



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October 2020

MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA!

Well done to all the children for another fabulous week in school, and big thank you to Year 5 for leading our Harvest Assembly this morning. Y5 reminded us to be thankful for all we have and to remember the people who work hard to provide food for everyone; remember Fr Lawrie's words – 'To say 50 thank yous today!' Thank you to all the families for your generous donations of groceries for the Otley Foodbank. I know they will be appreciated by many people during these difficult times.

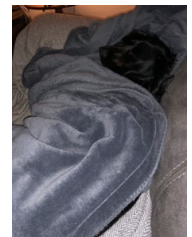
There has been some lovely work throughout school this week: YR and Y1 have been out and about collecting and looking at leaves this week; Y2 have been looking at soils and earthworms in science; Y3 have written some lovely thank you prayers this week; Y4 have worked so well at home and have joined Mrs Holmes for live maths and English lessons. Y4, I have looked at Times Table Rockstars – and you are the stars! You are rocking it! Can the other classes catch up? Y5 were out gathering seeds on Otley Chevin; Y6 celebrated their saints' day – they learnt lots about St Therese of Lisieux and her 'little ways'. This is just a little snippet of a week at St Joseph's.

CATCH UP FUNDING

This academic year, the government is providing additional funding for catch up sessions for **all children**. The idea of the funding is to help children 'recover' some of the 'lost' learning from the last academic year. As a school, we aim to spend this money delivering after school catch-up classes for all pupils in Years 1-6. The number of weeks, the size of the teaching group and length of the session will vary dependent on the age group and aim of the catch-up session. For Reception Class, we aim to buy additional resources to enhance language development. These sessions will begin after half term and will focus on Maths/English.

Thank you for responding to the message earlier in the week to arrive at your allocated drop off and pick up time, and to social distance outside of school.

Have a lovely weekend with your family and we will see you back at school on Monday, ready for another fabulous week. Look at Molly after a walk in the woods! She was snoring too.



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

On **Friday 16th October**, we are asking children and staff to wear red to raise awareness about racism within society. We would like children to wear red—this could be as simple as red socks/headband, or you can dress head-to-toe in red clothes. The important message is about acceptance and celebrating diversity.

Wear Red Day is a national day of action which encourages schools, businesses and individuals to wear red and donate £1 to help fund anti-racism education for young people and adults across the UK. Every penny raised during Wear Red Day enables our education and campaign workers to work with more young people and adults across the UK to challenge racism in society.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 15th October: Praying the Rosary
- 16th October: Show Racism the Red Card



HARVEST ASSEMBLY

A big "Thank you" to everyone who has donated packets and tins of food this week for our harvest collection. Everything will be donated to the Otley food bank to help and support the people in our community.

On Thursday, all the children watched the National CAFOD Harvest assembly. This told the story of how the charity CAFOD was founded and it also included a song with the lyrics, "I can do all things in you" which gave the children a powerful message.

A big "well done" to the children in Year 5 who led our harvest themed assembly this morning via zoom. The children talked about all the things we need to be thankful for and the importance of sharing our resources

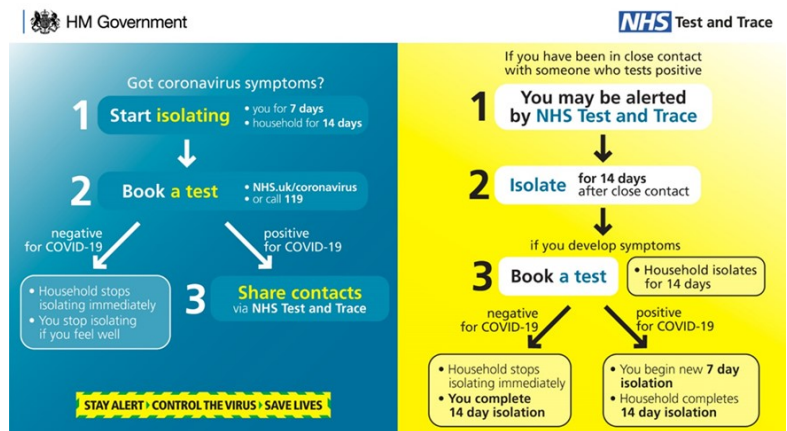


REMINDER - CORONAVIRUS

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, complimented 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.

MINI VINNIES

In our Monday morning Collective Worship, we commissioned our new Mini Vinnies for the new academic year.

The children in Year 5 and Year 6 have completed application forms with lots of fantastic ideas and made their pledge in front of the school.

We are so blessed at St. Joseph's to have so many children who want to make a difference and who volunteer their time for the benefit of others.

Thank you to all our Mini Vinnies, we are very proud of you and know you will do a fantastic job.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

A prayer for Harvest time

Loving God,

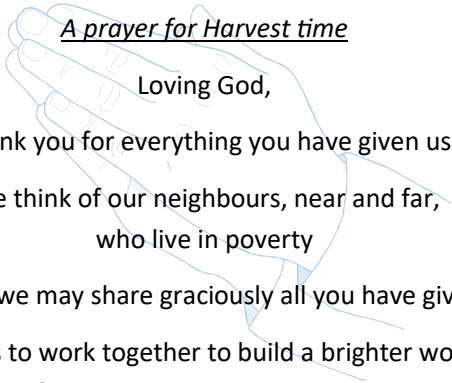
Thank you for everything you have given us

We think of our neighbours, near and far,
who live in poverty

We pray we may share graciously all you have given us

Help us to work together to build a brighter world,
where each of us can become the best person we can be

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](#)

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, we have started looking at our new virtue of 'Thankfulness' tying in with our theme of Harvest. The children have thought about what they are thankful for and all the gifts that God has given us.

The children listened to a passage from the Gospel of Matthew 5: 14-16 saying, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."



ROSARY

On Thursday 15th October, we will be having a special Collective Worship where we will come together as a community to say the Rosary as October is the month of the Rosary.



CONFIRMATION

On Thursday, we held our first Confirmation meeting after school. The children learnt about God Our Father and Baptism.

The children were very enthusiastic and made some very thoughtful comments - well done. It would be really helpful, if the children could take a moment to read and reflect on the resources given to them each week. Thank you.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. It was a very special occasion, and we hope you had a lovely day.

There will be 4 more children making their First Holy Communion on Saturday, we wish them a very special and holy 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, Reception continued learning phonics. The children have learnt three new sounds, and have started to learn how to blend the phonemes in words for reading. In English, the children have been making predictions. They were given some clues and were asked to predict how they may be used in our story 'Kipper's Birthday'. The ending of the story was revealed at the end of the week.



In Maths this week, we have continued looking at how to sort and group objects - based on their shape, size, colour and other attributes. We have also continued to practise our counting skills.

In RE this week, we began learning about the Creation Story. We enjoyed hearing about the wonderful things God created. We reflected carefully on this and thought about what we would like to thank God for. Piper said she would like "to thank God for her family," and Noah said he would like to thank God for creating "the Moon, the Sun and planet Earth."

The children also had their first Music lesson with Mrs Shakespeare!

YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE this week, we wrote Harvest prayers thanking God for all that he gives us. We thought about those who don't have enough to eat and watched a short CAFOD film that helped us to understand what we can do to help.

In Maths, we have been learning about 2d shapes. We had fun making different shapes with a piece of string. We have been practising our reasoning with missing numbers when finding one more and one less.

Marvin the Meerkat has been very busy this week and in English we wrote postcards telling Marvin's meerkat family (over in the Kalahari desert) all about the exciting things he's done with Y1.

We've been learning about seasons in Science and relating these to the months of the year which we've been trying to learn. Whilst on the theme of Autumn we went on a beautiful walk around the grounds of the school to collect leaves to make a seasonal autumn collage in Art.

In PE, we've been practising our javelin throwing techniques and in Geography we've been learning about the polar regions.



YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in RE, Year 2 have learned about the story of Baby Moses in the Nile. The children were surprised to learn that baby Moses was adopted by an Egyptian Princess. They enjoyed acting out the story and joining in with reading the story lines together.

In Science, we have been investigating microhabitats and we are learning about how special worms are. We dug a big hole outside the classroom and wore gloves to bring the soil into class and explore what was inside. We found lots of worms of all shapes, colours and sizes. The children enjoyed making close observations of the worms and at the end of the lesson we put them back safely in the earth. We know that worms have a very important job to do to keep our soil healthy!

In Maths this week, we have been practising how to become times table heroes with the help of our friends Bridget the Lioness, Webster the Spider and The Posh Pooch from BBC's 'Supermovers'. The children have built on their previous knowledge of counting in multiples of 2's 5's and 10's and go beyond 20 up to 50. They have then applied this knowledge to tackle a series of challenges using a range of resources to help them.

We have been planning our non-chronological leaflets about wolves in English this week. The children have decided on their subheadings and collected information relevant to those headings, in the form of a spider diagram. They have then put their findings onto a plan and formed sentences related to the subheadings they chose.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In Maths, we have come to the end of our place value topic, and Miss Armitage was very impressed at how confidently children spotted patterns in multiples of 50 and 5 this week! Our next topic is addition and subtraction, so it would really help children to practise their number bonds to 10 and 20 to prepare for this.

In English, we have begun to plan the historical narrative that is the final piece for our topic. We have used 'The First Drawing' as our story skeleton, but developed our own ideas for what our characters will invent - Jacob's character is going to invent the toilet!

In Science, we learned about how fossils are formed, and how all our knowledge of the dinosaurs comes from this evidence. Next week we are going to create our own fossils to show the process.

In RE, we learned about the signs and symbols of baptism. The children created fantastic presentations and posters at home to explain baptism to their friends - some children even brought in objects from



YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have had a very 'different' week! All our learning has taken place online. We have all enjoyed the live lessons in Maths and English. In Maths we have been learning about comparing and ordering 4-digit numbers and rounding to the nearest thousand. We have all worked hard using number-lines, place value grids and images of base 10 to help us.

In English we have been developing our SPaG skills. We have been using powerful verbs in our writing and adding to these verbs using adverbs. We linked this work to our class novel 'The Iron Man'. We have even had a spelling test too!

As part of our RE work, we read about Moses and the special job God asked him to do when the Pharaoh of Egypt was treating the Hebrews unfairly.

Mrs Holmes is extremely proud of Year 4 and the way that they have adapted to their online classroom and hope that next week they continue to work hard.



YEAR 5 NEWS

Wow, what a busy week!!!! The week started with Year 5 celebrating our Class Saint – Saint Francis of Assisi. On Monday, all the class came in non-uniform with an animal theme. In the morning, the children learnt about Saint Francis, then in the afternoon the children illustrated the Prayer of Saint Francis, “Make me a Channel of your Peace”; decorated biscuits and made animal bookmarks.

Then on Tuesday, the children walked up to the Chevin to learn about trees with Park Ranger David and Park Ranger Peter. The children played games to learn about seed dispersal and then used information sheets to collect and sort different seeds which will be taken to a nursery where they will be planted and looked after for 2 years before being planted around the city. Despite slightly dubious weather, the children had a fun time and enjoyed being in the great outdoors.

In English this week, the children have enjoyed writing their own versions of “The Lost Thing”. I have been very impressed with their wonderful vocabulary and fantastic creative ideas – I think we might have a few future authors in Year 5!!!



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we recapped long multiplication and area model when multiplying numbers. We applied our understanding to answer reasoning and problem solving.

During English, we took on the role of the passengers on the boat in 'The Arrival'. We thought about the characters emotions and their purpose for being there. Using the drama technique freeze frames, we acted in role of the passengers. From this, we wrote an explanation of the character we acted out.

This week, we took part in a music lesson with Mrs Shakespeare and enjoyed learning how to use over voices and noises we can make to produce a human drum.

During the week, we have voted for the Year 6 School Council representatives, we've listened to children's speeches and watched PowerPoints. Our Year 6 representatives are Leila, Oliver, Max and Luan.

Well done to all the children that delivered a speech or a power point!





AWARDS



SUNSHINE AWARDS

Sofia (Y1), Alexander (Y2), Primrose (Y3)
Eva (Y4), Bede (Y5), Michael (Y6)



RE AWARDS

Harrison (Y1), Alexa (Y2), Amelia (Y3)
Charlie (Y4), Mia (Y5), Orla (Y6)

A Harvest Poem by Heidi

Harvest celebrates all our lovely food.

All the people without food for harvest will be getting some very soon.

Remember to give food to people who don't have much.

Very lucky people like you and me have a few prayers to say.

Every person should get something at harvest.

Some people will be sharing food that they don't need or want to donate.

The people who are suffering from hunger will have a food donation coming very soon.