictures that they drew in Art last week. They also retold the story of "The Lost Thing" in their own words.

In Maths, the children have continued their work on rounding and comparing numbers as well as looking at negative numbers.

In French, the children have been learning about places. We started by looking at cities in France; then saying where we live and have now looked at the names of some of the things we might find in a town. My personal favourite is a Patisserie!!!

We are looking forward to our Class Saint Day on Monday!



## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we used bar models to help us answer multi-step questions. We realised that it was much easier to use a bar model representations to visualise what is happening in the question.

In English, we wrote a diary extract from the perspective of the little girl. We really thought about how we could use verbs and adjectives to convey emotions. Also, we identify subject, verb and object in sentences.

On Friday, we celebrated our Class Saint – Saint Therese of Lisieux. We enjoyed learning all about her life, devotion to God and her 'little ways'. We thought about how we could live like Saint Therese. Joshua said, "We should do little things with extraordinary love." During the afternoon, we decorated biscuits with a flower design as Saint Therese loved flowers and saw herself as 'Little Flower of Jesus'.

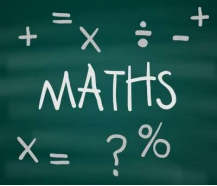


# AWARDS



## SUNSHINE AWARDS

Evie (Y1), Max (Y2), Samuel (Y3)  
Anita (Y4), Matthieu (Y5), Brian (Y6)



## MATHS AWARDS

Eric (Y1), Fin (Y2), Joseph (Y3)  
Benjamin (Y4), Esther (Y5), Lucy (Y6)



## VIRTUE AWARDS

Dylan (Y1), Anna (Y2), Emme (Y3)  
Arron (Y4), Daniel (Y5), Joshua (Y6)

As a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn.