

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th September 2018

WELCOME BACK FROM MISS CHOMA!

Hi everyone,

It's Thursday lunchtime so I thought I would write my part for the newsletter. As I started to write, it was the most wonderful feeling - instead of writing the newsletter in a quiet school as before the summer holiday, today, all I could hear from the dining hall was fun, laughter and chatter - how it should be. Albeit an unusual start to a new term, the children have been wonderful, quickly getting used to the new routines. It is lovely to call into the classrooms on a morning to see the children happy, settled and ready to learn as if they have never been away. We are very proud of them so **a big thank you to all the children for making the start of the year a fabulous one.**

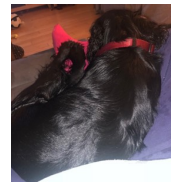
I would like to thank the parents/carers/family members for your support and patience this week - on paper plans look great - however, that's not always the case in reality. We are getting into the swing of things and each day new routines are quicker and smoother.

Unfortunately, all our whole school celebrations and gatherings cannot take place at the moment but we will keep you up to date with life at St Joseph's through a variety of ways - staff presentations/children preparing PowerPoints etc linked to topics and class work, and hopefully some Zoom assemblies.

Next week, Reception will have their transition visits and will be joining the St Joseph's family the week commencing September 22nd. We would like to welcome all the new children and their families - old and new - to our wonderful school community.

Molly and Miss Choma

Molly continues to be very mischievous - stealing anything that catches her attention and very annoyingly, usually the socks/shoes I am putting on. I bought her a beach ball - she loved it but it lasted all of 5 minutes! She loves to play tug of war and is very strong now. During the summer, Molly has learnt to swim and we cannot keep her out of the water now; she loves it and has a special toy float to retrieve in the water. I spent most of the summer out walking with Molly; we went to Thirsk and walked to Rievaulx Abbey; walked around Thruscross and Fewston Reservoir; Roundhay and Temple Newsam Park and many more places. We are planning a beach trip with her friend Stan (another dog) soon.



WELCOME MISS ROBERTSHAW, MISS MILNES AND MISS EARLEY

We would like to extend a **HUGE WELCOME** to **Miss Robertshaw and Miss Milnes** who have joined our St Joseph's team this year.

Miss Robertshaw will be the Year Reception Class Teacher, and Miss Milnes will be the Year 2 class teacher.



Miss Robertshaw



Miss Milnes

Secondly, we would like to say **WELCOME BACK** to **Miss Earley** who will be joining us this year as our Year 4/5 Teaching Assistant. We are so pleased to welcome her back to the St Joseph's family.

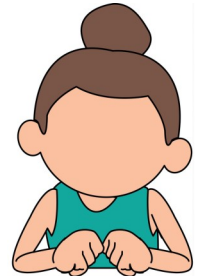


Miss Earley

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

HAIR

Polite reminder that hair should be tied up or kept of the child's face including fringes - this applies to boys and girls.



HAND SANITISER

Please note that school are providing children with hand sanitiser to support the hand washing throughout the day. We ask that children do not bring in hand sanitiser from home, unless this is a pre-arranged agreement with Miss Choma.

Children are welcome to bring in a small, labelled pot of hand moisturiser to use throughout the day. This should not be shared with any other child.



DATA COLLECTION UPDATES

Do you receive emails and texts from Teachers2Parents?

Have you moved address in the last 12 months?

It is vitally important that we have up to date contact details for your child - including a second emergency contact. Please contact Miss Wilkinson via the office@stjosephsotley.org if you would like to update any information.



CURRICULUM INFORMATION EVENING

This year, we will send a PowerPoint via email with an overview of the school year for each year group.

These will be made available on the school website. Class teachers will continue to send out the curriculum information newsletters each term.



PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 18th September from 8.30 to take the children's individual photographs. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to allow photos with pre-school siblings this year.



BANANA AND NUT FREE SCHOOL

Polite reminder that due to severe allergies, St Joseph's is a banana and nut free school. Unfortunately, if your child is found with a banana or nuts, the product will have to be confiscated.

BREAK TIME SNACKS

Additionally, please note that children should only be bringing fruit as a snack at playtimes. We are currently seeing an assortment of inappropriate snacks on the playground. If your child brings something other than fruit, we will ask them to put it back in their bag to take home.



Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



DINNER MONEY

Please make sure that you are up to date with your child's dinner money on Parent Pay.

We do ask that you do not let the balance go over 2 weeks so that we can manage our accounts efficiently.

Please do not hesitate to chat to the Office Staff if you are having any issues with Parent Pay.

Reminder - we need 2 weeks notice to change from Packed Lunches to School Meals and vice-versa.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord Jesus,

We ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.

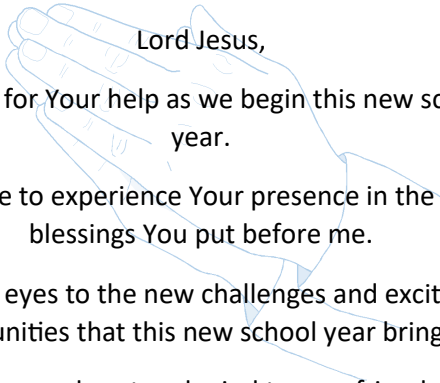
Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open our heart and mind to new friends.

Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our work and courage to accept new opportunities.

Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! 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 in Collective Worship the children have been reflecting on the statement: We are Special. This poem was shared with some of the children:

I Am Me

I am special and I am loved.

I am unique, in the whole world there is only one me.

There is only one person with my talents, experience and gifts.

I have immense potential to love, care, create, grow and share my talents.

This school year is a new beginning.

A new year filled with opportunities.

I am me, and that is all I need to be.



As a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn.

