

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th January 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Another very busy week at school and home – well done everyone for settling into working either from home/school. I know it is a difficult time and lots of families are juggling with having to work from home and home school at the same time. Please be aware, we do understand the constraints you have – if there is anything we can help you with, contact school and we will come up with a solution together. The staff are very pleased with the children's engagement during live lessons and the completion of set work. Hopefully, the timetable works for everyone – lessons are recorded so they can be accessed at any time. Can we please ask that cameras are on for live lessons. There are still a few packs to collect to support home learning – contact school to arrange a time to pick up.

We had just got into our stride then the snow comes along! There seems to be lots of hurdles at the moment, but they don't stop us at St Joseph's. I loved your snow pictures. There were some awesome snowmen/people, and it was great to see so many out sledging. Molly and I went for a walk; the snow was at least 30cm deep. It was very tiring and we had to leave because Molly's paws were packed with ice and she didn't like it.

Drop off/Pick up

Please only arrive at school at your allocated time and maintain a 2m social distance. Can I remind parents to use the allocated carparks when dropping/picking up children from school - not the road outside school; the clinic or the Parish Centre carpark. Thank you

Have a lovely weekend; enjoy the snow and have a good rest.

SITE SUPERVISOR VACANCY

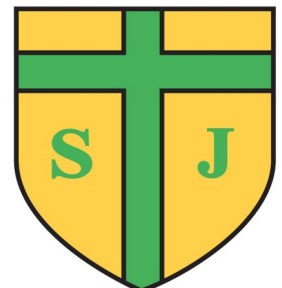
The Governors of The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust are looking to appoint a Site Supervisor to join our team to ensure high standards of maintenance, cleanliness and safety are achieved throughout the buildings and grounds of our schools. Although you will be based at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Otley, you will be part of a wider Trust premises team and will benefit from collaborative working within the Trust.

For more information please click here - <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/vacancies-posts/2021/1/4/school-site-supervisor-st-josephs-catholic-primary-school-otley>

For further information, please contact Miss Choma

Closing date for applications: Friday 22 January 2021, 12 noon

Interview date: Thursday 28 January 2021



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Help us to live together peacefully with our families.

Help us to do the best we can to help other people and to carry out God's will.

Thank you for all of the people who make a difference to our lives and who help our communities.

Help us to appreciate all that they do for us.

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](#)

PEACE SUNDAY 2021

On Sunday 17th January it is Peace Sunday. This year the theme of the Pope's World Peace Day message is, "A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace".

On Saturday 16 January, there will be a national event on Zoom held from 6pm to 7pm. It will be a time to pray, share and reflect on what the World Peace Day message means to us as peacemakers.

You can register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/peace-sunday-2021-national-liturgy-tickets133225849101>



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

At the start of the week, the children listened to the Gospel reading about Jesus being baptised in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. The children also learnt about some of the symbols used in baptisms today and were encouraged to think about their own baptisms.

On Friday, the theme of the Collective Worship was local heroes. The children learnt about Thomas Chippendale and Lizzie Deignan who are both from Otley. We then thought about all the people who volunteer to make Otley a better place to live.



We listened to part of St Paul's Letter to Corinthians which can be summed up in the following words:

"The body of Christ is made up of many people. God has made the people just how he wants them to be and that if we all work together then we will be able to live in harmony, so that we can do God's will.

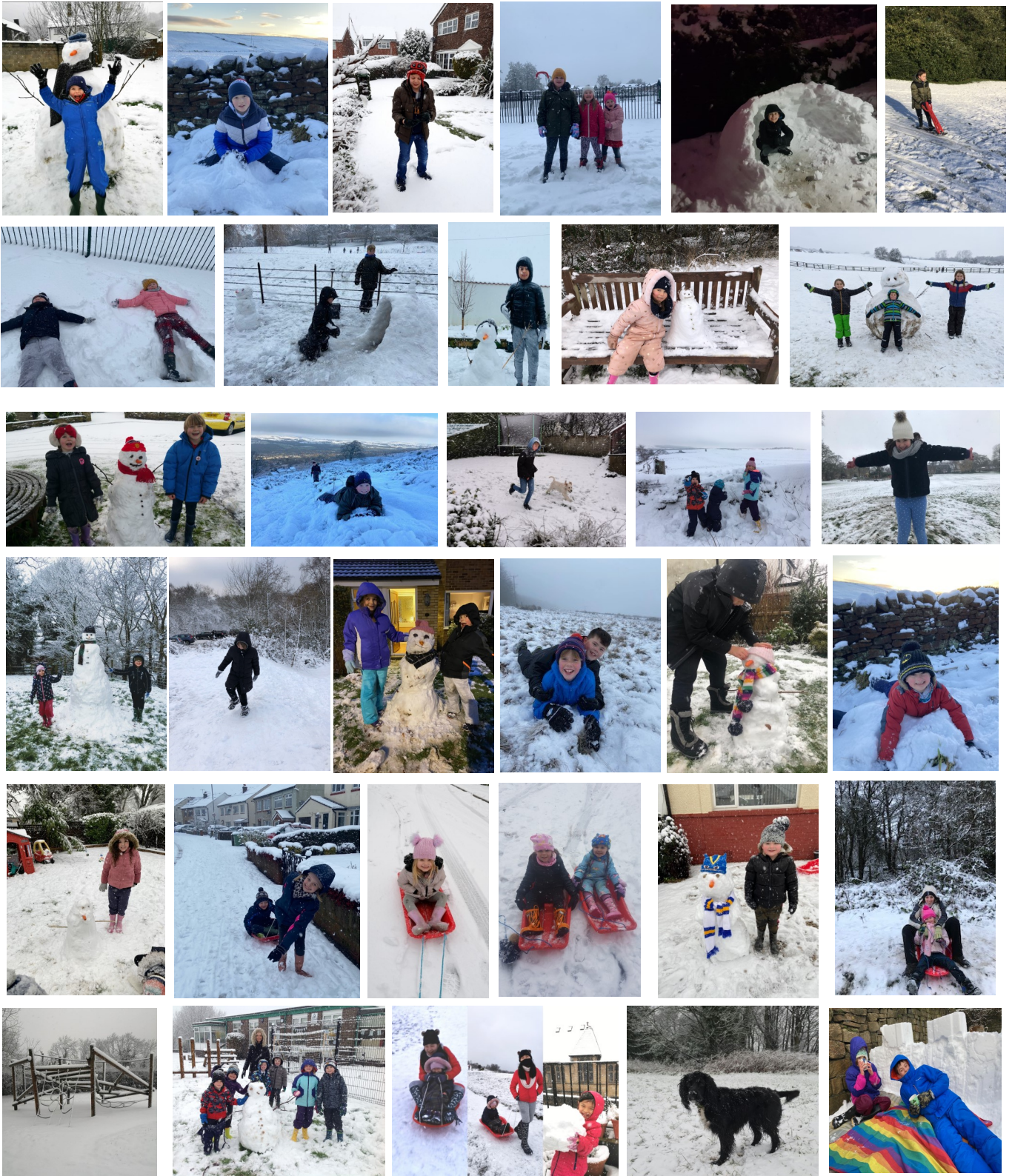
This linked to our statement of the week which was:

"I KNOW WE ARE HAPPIEST WHEN WE ARE UNITED"

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CLASS NEWS



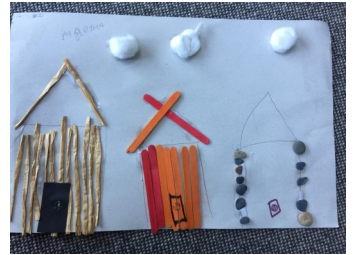
YEAR R NEWS

This week in Phonics, we have continued with phase 3 sounds and lots of tricky digraphs! The children (and parents) are doing such a great job. Mrs Hart and I are really impressed with your super writing!

This week, we have begun our new topic 'Once Upon a Time'. Our focus this week has been on The Three Little Pigs. In English this week, the children had to listen carefully to the story and then sequence the events in the correct order. The children have also been using adjectives to describe the characters from the story - we had some great suggestions!

As part of our topic work, the children have been creating their own versions of the Three Pigs houses. It was great seeing the different ways the children have chosen to create their houses.

In RE this week, we have begun our new topic Getting to Know Jesus. We listened to the Bible story about Jesus welcoming the children. In this story, we could see that Jesus loved children very much. We know that Jesus loves each one of us.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have been consolidating our understanding of 'one more than' and 'one less than' and comparing objects and numbers.

In English, we have listened to and enjoyed the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have written some fantastic sentences to re-tell the story. In Phonics, we have been revising the split e-e digraph with words such as: these, complete, scene and evening.

Our topic on Significant People was all about Mary Anning who is remembered as being one of the greatest fossil hunters to ever live. Over the course of her life she made many incredible discoveries. We made our own salt dough fossils.

In RE, we have been thinking about families and celebrations. We thought about the importance of spending time with our families (especially at the moment!) and the types of things we do such as playing games or watching a film.

We have started our unit of 'Fun and Games' in PE and really enjoyed learning how to play dodgeball. We learnt where we could aim our ball and how to get somebody out.



YEAR 2 NEWS

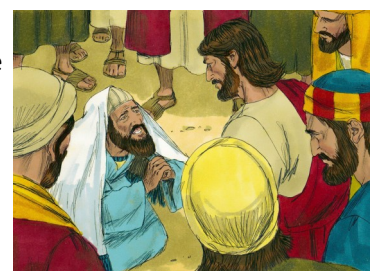
This week in English, we have been looking at possessive apostrophes and apostrophes used for contractions. We have also read our story 'The Tadpole's Promise' and were very shocked by the ending!!

In Maths, we have continued our unit on multiplication and have been making multiplication sentences from groups of objects.

In RE, we have been learning about miracles that Jesus performed. We read the story of Jairus' Daughter and discussed how the different characters might have all been feeling and what they did in the story.

In Geography this week, we have explored hot and cold places on the map of the world. We can now say where the North and South Poles are. Additionally, we can identify where the equator is on the map and what it is, and we can name some countries that are on the equator line.

Well done to everyone in Year 2 (and your adults at home) for working so hard and completing our second week of home learning!



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English this week, we have finished our class text 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' and written a letter as Tashi thanking the monkeys for the Cloud Tea. We have started to work on our final piece of writing - a non-chronological report. By creating research questions, we will find out facts about tea.

In Maths, we have continued to use our knowledge of the 3 times table to solve problems, as well as becoming more confident with the 4 times table. We will be using the 8 times table next week, so make sure you practise it over the weekend!

We have begun our topic of Reconciliation in RE in order to prepare ourselves for the Sacrament. In Science, we are experimenting with forces including friction. In DT, we have been working with nets to make 3D packages.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In Maths, we have been converting lengths and measurements to mm, cm and m. We have also learnt how to find the perimeter of rectangles and other 2D shapes.

As part of our English work, we have been writing a character description. We watched a short, animated film called 'Soar'. It was about a girl called Mara who was trying to invent a flying machine. We thought about her physical appearance and then what her personality was like. We worked hard to use expanded noun phrases, subordinating-conjunctions and fronted adverbials to make our descriptions interesting.

In Science, we carried out an investigation to look at how some solids can change into a liquid. We used chocolate to see how quick it melts when put in different environments.

In RE, we learnt about the presentation of Jesus at the temple and the significance of this to us today. We learnt about Simeon and how he rejoiced at seeing Jesus and claimed that he was our Saviour and the Light of the world.



YEAR 5 NEWS

Well done to all of Year 5 again this week for their hard work at home, Mrs Harvey is so impressed with all of you. Thank you to the grown-ups at home who are supporting the children with their work, we really appreciate it.

In English, the children have been busy writing their own narrative poems trying to make the words at the end of lines 2 and 4 rhyme. I have really enjoyed reading them - thank you.

In Maths, we have continued our work on multiplication and have practised using formal written methods for multiplying 2, 3 and 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers.

This week in RE, we have looked at different Bible references about love to see how disciples of Jesus should behave. The children then created their own artwork about love.

In Geography, we have located the highest peak on each of the 7 Continents.

I hope the children have a lovely weekend and that they enjoy playing in the snow.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have been finding fractions of amounts and finding the whole. The children are working very hard and grasping some tricky concepts.

In English, we watched a clip called 'Beyond the Line' which introduced the story of two young boys who were present on a battlefield during World War 2. We wrote predictions about what would happen at the end of the clip and we look forward to finding out what happens next week.

In History, we looked at the events which lead to Hitler and Germany breaking promises with France and Britain which was the catalyst for World War 2.

In RE, we began our new topic 'Exploring the Mass'. We thought about what Pope Benedict XVI had said about Jesus being 'The Bread of Life'. The children have created some fabulous art work based on the concept of 'Jesus, The Bread of Life.'

