

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th July 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Well done for another super week in school – there has been lots of great work and super behaviour throughout school. Our musical theme continues – Y5 have been preparing for a Samba concert next week – I have had the pleasure of listening to lots of drumming! Y6 are busy rehearsing their end of year performance, 'Wow! What a year! It certainly has been! Y2 performed Jack and the Beanstalk to YR and Y1 – they were amazing and had a very appreciative audience. I had the pleasure of listening to Y4 playing the recorder and Y3 on ukulele. It is lovely to have a school so rich in music.

Euro 2020 – There is great excitement in school about the England v Italy final on Sunday. You can imagine Mrs Harvey's excitement. She is already feeling nervous. It is a momentous occasion – so I have made the following decision: School will be open as normal on Monday. However, the children can arrive between their normal drop off time and 10:00am. Any child/ren arriving after 10:00am will be marked as late. If your child is absent due to illness etc on Monday, you must inform school before 9:30am as on a normal day.



Mrs Harvey's collect worship today was on the virtues which she linked to players of the England team, and how different members of the team demonstrated: Respect, Hope, Charity, Service; Perseverance and Resilience, Simplicity, Faith and Kindness.

The reading was from the first letter of St Peter.

'Each of you should use the gifts God has given you to serve others.'

Each of us, children, parents, wider family members, friends, teaching staff should look at the special gifts we have been given to bring joy others.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the time with your family and friends. If you are watching the final, keep calm!

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

CRICKET COACH IN SCHOOL

We have been lucky to secure Pro Cricket Coaching until the end of the school year. Please check the timetable below and make sure your children wear their PE kit on this day. Thank you.

	AM Session 1	AM Session 2	PM Session 1	PM Session 2
FRIDAY 18 th JUNE	YEAR 3	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 2
FRIDAY 25 th JUNE (SPORTS DAY)	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 6	YEAR 5
FRIDAY 2 nd JULY	YEAR 6	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 2
FRIDAY 9 th JULY	YEAR 3	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 2
FRIDAY 16 th JULY	YEAR 5	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 2

KEY INFORMATION

DATES FOR THE DIARY

July 2021

13th July: Y6 End of Year Production

16th July: Y5 Big Samba Event

21st July: Y6 Leavers Mass

22nd July: Y6 Campover

23rd July: End of Term Mass @ 11am

MRS SHAKESPEARE

After 5 years of being our Music specialist in school, Mrs Shakespeare has taken the difficult decision to retire from Music teaching and will leave us at the end of the summer term. As a parent and a teacher, Mrs Shakespeare has been part of the St Joseph's family for 18 years! She will be replaced by Mrs James.

We are very grateful for everything that she has done to promote Music at St. Joseph's and for all of the support she has given to our extra-curricular music over the past few years.

We will miss seeing her each week. However, she is hoping to pop into school at various times as a volunteer at different music events.



GIRL'S FOOTBALL MATCH

There will be a girls' football match on Monday at Ss Peter & Paul's School after school. Good luck to the team!



UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

Bridge Church, Otley have announced Free School Uniform Swap sessions on Friday 13th, Tuesday 17th and Friday 20th August from 10.30 am - 2.00pm. The announcement reads: "We must operate controlled entry to comply with current Covid restrictions. Adults must be masked. Free tea/coffee/juice available outside for those needing to wait for entry. **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAGS.** Any changes in plan will be shown on the church notice board in August so please take note." This is a great opportunity to reduce waste and come together as a local community.



CLASS CHARITIES

As part of our 'Money Sense' topic in PSHCE and having listened to feedback from the children in School Council Meetings, we decided that it would be nice for each class to choose a charity to raise money for this half term and their own fundraising event. These will take place in the week commencing Monday 12th July.

Here is a list of the charities each class has chosen and their fundraising event:

Year Rec: Blue Cross - The children would like to bring filled jam jars with things to sell to their friends, more information to follow!

Year 1: Otley Wildlife - The children have been creating their own artwork, for the Y1 Gallery, which will go on sale for parents and grandparents to buy.

Year 2: WWF - The children would like to host a bun sale. Children will pay to decorate cakes and purchase a plate of cakes for their family .

Year 3: Otley Action for Older People - The children will take part in a sponsored No-Technology Day.

Year 4: Jacqui's Million (Cancer Charity) - The children will host a sponsored Talent Show

Year 5: Dementia UK - The children would like to pay to throw cold water over Mrs Harvey & Mrs Russell.

Year 6: Cancer Research - The children will take part in a sponsored Games (Sport) Afternoon

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK FROM THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Grow, Jesus, grow in me.

In my spirit, in my heart, in my imagination,
in my senses.

Grow in me in your gentleness, in your purity,
in your humility, your zeal, your love.

Grow in me with your grace, your light and
your peace.

Grow in me for the glorification of your Father, for the
greater honour of God. 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, we continued to look at the virtue of Service in our Collective Worship. We read this verse from 1 Peter 4:10, 'Each of you should use the gifts God has given you to serve others.' We thought about what gifts God has given us and how we can use them to serve others. Year 5 wrote some of their ideas on "helping hands" and added them to our Collective Worship display.

Our statement for this week is: "I try to be accepting of everyone." We listened to Saint Paul's words from his letter to the Corinthians, "Just as your body has many different parts, so it is with the Christian family. Each one of us belongs to the one family of God, and has special gifts which God has given to us. We must use these gifts to make sure that the one body of Christ works properly and is full of life." We talked about how God made us all with different gifts because he has a special job for each of us so we need to appreciate and accept everyone.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all of the children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday, it was a very special morning. Thank you to all of the parents and families for supporting the children.

Thank you to Father Lawrie for leading the Masses for us and for helping with all of the arrangements. Thank you to Mrs Holmes and Miss Early for helping in the Masses. Finally, thank you to Mrs Russell for leading the children in their preparations and for organising the Masses.

The First Holy Communion team would like to say an appreciative thank you for the beautiful flowers we received from all the First Holy Communion children and their families. The flowers brightened our day and were gratefully received.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION MASS

On Friday afternoon, children in Year 4 and Year 5 had a special Mass in Church to celebrate them receiving the Sacrament of Communion for the first time. The children read beautifully, and it was lovely to hear them singing again. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for the Mass.

Afterwards, the children came back to school and had a celebration in the hall. Thank you to all of the parents who helped organise this for the children, it was very kind of you to give up your time and the children really enjoyed it. Thank you to all of the parents who gave donations.



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week in Reception, as part of our people who help us topic, we have been learning about firefighters. On Tuesday, we had a very exciting zoom call from one of the firefighters at Otley Fire Station. We found out about who and how they help, their uniform and we got to see inside the fire engine! The children loved the chat and have been busy writing facts about firefighters and creating their own fire engines in the craft area.

In Maths this week, we have been creating our own maps. We looked at a selection of maps and discussed why and how they are used. The children then made their own maps of where they live, the classroom, the playground and of the park.

In RE this week, we have been thinking about the different people that look after our homes, our school and our Church. We discussed what would happen if there wasn't anyone to tidy our classroom or help at home and things we could do to try and help.

Also, just want to say a big well done to Y2 on their fantastic Jack and the Beanstalk performance on Tuesday, Reception loved coming to watch it – you all did a super job!



YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in RE, we have been learning about the miracle of Blind Bartimaeus. Jesus was leaving Jericho, followed by a large crowd, on his way to Jerusalem when he came across a blind beggar called Bartimaeus who called out "Jesus, Son of David. Take pity on me!" We reflected on Bartimaeus' words which show his faith in Jesus. This miracle teaches us how to be saved.

In English, we have been learning how to spell plurals. We learnt that this usually depends on what letter the singular noun ends in. We have also been writing about the England - Denmark game on Wednesday evening. After watching the highlights, we wrote about how excited we felt about winning the semi-final game.

In Maths, we have started to learn about money and recognising coins. We learnt about the value of each coin and discussed how we could order the coins from smallest to greatest and vice versa. We did lots of practical activities involving using coins. We were even able to show off our amazing addition skills by adding some of the coins together.

We have been investigating the trees on our school grounds in Science. We found horse chestnut, elder, oak, rowan, and beech trees. We learnt that trees do indeed communicate with each other and share nutrients through their roots, forming a complex system sometimes referred to as the "wood wide web."

Over the past few weeks in PE, we have been practising our skills in tennis to get ourselves comfortable with holding a racket and using it to hit a tennis ball. This week we practised hitting the ball over a net towards our partner.



YEAR 2 NEWS

This week, Year 2 have been writing up their facts for their fact files all about the Great Fire of London. We used our plans to create detailed paragraphs, then edited and improved our work before writing it all up in our neatest handwriting.

In Maths this week we have continued learning about time. We have looked at times throughout the day and discussed how long things take to do, such as seconds to jump 10 times, minutes to eat a sandwich and hours to watch a film.

In our RE lesson this week we discussed the story of Peter healing a beggar that couldn't walk. We talked about how Peter used God's power to heal the man and how much more important it was to do this, than give him money.

In PE this week we celebrated our class Skipping Festival. The children have been working hard learning lots of new skips over the past term and were able to showcase their skills this week. We were very lucky that the sunshine came out to celebrate with us!

Year 2 were also absolute super star actors/ actresses/ narrators and musicians in their performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. They were able to perform in front of a live audience for the first time since their Christmas performance last year. They were all so well behaved and were amazing to watch!



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English this week we have written our prequels to 'How to Live Forever', and some children have written 3 pages of fantastically engaging narratives. I have been particularly impressed with their use of conjunctions and subordinating clauses! We have also written our own instructions to make a potion that reverses immortality.

In Maths we have started our topic of mass and capacity. We looked at masses measured in grams and kilograms, and compared the readings on different scales. We were careful to use the language of heavier and lighter rather than bigger or smaller.

In RE we learned about two saints who used their gifts from God to serve other people - St Dominic Savio and St Gemma Galgani. We learned so much new religious vocabulary reading a children's comic about St Gemma's life!

We have also been doing lots of crafts in Year 3 - we have now used papier mache to cover our pots for canopic jars, and the clay heads have dried well. We have been practising types of stitches for our pencil cases, and these are coming home for homework.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have been practising telling the time. We have started by looking at 5-minute intervals. To help us become more confident in this, we played some bingo and matching games. If you have time over the weekend, perhaps you could continue to practise telling the time at home.

Year 4 have enjoyed looking at nonsense words this week. We looked at a selection of nonsense words and tried to think about what they could mean. We then looked at the poem, The Jabberwocky. This helped us to put some of the words into context and we edited our initial ideas.

Following on from our Electricity work in Science, we have started to make our own torches in DT. We have discussed the features of different torches and their different uses. We then designed our own torch. Finally, we started to construct our torches. This was very tricky, and it took a lot of perseverance! We hope to finish our torches next week.

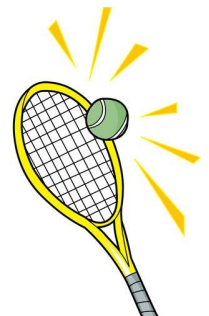


YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have been learning about different metric measurements for length, mass and capacity. We have been learning how to convert measurements, for example grams to kilograms or litres to millilitres. We have also been writing them in decimals and fractions.

In PE, we were practising our forehands again and this week we introduced forehand volleys - ready for the Wimbledon finals!

In PSHE, we had our first lesson using the new "Ten: Ten" resources. This week, our work focused on how a girl's body changes as she grows up and the different emotions they may experience at this time. Next week, we will be finding out about the changes in boys.



YEAR 6 NEWS

This week, we have continued to work on our play. We have worked on acting and slowing down when we are say our lines. We can't wait to perform it next week!

In Maths, we have looked at using and interpreting pie charts. We discovered that a pie chart shows the whole: 100% and 360 degrees. We found the percentage of the amounts in the pie chart.

On Friday, Nicky Wilce lead us in a 'Anti-Racism' workshop. We looked at ways in which we discriminate in schools, communities and families – both positively and negatively. We looked at in detail what racism is and how we can challenge it in our lives. We enjoyed listening and taking part in the workshop – thank you Nicky!

