



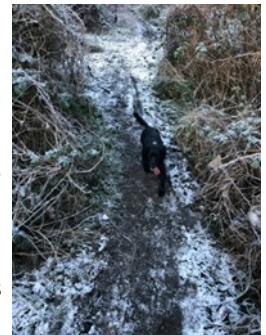
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th January 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

A happy and healthy New Year to you and your family - hopefully, 2021 is more promising as we await the roll out of the vaccine. What a whirlwind start to the term! It was lovely to welcome the children back on Monday and chat about the holidays. Then on Monday night, it was announced schools had to close! I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff for their hard work setting up the remote learning timetable and delivering live lessons this week. We have tweaked the timetable in response to staff and parent feedback - a copy will be sent home in readiness for Monday. A huge thank you to all the families for engaging in the home learning; adapting quickly and working so hard. A tricky start to the first week then the snow decides to join in! Together, as a family, at St Joseph's nothing is insurmountable.

I look forward to seeing you next week - some in school and some on Zoom. Maybe, we will have lots of snow so you can build snowmen; make snow angels or sledge. I would love to see some of your photos. Here is a picture of Molly enjoying the snow. Have a lovely and restful weekend. God bless.



SITE SUPERVISOR VACANCY

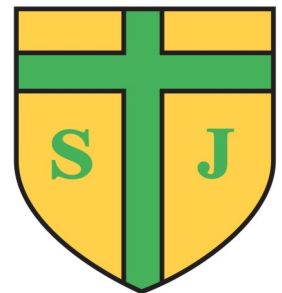
The Governors of The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust are looking to appoint a Site Supervisor to join our team to ensure high standards of maintenance, cleanliness and safety are achieved throughout the buildings and grounds of our schools. Although you will be based at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Otley, you will be part of a wider Trust premises team and will benefit from collaborative working within the Trust.

For more information please click here - <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/vacancies-posts/2021/1/4/school-site-supervisor-st-josephs-catholic-primary-school-otley>

For further information, please contact Miss Choma

Closing date for applications: Friday 22 January 2021, 12 noon

Interview date: Thursday 28 January 2021



SAFEGUARDING

Please speak with to your child(ren) about their online activity and remind young people of their digital citizenship responsibilities and to look after themselves and others. There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- Thinkyouknow (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)	- Internet matters (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- Parent info (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)	- LGfL (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- Net-aware (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)	

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER

As we begin a new year.

God is with us.

As we keep the spirit of Christmas alive in our hearts.

God is with us.

As we remember all those everywhere who may be struggling.

God is with us.

As we start another lockdown.

God is with us.

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

Our new virtue for the beginning of this half term is Faith. Over the next few weeks, the children will be thinking about: faith being a gift from God; that our faith helps us grow closer to Jesus and different ways we can show our faith.

Loving God, send your Spirit to open our hearts to Jesus.

Guide us to a deeper relationship with you.

Grant us a greater appreciation of our faith.

Give us the courage and confidence to joyfully share our faith with others.

May our school be a beacon of light that all may see your loving presence. Amen



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in our Collective Worship, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany when the Kings visited baby Jesus. We thought about how brave the wise men were to leave their homes and their families without being sure of the way. They put all their trust in the star, and in God's promise that he would send a Saviour, the Messiah, to the people. We asked God to help us to be brave like the Wise Men and to use our gift of faith to put our trust in God.



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week in Phonics, we have learnt two new sounds and a new tricky word. It has been great seeing the independent work that the students have produced.

In English, we have been exploring winter. We have discussed what happens in winter and how it is different to other seasons. The children have done some super labelling of winter items and even had a go at drawing and designing their own winter clothes. The children have also researched and written short sentences about animals that live in cold places.

In Maths this week, our topic has been night and day. We have spoken about different times of the day and the children have had a go at sequencing various parts of their day. We have been thinking about the days of the week and how our routines differ on weekdays to weekends.



YEAR 1 NEWS

It was so lovely to welcome the children back to school after Christmas and then the situation changed very quickly. Well done to all the children in Year 1 and the parents for adapting so brilliantly to teaching on Google Classroom and Zoom.

This week, we have started reading traditional tales, retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We listened to the story and related songs to inspire our writing. We tried to story map with actions which was a little challenging over Zoom.

In Maths, we are now working with numbers to 20. The children have written and represented numbers to 20 and ordered numbers forwards and backwards.

In RE, the children listened to a Collective Worship about the Epiphany. On Thursday we completed our last History lesson about toys from the past. We looked at moving toys using levers and pivots and made a moving pinwheel. The day ended with television programmes from the sixties and seventies. A big thank you to all parents for helping the children with their learning this

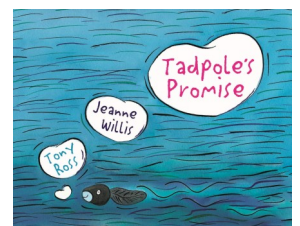


YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in English, we have been making predictions about our new book, 'A Tadpoles Promise'. The children made some fantastic predictions and have all got great imaginations!

In Maths, this week we have finished off our unit of Addition and Subtraction and have moved on to Multiplication. The children have done a great job at recognising equal groups.

We have also started our 'Hot and Cold Places' Geography topic this week. I asked the children what they would like to learn and they have all come up with some wonderful questions that we shall be answering in the coming weeks!



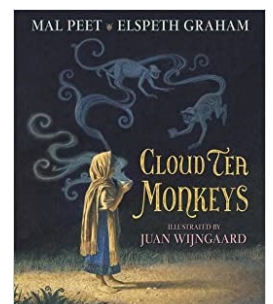
YEAR 3 NEWS

Well done to everyone in Year 3 this week! Although we have had to get to grips with remote learning very quickly, the children have adjusted well and done some great work.

In English, we have started our class text, 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' and worked on prepositions and conjunctions, as well as creating our own inference questions.

In Maths, we have continued methods of division such as grouping and sharing and used our times table knowledge to solve division facts.

We have focused on Science and DT in the afternoons, investigating different types of packaging nets and creating freeze frames to show push and pull forces.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have been learning how to use subordinating conjunctions to join two clauses together. We have also done some reading and comprehension questions and practising our spellings.

In Maths, we have been learning how to convert measurements from millimetres to centimetres, centimetres to metres and metres to kilometres.

This half term we are continuing our topic about the Roman invasion of Britain. This week we created information sheets about the Roman army.

In RE, we reflected on the Mysteries of our Faith, particularly focussing on the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We discussed and explained why God sent Jesus to earth.



YEAR 5 NEWS

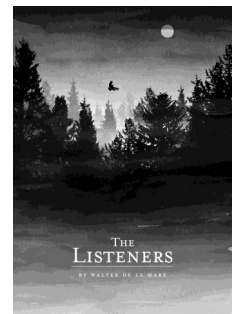
Well done to all of the Year 5 children this week. They have adjusted brilliantly to the online learning and we are so proud of them.

In RE, we have started our new topic about Inspirational People and the children had to create a poster about someone who inspired them.

In English, we have read the poem, "The Listeners" by Walter De La Mare and have been using our retrieval and inference skills to interpret the poem.

In Maths, we have been busy multiplying 1 digit numbers by 2-, 3- and 4-digit numbers using written methods. Today we have just started looking at multiplying 2-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers.

We would like to say a massive "Thank you" to all of the parents for their support in helping the children with their online working this week.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have been multiplying fractions by fractions and dividing fractions by integers.

In English, we began our new book, "Suffragettes: The Battle for Equality". We began the week discussing the Suffragette movement and how life was so different for women.

In History, we looked at the significant events that took place in the lead up to Hitler becoming the Führer of Germany. We discussed how he was able to gain so much power so quickly. We briefly explained the events of the 'Beer Hall Putsch' and how this enabled Hitler gain popularity.

Well done to all the children attending the live lessons this week!



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