

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th May 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Well done everyone for another fabulous week in school – I have seen lots of super work in school. The children have displayed resilience and perseverance in lots of ways: Y3 are working hard to achieve their pen licence; improve their times tables speed and recall, and to read at least 3x a week at home. Keep going year 3! Throughout school, all the children have been working on learning some very tricky spellings and grammar rules. Y1 were doing some early algebra this week: $? + 10 = 20 - 10$. They were all resilient and had a good go.

It was lovely to see so many children at the after-school clubs. However, we could do with a few more gardeners from Y5 and Y6. Could I remind parent/carers the pickup point is the Westgate gate at 4:15pm not the main entrance.

Water bottles

We have had a number of spillages this week. Water bottles must have a sports top type lid. I have noticed some children are bringing juice in their bottle – water only.

Snacks

Snacks at break time are fruit/vegetables only. Dried fruits e.g. raisins/dates/apricots are acceptable. Do not send cereal bars/fruit winders etc.

Times tables

Times table facts underpin so many areas of mathematics. Though many of the children have knowledge of times tables facts, it is not secure. I would like to set a whole school challenge: **'All children can recall, in any order with speed, the times table facts for their age group'**. Class teachers will send home the information on the times tables the children need to learn. Y4, by June, need to know all facts up to 12x table for the gov 'Multiplication tables check' (don't panic Y4, it's not happening this year), so Y3 you need to get learning and recalling. You could set family challenges – play times table pairs/snap. Make it fun. Remember you can always use Timetable Rockstars. Can you become a 'Rock Legend'?

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and rest. I will see you all on Monday.

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

'YEAR 5 A DAY' FRUIT SHOP FOR KS2

A group of Year 5 pupils (Esther, Agnes, Mia and Joseph) have created a fruit and veg tuck shop for all KS2 children.

They will provide fruit or vegetables to consume at breaktime for a reasonable price.



They will launch their fantastic scheme on Wednesday 12th May.

The fruit and vegetables will be from a local source and the price list will be sent out on Tuesday.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There are still some places remaining on the following after school clubs:

Monday Y1/Y2 Arts and Crafts

Thursday Y5/Y6 Gardening

Payment can now be made on Parentpay.

If you would like to book your child on one of the clubs above, please let a member of the office staff know and they will be able to sort it for you.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Here's a blessing prayer that talks of trust.
It was written a long time ago on an island called Barra to the west of Scotland. It was especially said when people went off on a long journey.

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the darkest night, protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again unto our doors.

Amen.

OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

MASS TIMES

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions, Mass times have changed for Our Lady and All Saints Otley.

Please see bulletin for changes to Mass times

[Click here](#)

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

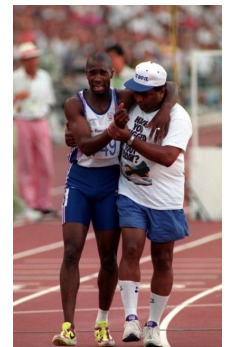
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in our Collective Worship, our focus was perseverance and resilience.

We read these words from the Book of Hebrews in the New Testament, "So do not let yourselves become discouraged and give up."

It is so important that children are able to persevere when things are difficult and that when things go wrong that they stay positive and are resilient.

We finished our Collective Worship by watching a video of Derek Redmond in the 400m Olympic final in 1992. Unfortunately, he got injured halfway round so was not able to win a medal, but he was determined to finish his race. From the crowds appeared his Dad who put his arm round him to help him. When we are facing difficulties, our Father in heaven puts his arm round us and helps us overcome our difficulties.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The date for the children to receive their First Holy Communion is Saturday 3rd July.

A letter has been sent home today with your allocated time.

The Masses will be at 10am and 12noon.



INTERCESSION TO ST JOSEPH

Dear St Joseph,

Help us to love and care,

To be gentle and fair.

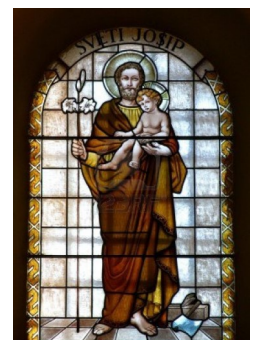
Help us to work and play together,

Help us to live and grow together

To be always glad to help each other,

Happy in your loving care.

Amen





CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week in Reception, we have been reading the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. As a class, we have worked on sequencing the key events in the story with a particular focus on how the caterpillar changes and the life cycle of a butterfly. The children have produced some super pictures and pieces of writing to describe what happens at each stage.

We have also talked about the food that the caterpillar eats during the story and whether we like or dislike each kind of food. We then discussed which type of foods we think are healthy and unhealthy and the importance of eating a balanced diet. The children came up with some great suggestions on how to keep healthy such as by taking part in different kinds of exercise, eating fruit and vegetables, washing your hands regularly and drinking water. The children then designed their own healthy lunchboxes.

On Friday to celebrate Number Day, we looked at money and the different coins and notes we use to pay for things. The children then had a go at using different amounts of money to pay for items in the garden centre role-play area.



YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have been looking at the mass of a variety of objects. We placed the items on a balance scale and made predictions about how many cubes would balance the scale. We discussed the heaviest and lightest objects.

In English we have been reading *Dinosaurs* and *all That Rubbish*. We thought about the the main character's desire to travel to a star. We thought about things that we would wish for. We used conjunctions to give extra information in our sentences.

In RE, we have been exploring cultural foods during special times. Miss Sarfraz has been teaching us about Ramadan. We learnt that during the month of Ramadan, Muslims do not eat or drink during the hours of daylight. We reflected on the special meal to mark the end of Ramadan called Eid-al-Fitr. We made Chana Chaat in class - it was delicious!

In preparation for Britain being the hosts of the United Nations' climate change talks, we watched the CAFOD film *the Eyes of the World* in Collective Worship and have been thinking about how we can come together to look after and take care of our world.

We enjoyed the sunshine on Wednesday and went out to identify plants and record observations in Science. We found lots of different flowers within the school grounds and were able to make sketches and label the different parts of the flower.



YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in English, we attended an exciting workshop with the author Claire Culliford on Zoom. She has written a fantastic book called *'Penny Helps Protect the Polar Ice Caps'* as part of Claire's climate-conscious series for children, *The Little Helpers*. Year 2 loved listening to the story and answering questions about the book. They even drew some fantastic pictures of their favourite part of the story. This was a great link to our discussions about climate change and showing the children how important it is to look after our planet.

In Maths, we have celebrated our second Number Day of the year. This time our focus was on money; we particularly looked at how we should spend our money and decided upon what are things we need to buy against what are things that we want to buy. The children all had some fantastic ideas about this and hopefully, we will think twice about spending all our pocket money on toys!

In RE, we have been learning about the Ascension. We have talked about the angels coming down from heaven to tell the disciples that Jesus has gone to heaven but will return one day, and that gives us hope. We have also discussed the symbols of the Holy Spirit and know that the Holy Spirit was sent down to us to be our friend.



YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English, we have been focusing on the language and rhyme patterns in 'Jim: A Cautionary Tale'. The children found and matched rhyming words from the couplets and learned a section of the poem by heart. They also used their Science work on light and reflection to create a shadow puppet show retelling the poem.

In Maths, we have been working on finding fractions of objects. The children had an order from a dinner guest who wanted different fractions of their pizza covered in different ingredients - finding a fifth was particularly tricky!

In RE we read the story of the Road to Emmaus. The children already remembered some of the details from Mrs Harvey's Collective Worship on the Sunday Gospel, but we thought more about the disciples' reactions to the events of Good Friday and their emotions on recognising Jesus. We also recalled the meaning behind the words of the 'Hail Mary' and discussed Mary's life and significance in Heaven.

On Friday we had NSPCC Number Day and looked at the relationship between money and jobs. The children were surprised at the difference in salaries for jobs such as nurses and footballers.

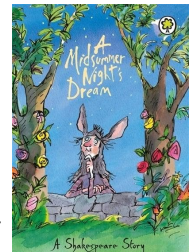


YEAR 4 NEWS

In Year 4 this week, we have been further developing our understanding of decimals. We used place value charts to help us understand the positional value of ones, tenths and hundredths.

We were all excited to start our new text in English; A Midsummer Night's Dream. We have enjoyed finding out about the interesting characters in the story and how their lives are all intertwined. We have written some super description of Oberon, Puck and Titania.

In RE, we have been looking for and discussing the symbols of Pentecost. We read the story of Pentecost and then looked at different pieces of art based around Pentecost. We discussed why different symbols were used, there links to Pentecost and how they were shown in the art work. We also began to paint our own pieces of art, which followed on from our work about Peter.



As part of the NSPCC number day and our PSHE work, we looked at Money Sense. We discussed how money can affect our feelings, particularly focusing on debt. We then moved on to think about a charity our class would like to support and ideas for a fundraising event. Keep an eye out for more details after half term!

YEAR 5 NEWS

For our "Number Day", Year 5 were learning about different ways we can pay for things. We talked about the advantages and disadvantages of using: debit cards, credit cards, cash and online banking. The children then looked at a family's income and outgoings over a month and decided what was the best way for them to pay for different things.

In English this week, we have continued to read Beowulf and have been using parenthesis and relative clauses in our writing having established the difference between them.

In Maths, we have been looking at decimals and have introduced thousandths this week. We have also been writing decimals as fractions.

In History, we investigated different Anglo-Saxon artefacts to see what they told us about the Anglo-Saxons. In French, we have started looking at different types of weather. I have a nasty feeling that "Il Pleut" might be the best one to describe the weather this weekend!!!!



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we started our new topic: perimeter, area and volume. We revised what perimeter and area are and how we calculate them. We found the area of triangles and rectilinear shapes.

In English, we continued to develop our writing and ensured it included metaphors, dialogue and complex sentence with a variety of interesting vocabulary.

This week in R.E., we read four different parables that link to the Kingdom of God. We drew pictures to represent the parables and wrote bullet point to sum up the meaning of them.



For Number Day on Friday, we discussed the importance of keeping our money safe and being aware of scams. Scams can be in many forms on our mobile devices and we know how to identify what is and is not a scam.