

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th February 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Yet another wonderful week at school and home – well done to everyone for working hard and keeping focused. It was lovely to see you in our celebration assembly this morning. We were thinking about ways we can be happy if we have a little worry or feel sad: have a cuddle, play with our toys; talk to someone; play with our friends; read a book; have a cup of tea; go for a walk or **DANCE**. What wonderful dancing this morning – I have been smiling all day so thank you. I keep singing the words in my head, 'Don't Worry Be Happy.' KS2 - we will put a link on Google Classroom so you can have a dance too. This weekend, if we can, say or reflect on the prayer from our assembly today. Every day, when I see you, your smiles always give me a cheerful heart.

Dear God,

I pray for happiness.

I pray that I have a cheerful heart.

I pray that others are drawn to my happy smile,

My positive attitude, and my face that shines with joy.

Amen

Time is flying by – one more week and it's the holidays – time to have a rest and have some fun, family time. Well done for your work at home and in school. Your teachers tell me about the lovely things you are doing. We received an amazing picture from Esther of a ladybird sitting on the petal of a flower; this was first time Esther had painted on canvas. It was beautiful. Well done. Thank you everyone for working together at home and in school to support the children's learning.

I do believe there may be some snow this weekend so it could be a sledging weekend but if not, enjoy the fresh air and be active. Molly does love the snow – especially eating it! She doesn't like all the ice balls that stick to her fur.

From all the staff - be safe; be kind and be happy. God Bless



THIS PE WEEK'S CHALLENGE

We have a new physical challenge!!! This time we want you to put a toilet roll on your head and try to balance it there whilst you lie down and then stand back up. Here is the web link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4RrHB92fck>

Again we'd love to see your photos or videos of your attempts.

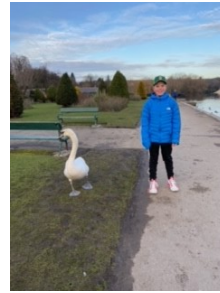
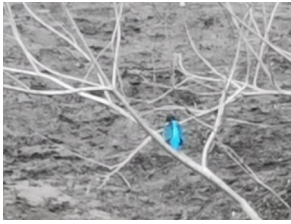
THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE—ACTS OF KINDNESS

One way of helping our mental health is to help others. Some of our children have been busy helping others. For example, you may wish to post a card to an elderly relative, collect stamps or clear out toys to donate. Please send in photos of your children's acts of kindness.

Well done to Luan who has raised over £450 for Cafod in January by completing a fitness challenge. For 31 days, Luan has run, walked or hiked everyday. Eva and Agnes have been putting their sewing skills to the test by making reusable face masks whilst raising money for a dementia charity and the RSPCA. We are very proud of all of our children.



SJO BIRDWATCH



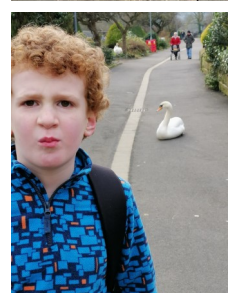
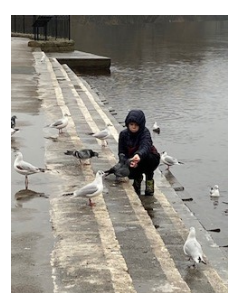
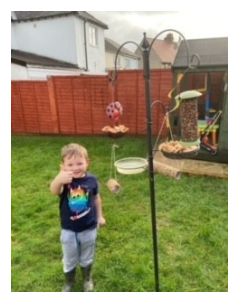
Poem About Birds

*A Goldfinch on a feeder,
A Chaffinch on the ground,
A Blue Tit in a bird bath,
Having a splash around,*

*Sparrows in the hedgerow,
Blackbirds down below,
Walking around the field,
A solitary Crow,*

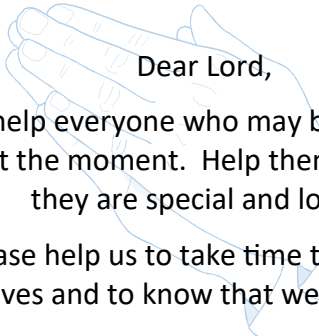
*Birds off in the distance,
Sitting up in trees,
Birds swooping through the sky now,
Whilst catching bugs and bees,*

*We sit and watch them soaring,
And sometimes wonder why,
It's us stuck down upon the ground,
And birds that get to fly.*



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK



Dear Lord,

Please help everyone who may be feeling sad or lonely at the moment. Help them to know that they are special and loved.

Please help us to take time to look after ourselves and to know that we are special.

Help us to remember that You love us very much and are always with us when we need You.

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](#)

CANDLEMAS

On Tuesday, the Church celebrated "Candlemas". This is held 40 days after Christmas and is when we hear the story of Mary and Joseph taking baby Jesus to the Temple where they met Simeon and Anna. Simeon saw baby Jesus and said, "My eyes have seen the Messiah. This baby, Jesus, is a light for everyone to see." For that reason, Churches light lots of candles on this day to remind us that Jesus is the light of the World.

Jesus, thank you for your light.

Thank you that your light shines in each of us. Amen



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week, it is Children's Mental Health Week. In our Assembly this morning, the children listened to the story "Jesus' Day Off" which shows the importance of taking time to look after ourselves as if we are not healthy we can not help others -

AN EMPTY JUG CAN NOT POUR ANYTHING!

We listened to these words from Hosea, which we can all take comfort in.

I will always love you, my children.

My love for you is so great.

I will walk every step with you on your journey.

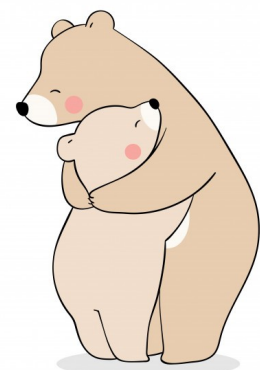
I will always try to keep you close to me

I will gather you up in my arms and take care of you

although you may not recognise me.

I will pick you up and hold you close to my cheek

I will hold you so close and with such great love.





CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

We began our week by discussing our findings from the RSPB Birdwatch. The children wrote about and drew pictures of the different birds they spotted in their garden or whilst out walking.

This week, as part of our Once Upon a Time topic, we have been looking at Cinderella. The children have done a super job of acting out the story with their peers/family, using props and even creating their own puppet shows! The children also made their own carriages to help Cinderella go to the ball. The children then had a very important task to do. They were asked to write an invitation to one of their friends and invite them to our very own ball (via Zoom!). We are all very excited for our party next week.

In RE this week, we read part of St Matthew's Gospel Chapter 9. In this reading, some friends take a disabled man to see Jesus in the hope of a miracle cure. We listened to a story about a young boy in hospital and how his friends helped him feel better. We then said a prayer for anyone that is unwell.

As part of Children's Mental Health week, we have looked at different ways we can express ourselves. Some of the ways we have expressed ourselves are singing, dancing, painting and drawing.



YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have continued to look at different techniques for subtraction. We have now started to look at different representations of subtraction when crossing 10, using ten frames, part-whole models and number lines.

In English, we have been revising the essentials for super sentence writing. Capital letters at the beginning and a full stop/question mark or exclamation mark at the end. We have thought about how to make sure our sentences make sense.

In RE, we have been learning about Candlemas. When Simeon called Jesus a 'light', this was the inspiration for the celebration of Candlemas (February 2nd). It was and still remains to this day a Christian celebration of the purification of Mother Mary and the first appearance of Jesus in the Temple.

In Science, we learnt about the different ways that animals prepare for winter. Some animals like dormice and bats hibernate. Some, like geese and whales travel to warmer climates, this is known as migration and others adapt by growing thicker layers of fur.

This week has been Children's Mental Health week and to celebrate this in Year 1 children have sang songs, danced, exercised, walked outside, looked for wildlife, had picnics, played in the snow and created art to try and stay happy for Mental Health Week. Well done Y1 for all your efforts this week. We do love seeing all of your fabulous work.



YEAR 2 NEWS

We have started to write up our stories about our chosen animals promise. The children have been working so hard to come up with interesting paragraph openers, include speech marks and all the correct punctuation. The stories are all sounding fantastic so far and I am very much looking forward to reading them all when they are complete!

In Maths this week we have been exploring properties of 2D shapes. The children have all been excellent in identifying the names of shapes; identifying how many sides and how many vertices a shape has.

In RE this week, we discovered another miracle that Jesus performed by reading the story of 'Jesus feeds the 5000'. The children discussed how the 5000 people must have felt after the miracle happened and discussed how Jesus himself might have felt being able to feed all those people.

Year 2 have investigated how animals adapt to their environments this week in Geography. We were able to identify animals from hot and cold places and discuss how they have adapted over time to be able to live where they do. The children have all produced some wonderful drawings alongside detailed information about a chosen animal and how they have adapted.

YEAR 3 NEWS

We have combined our English and DT topics for this week and next in order to create a package for our own special flavour of tea! This week, the children collected descriptive vocabulary to enhance their recipes and advertisements for their tea. Next week, we will be planning, making and evaluating our packaging.

In Maths, we have been looking at division of a 2-digit number by a 1-digit, including starting to find remainders. We have explored different methods of representing the division sums in order to help us see what happens when we are dividing.

In Science, we have explored the magnetic poles! We learned that the Earth has a hugely strong magnetic field, and created compasses with paperclips to show that the magnetic field lines up north-south.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In Maths, we have learnt how to use the short multiplication method as well as using place value counters and part whole models for division. After defeating Year 3 in our last TT Rockstar competition, we are hoping to beat Year 5 this week!

During our English lessons, we opened a mysterious bottle found by Miss Furlong and found an old drawing of what seems to be a village and lighthouse; we asked lots of questions about it and made predictions about what the 'Legend of the Lighthouse' might be. Following on from this, we have been using our senses to think about what we might see, hear, taste, touch and smell at the beach and crafting sentences using interesting sentence openers.

In RE, we have looked at our Parish Church of Our Lady and All Saints. We have started creating booklets and PowerPoint presentations to tell people about the important items found in Church.

Our focus in History this week has been Roman mosaics. We looked at some examples in order to start designing our own. In Science, we have learnt how vertebrates have a spine but invertebrates don't. Although it is still a bit too cold to actually find many invertebrates outside, we have used our researching skills to draw some in detail and find out about their characteristics.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In Year 5 this week, we have been continuing our work on mountains in Geography and English. This week, we have been reading about the Himalayas and Mount Everest; the children have then used this information to create their own posters, leaflets, and PowerPoints.

In Maths, we have started our work on fractions. So far, we have looked at equivalent fractions and fractions greater than one. The children have been using different vocabulary: numerator, denominator, improper fractions and mixed numbers.

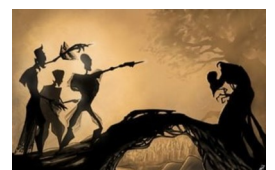
In RE, the children read about Saint Josephine Bakhita who was kidnapped as a young girl and sold as a slave. However, when she was older she was bought by a kind family who looked after her and introduced her to Christianity. She later became a nun and dedicated her life to God and to helping those in need. The children reflected on her life and thought about which of the Beatitudes she displayed.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we expressed fractions as decimals; we used our knowledge of short division to divide the numerator by the denominator to find the decimal. We started our new topic of percentages and we explored what percentages were.

In English, we began writing our own narrative poems about "The Tale of the Three Brothers" from Harry Potter. We discussed the importance of using poetic devices to engage the reader and ensured we included a range of these. During our Thursday lesson, the children read their poems over Zoom and we said something good about them and one thing to make it even better. I am so proud at how hard the children have worked to create their narrative poems—well done!



In History, we learnt about The Blitz during World War Two. We discovered the death and destruction which came from bombing the UK. We used a variety of sources in our historical enquiry to decide whether the sources displayed Britain winning the war or badly losing.