

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th June 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Well done everyone for a great week in school – there has been lots of hard work, especially in writing. All classes this week have been asked to produce a piece of writing for a page in a non-fiction book. I have read some wonderful information produced by Y4 on the Rainforest by Samuel, Alfie, Mikey and Niamh. The writing was informative and organised into topics with subheadings to identify key facts. I was also impressed with the quality of the presentation and illustrations to support the information. YR and Y1 focused on the environment; Y2 a tree fact file; Y3 creatures of the ocean; Y4 Rainforest; Y5 animals and Y6 Otley – a wide range of topics. Well done William R in Reception who independently wrote two fabulous sentences on how we can help the environment. William said, "Instead of driving when our journey is not too far, we should walk."

Safe in the Sun

Please ensure children have suntan cream on before coming to school. Suntan cream can be sent into school for the children to top up at breaks and lunch. Suntan cream should be in a bag (e.g. sandwich bag) with the child's name on. Hats – could I ask that all children have a hat for sunny days. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sun. It is going to be very hot – I know a lot of you have paddling pools to keep cool. Remember your suntan cream and hats too!

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

CORPUS CHRISTI

On Thursday afternoon, the whole school gathered outside to take part in a Corpus Christi procession with Father Lawrie.

This was a very special occasion as it was the first time since March 2020, we had all been together as a school and it was even more special as Jesus was with us. The children behaved impeccably and sang beautifully.

The Church celebrated Corpus Christi on Sunday which is the celebration of the Holy Body and Holy Blood of Jesus. Pope Benedict XVI said, "When we receive Jesus, we should welcome him with love and listen closely to him. We can tell him, 'Jesus, I know that you love me. I give you all my joys, my troubles and my future.'"



A Prayer for Corpus Christi

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 enthusiasm, your love.

Grow in me with your grace,

Your light and your peace.

Grow in me for the glory of your Father. Amen

KEY INFORMATION

DATES FOR THE DIARY

June 2021

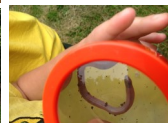
15th June: Y6 Mass @ 2pm
17th June: Y3 Mass @ 2pm
17th June: Y6 Boys Football Match @ St Peters and St Pauls, 3.30pm
18th June: Fathers Day Stall— £1 per item, maximum 3 items
21st June: Y6 Girls Football Match @ St Peters and St Pauls, 3.30pm
23rd June: Y6 Confirmation @ 6.30pm
24th June KS1 Mass @ 11am
24th June: Y6 Confirmation @ 6.30pm
25th June: Sports Day
29th June: Y3 and Y4 Pedestrian Training
30th June: Y6 Pedestrian Training

July 2021

1st July: Y5 Big Samba Event
1st July: Y5 and Y6 Boy/Girl Cricket @ Yeadon CC, 3.30pm
3rd July: First Holy Communion @ 10am and 12pm
8th July: Y4 Mass @ 1.30pm
9th July: Y5 Mass @ 1.30pm
9th July: Y6 SMM Transition Day
13th July: Y6 End of Year Production
21st July: Y6 Leavers Mass
22nd July: Y6 Campover
23rd July: End of Term Mass @ 11am

KS1 WILDLIFE DAY

On Friday, KS1 had a visit from Neil (Wildlife Otley) and Mrs Brown (WY Bat Group) who came to tell the children all about the wildlife of Otley. The children enjoyed learning about different types of creatures and where they live. Thank you to Neil, Mrs Brown and Mrs Rossiter for all your help.



SPORTS DAY—FRIDAY 25TH JUNE



KS1 – 10:45 – 12:00

KS2 – 09:15 – 10:40



Sports Day will consist of a rotation of events plus some organised races. Children should wear their PE kit and remember to apply sun cream, and provide a hat and a water bottle.

Due to Covid restrictions, we have limited the number of spectators to two members per family. Adults must follow social distancing rules and wear a mask until seated.

DATE FOR DIARY—FATHERS DAY STALL

FOSJ will be holding a Father's Day Stall on **Friday 18th June**.

Children will be able to buy gifts for £1 per item and they will be able to buy more than one gift (max 3).

Please could any donations be taken to the office.

Many thanks for all your continued support.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS

Lord, Father of our human family,
you created everyone equally.

Pour into our hearts a spirit of fraternal love,
move us to build a better world,
a world without hunger, poverty,
violence and war.

May our hearts be open to all the
people and nations of the earth.

May we see the goodness and beauty that
you have sown in each of us so that
we can join together with shared dreams.

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](#)

CLASS MASSES

We are happy to announce that we have arranged Class Masses to take place this half term. These will take place in Church so that family members are able to join us.

Due to COVID restrictions we ask that only two family members per child will be able to attend their child's Class Mass. If you are able to attend the Masses, then you will need to sign in at church; wear a mask; remain socially distanced and Father will come to the back of Church to distribute Holy Communion. At the moment, there is also no kneeling in Church. It would be lovely if you are able to join us but obviously we still need to follow the guidelines.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION

After the Year 4 and Year 5 Class Masses on Thursday 8th July and Friday 9th July where the children will be presented with their certificates, we are planning on having a celebration in the School Hall for the children.

Thank you to the Friends of St. Joseph who are going to organise this for us. If you would like to help on either day, please let us know. We are hoping that parents would be able to join us in the hall but that will depend on the latest COVID guidance.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our virtue for the next three weeks is: honesty. This week, we talked about the importance of honesty and how if we tell lies, sometimes they can spiral out of control. The children listened to the story of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" or "Matilda who told Lies" by Hilaire Belloc.

On Thursday, the children watched a live assembly from CAFOD with the theme, "Fratelli Tutti" which is Latin for "All Brothers and Sisters". "Fratelli Tutti" is a letter from Pope Francis about love and friendship.

In the letter, Pope Francis says that for many years we were all working together to build a happy and peaceful world. But things are starting to go backwards. We are not as close to others as we used to be. And even though our world is more connected, we have stopped listening to one another.

Pope Francis tells us in his letter that now it is time to dream a new dream - a dream where we see everyone as part of our worldwide global family and we treat everyone like a sister or brother. We should care for every man, woman, young and old the same way as the Good Samaritan did in the story Jesus told us.





CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week in Reception, we have been discussing how to look after our wonderful world. The children have made some great suggestions and used their ideas to design their own posters.



In maths this week, we have been sharing and grouping different resources. The children have had opportunities to recognise and make equal groups and we have also explored that sometimes there are items left over when they share or group. We have explored the concept of halving; the children were able to use their knowledge on doubles to support themselves when doing this.

In RE this week, we have started our new topic, 'The Church'. We discussed how we are part of different families, including our own, St Joseph's and God's. The children then made houses and displayed each family that they are a part of.

On Friday, we had a very exciting wildlife afternoon held by Wildlife Friendly Otley. The children took part in a wildlife hunt and some games and had lots of fun! We also got to meet Maggie and her bats, the children were really sensible and asked some great questions.

YEAR 1 NEWS

We began a new unit in Maths this week, we are looking at Capacity which is the amount something can hold. We can use capacity to describe when something is full, half full and empty. The warm weather was a great incentive to fill different sized containers with water and discuss capacity.

In Science this week, we have been learning about germination. We have been investigating seeds. We looked at parsnip, beetroot, runner bean, onion, aubergine and sunflower seeds and we were amazed to see just how different each seed was in colour, size and texture. We carried out our own planting of sunflower seeds and we will be making observations over the next few weeks.

In RE, we have been learning about the Torah which is the sacred text of the Jewish people. The Torah actually means 'teaching'. The Torah is made up of five books, also known as the five books of Moses. We made our own Torah scrolls and stained the paper with tea bags to age the paper.

This week in English, we have started a new book called Stanley's Stick. We used sticks to help us act out what our magic sticks could become. For example, a rocket or a fishing rod. We practised saying our sentences orally and shared our ideas. We used conjunctions when we wrote these into sentences.

On Friday, we enjoyed a wildlife day this included making different types of animal habitats, creating a nature garden, doing some planting. We also played wildlife games and met some bats. It was a fantastic day!



YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in English year 2 have written some fantastic fact files all about trees. They have discussed the features of a fact file and included these in their writing. Miss Armitage came in to see all the fantastic writing they were doing and was very impressed!

In Maths this week we have finished off our measurement unit. The children have been busy using the four operations with measurements and solving 2 and 3 step measurement problems.

In History, we have started our topic on The Great Fire of London. We talked about London back in 1666 and compared it to present day London, the children came up with lots of great ideas and drew some brilliant pictures to represent houses, transport, and people.

Thank you to everyone that handed in their holiday homework, I was blown away with the amount of effort and time that everyone put into their work. We now have a fantastic display on our 'Wow Work' Wall!



YEAR 3 NEWS

Well done to all the children who completed their homework ready for our fact file writing this week! We learned some fascinating facts about several different marine animals, which we shared in our Class Assembly. We also looked at our new class text 'How to Live Forever' and thought about the positives and negatives of living forever.

We have continued to look at time in our Maths, and reading time using am and pm and the 24-hour clock. Some children found it hard to believe that 12 o'clock at night is 12 am because it seems so late at night! Please help your child to read the time on analogue and digital clocks as often as possible to help familiarise them with time in different formats.

In History we have looked at the process of mummification and created instructions on how to prepare a mummy. We will be creating our own canopic jars as our final piece of work in the coming weeks - if you have any large yoghurt pots (usually 500g) we would welcome donations for our jars.

In RE we have started our topic on being a Christian and created our own questions about different Christian denominations. We are hoping to learn about similarities and differences in Christians' beliefs as part of our Faith Week. We looked at the Parable of the Good Samaritan and the virtues that Jesus teaches us through the story.



YEAR 4 NEWS

Mrs Holmes is extremely proud of Year 4's writing this week. They have all worked hard to write interesting fact files about the Amazon Rainforest. They have thought carefully about the presentation of their work and come up with some excellent ideas to make the reader interested!

In Maths, we have been investigating using money. We have been finding totals and giving the correct change. We needed to think of the easiest way to make the change using the least number of coins.

As part of our Science work, we have been finding out about electrical appliances and how electrical circuits are made. We enjoyed making our own electrical circuit too!

We were also very proud of everyone in Year 4 when they played an active role in the Corpus Christi Procession. Each child in the class took a flower to the altar table. This was a special moment and made us feel excited about our up-coming First Holy Communion.



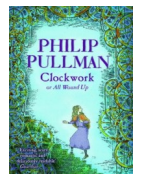
YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we have been writing our own animal fact files trying to use lots of different techniques such as: parenthesis, relative clauses, fronted adverbials, subordinate clauses, rhetorical questions, expanded noun phrases and sub-headings. We have also started our latest book, "Clockwork" by Philip Pullman. We looked at the two front covers and made predictions about what we think the story might be about as well as trying to summarise the main points from the preface.

On 16th July, Year 5 will hopefully be participating in a "Samba Festival" at the John Charles Stadium (letters will be sent out soon giving further information) so we watched a video telling us some basic information about the Samba and then we had a go at using some of the different instruments to play rhythms. Mrs Shakespeare was very impressed with the children's skills.

In our History lesson this week, the children found out about King Alfred the Great and King Athelstan. They used this information to pretend to be either Alfred or Athelstan and have a discussion as to who was the greatest!

Information has been given to the children about writing a manifesto to become the next Children's Mayor. Parents should have received an email with more information about this, if their child wants to participate.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In English, we finished the novel, "Kensuke's Kingdom"; we thoroughly enjoyed reading this story. We completed a book review, Poppy said, "I love the plot title at the beginning (though it was slightly too predictable) and there was descriptive language galore. I learnt lots of new vocabulary, such as: surreptitious, diminutive, haranguing and gesticulating."

In Maths, we continued to calculate angles on a straight line and around a point. We have really got to grips with using our protractor to measure angles accurately. Towards the end of the week, we learnt about vertically opposite angles and explored how we would work out those angles. We used the chalk on the playground to draw vertically opposite angles and calculate them.

During the week, we started to read our end of year play and listen to some of the songs in it. On Friday, the children took part in auditions for the role they would like. They will find out on Monday what role they have in the play!

