

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th November 2020

MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA!

Thank you for a lovely week in school – fabulous behaviour and some wonderful work (a little bit of alliteration). Year 3 have written some very interesting 'I wonder' questions on stone age tools in history. Year 6 are working hard on Barvember; in November, there is a big focus on using bar models in maths, hence Barvember. YR and KS1 have started their rehearsals for the Christmas production. I was lucky to hear some beautiful singing of the songs with Mrs Shakespeare. In PE this week, Y4 and Y5 have been learning dance moves to the musical Grease – they were very fast!!

Drop off/Pick up

Thankfully, no flooding this week and the footpath has been cleared of leaves. Could I remind parents/carers/family members not to arrive before pick up time. If a family member is collecting your child/ren can you inform them of the pick up time. We need to keep our distance when waiting and leave promptly. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

Catch Up Sessions

We had our first sessions this week. The children worked hard so a big well done everyone.

PE Uniform

Please note, on PE days the children must come to school in their green PE shorts and **green joggers**. Thank you for your cooperation.

MOLLY AND MISS CHOMA

Molly is happy there are fewer wireworks (me too). She is enjoying her daytime walks. As you can see, she likes to find random plastic bottles and run around with them. We will have a long walk through the woods on Saturday.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 16th November—Odd Socks Day—Raising awareness for anti-bullying by wearing a pair of odd socks
- 20th November—Y4 Assembly via Zoom
- 25th November—YR NHS Visit (Height, Weight and Vision)
- 27th November—Y3 Assembly via Zoom
- 30th November—Christmas Craft Week—Please can children bring an old t-shirt to wear
- 7th December— KS1 Christmas Production - to be filmed only—more details to follow
- 10th December—KS1 Christmas Games Afternoon
- 11th December— KS2 Christmas Games Afternoon
- 15th December— KS1 Christmas Party Afternoon
- 16th December— Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party Afternoon
- 17th December—Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party Afternoon

ANTI – BULLYING WEEK—'ODD SOCKS DAY'



Odd Socks Day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, **Monday 16th November 2020** to help raise awareness around anti-bullying.

It is an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

All children have to do to take part is wear odd (and preferably colourful) socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!

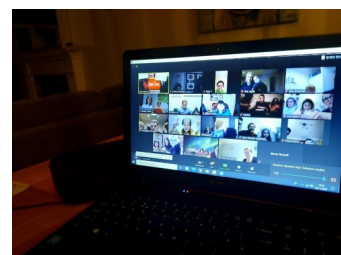
FOSJ BINGO NIGHT



Thank you to all those who attending the virtual bingo night on Friday. **We raised approximately £100** and had a great time!

Congratulations to all our winners!

Look out for our Christmas Quiz in December!



FOSJ GARDENING PROJECT



We are working with the Wildlife Friendly Otley Project to improve our wonderful grounds. We are looking to plant lots of flowers, trees and bushes throughout the academic year.



The first part of the project is to plant some daffodil/tulip bulbs at the front entrance and Westgate entrance. If you would like to sponsor a bulb for 50p, please send the money in a labelled envelope and your name will feature on our 'Thank You' plaque! You can sponsor as many bulbs as you like!

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE FOR RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2021



To apply for a place at this school, a standard application form, known as the Common Preference Form must be completed and returned to the Local Authority Leeds City Council 15 January 2021.

If parents/carers feel that they should be in a specific category i.e. Baptised Catholic, then they are required to complete a Supplementary Information Form and provide the required evidence to school as soon as possible.

Please note: it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to complete all forms and supply evidence – reminders will not be sent.

REVERSE ADVENT APPEAL

As Advent approaches, we are thinking about people who do not have food to eat and toys to give, so as a school we would like to participate in the Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal.



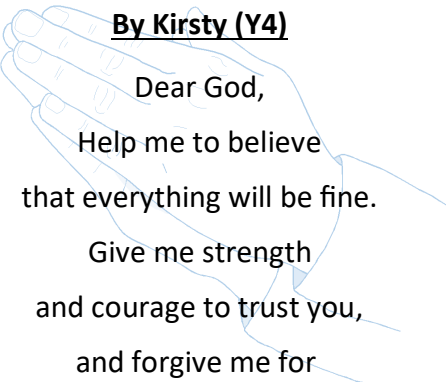
The idea is that each day one child from each class will donate a tin/packet for a hamper and a **new toy** suitable for your child, so that by the end of Advent each class has a magnificent hamper and a selection of new toys that can be given to people in need.

A letter has come home today with details of what we would like you to bring.

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

By Kirsty (Y4)



Dear God,
Help me to believe
that everything will be fine.

Give me strength
and courage to trust you,
and forgive me for
turning my back on you.

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](#)

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday, children throughout the school held a 2 minute silence for Remembrance Day. The children, as always, behaved impeccably throughout the 2 minutes.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we WILL remember them."



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Friday's assembly, the children were introduced to the new British value for this half term which is "Rule of Law". We talked about why it is important to have rules to keep us safe and happy. The children then thought about the school rules and the rule that Jesus gave us to love others. Here is the prayer that we shared with the children:



Dear Lord,

Please help all the people who work hard to look after us.

We pray for all of the police men and women who try to keep us safe.

Help us to love one another and to follow our rules at home, in school and in our communities so that we can all live happily and safely. Amen



VIRTUE OF HOPE

For the next few weeks in school, we will be thinking about the Virtue of Hope. In Isaiah it says, "Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary." In these challenging times, it is comforting to know that God is here for us and will give us strength.



CONFIRMATION

It will be the last preparation Confirmation meeting for Year 6 children this week on Thursday 19th November. Once we know a date for the Confirmation celebration Mass, we will be in touch.





CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week in Phonics, we have completed Phase 2! We have learnt our final four sounds and have continued practising all tricky words. In English this week, we have begun looking at our new focus book - The Jolly Postman. We have become more familiar with the story by retelling and sequencing key scenes.

In RE this week, we have continued learning about God's family. We have been discussing how we can show our love for God by caring for and helping others. The children shared some great ideas such as sharing with peers; looking after someone when they fall and helping parents with jobs at home.

In Maths this week, we have been focusing on number 2. The children have been representing two in various ways, including drawing and creating repeating patterns using two colours. We have also been looking at Noah's Ark, and thinking about the animals entering the boat 2 by 2. As part of our celebrations topic this month, we have been learning about Remembrance Day and also Diwali.



As most of you are aware, preparations for our Christmas nativity are well underway. Children have been given their parts for the nativity and have begun practicing their songs.

YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE this week, we have continued to learn about the Annunciation. We have reflected on the Hail Mary- the prayer that Archangel Gabriel said to Our Lady. We thought about the reasons why God chose Mary to be the Mother of Jesus. In Science, we have been looking at the properties of materials and how useful they are for everyday objects. We completed a sorting activity to demonstrate our understanding of everyday objects and their suitability from the material they are made of.

This week in Maths, we have focused on writing addition calculations. Using the part whole and bar model to support our understanding, we know that $3+4=7$ and $4+3=7$ and that this applies when we write the total first e.g. $7=3+4$ and $7=4+3$.

We started a new history topic learning about Toys through History. We thought about some of our favourite toys and how these were different to those owned by our parents and grandparents.

In Art, we painted beautiful watercolour poppies to mark Remembrance Day.

Please can parents encourage their children to complete their homework on Active Learn.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 received a letter from the National History Museum this week. They were asked to come up with questions to ask about Dodo birds. We then received a reply with the answers to their questions. From this, the children were able to produce an endangered animal fact file. This contained a description of the Dodo's appearance, and explained why and how the Dodo became extinct.

In RE, we were thinking and talking about God's Mysteries and the joyful mysteries of Mary. The children wrote lots of interesting questions to wonder about.

In Science this week, we have been learning more about food chains and using our scientific words to talk about predators and prey. The children enjoyed acting out food chains by playing a game of rabbits and foxes. The rabbits had to find food and shelter whilst the foxes had to chase them down their burrows.



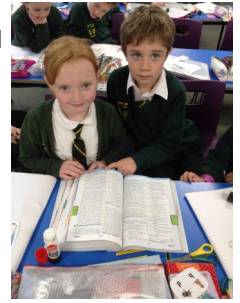
Year 2 have also been very busy practising for their Christmas performance. Mrs Shakespeare has been teaching the songs to the children and is very impressed with their singing voices and how well they have remembered the words. They have lots of lines to learn so please keep rehearsing with your child at home!

YEAR 3 NEWS

In Maths, we have been working on presenting the formal column method in our books. We have worked on 2-digit addition with some exchanges, and discussed how important partitioning the digits is in order to add correctly. In English, we have planned a poem in the style of Carol Ann Duffy's 'Meeting Midnight'. We have used lots of descriptive language and spoken about the flow of the writing. We looked at how alliteration and sibilance change the way a sentence sounds.

In Science, we looked at how soil is formed, and the different processes that are constantly happening under our feet. We are going to illustrate this next week by creating our own mini compost bins. If parents have any empty 2-litre bottles or deep plastic tubs at home it would be wonderful if they could send them in to create the bins from.

In RE, we recalled the story of the Annunciation, and looked at how it is represented in art. The children learned how to find passages in the Bible, and read the words of the Angel Gabriel and Mary in the Gospel of Luke. We also had Collective Worship led by Joseph B and Noah, which was on the theme of remembering the poor.



YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have started a new Maths topic this week. We are now learning about multiplication and division. We have started by investigating what happens to numbers when we multiply numbers by 10 and 100.

In English, Dudley the Techno Wizard Dog has written a reply to our letters. We are now experts in how a vacuum cleaner works! We have also been having a go at writing our own explanation text about how a toaster works. We worked hard to include prepositions and fronted adverbials in our writing.

We have also started a new Science topic this week! We are now learning all about States of Matter. In our first lesson, we found out about the characteristics of solids, liquids and gases. We looked at how the particles for each state are different, and that some solids can be changed into a liquid. This is something we will be investigating further in future lessons. We acted out being particles to show how their formation changes.

Our History topic this half term is all about the invasion of the Romans in Britain. We started by looking at the differences between invaders and settlers.



YEAR 5 NEWS

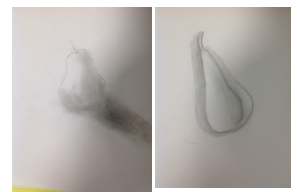
This half term in PE, as well as practising our dance moves, we are also working on our fitness. The children are enjoying seeing how many shuttle-runs, star jumps, skips, speed bounces etc they can do in a minute.

In PSHE, the children found out about stereotypes focusing on gender stereotypes and found it interesting to see how stereotypes affect society.

We continued our work on the book, 'Hidden Figures' in English. The children wrote opinion pieces about why they think it is important that the women who worked at NASA should be remembered and we also started preparing to write a memoir for one of the women.

In Maths, the children have been busy interpreting line graphs, reading different tables and mastering reading different types of timetable.

This term in Art, we are looking at representing different objects. Last Friday, the children worked really hard at drawing pears, trying to use shading. Here are some of our pictures.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we developed an understanding of the order of operations using BIDMAS. We used this to answer calculations in the correct order. We also continued to answer our Barvember challenges.

In English, we began our new book 'Can we save the tigers?'. We had a debate about what should happen to the tiger that keeps hunting the local farmers livestock. After, we wrote a letter to express our concern and that we wanted something doing to protect our livestock and the endangered tiger.

In our P.E. lesson with Mrs Fenton-Green, we worked on our rugby passing skills (pocket to point). We learnt that in rugby we can't pass the ball forwards but we can move with the ball. We developed our skills of moving and passing and we were brilliant at working as a team.

In Science, we carried out an experiment to identify which beak is best adapted to its environment.

Instead of beaks, we used chopsticks, tweezers and pegs to pick up as many seeds in 30 seconds. We loved challenging ourselves with using the chopsticks – they were tricky to use! Next week, we are going to find the mean average number of seeds picked up – using the tweezers, chopsticks and pegs – and write our conclusion.





AWARDS



SUNSHINE AWARDS

Seb (YR), Charlotte (Y1), Beatrice (Y2),
Joseph B (Y3), Ethan (Y4), Cora (Y5), Joshua (Y6)



RE AWARDS

Isaac (YR), Marysia (Y1), Jake (Y2),
Skyla (Y3), Kirsty (Y4), Agnes (Y5), Marcus (Y6)

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!

