



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th March 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

What another busy and fun filled week in school – there has been lots of activity. I am exhausted so you must be! Year 3 have been comparing their height to the femur of a dinosaur and have been making bones. Everyone looked great in their numbered clothes on Thursday – the highest number we had was a 100K. Year 2 went out to count cars, bikes, cats and dogs and Year 1 went to count traffic. There were lots of surveys and maths around number. All of this was linked to Census Day. A great way to the end the week – the celebration our patron saint – St Joseph. It was lovely to see Fr Lawrie join our Celebration Assembly today. We enjoyed learning about St Joseph, our ice creams and finishing the day with a live Zoom to meet some exotic reptiles! Ask your child which was their favourite or most interesting reptile.

As always – wonderful behaviour and hard work by everyone this week. A big well done.

Drop Off and Pick Up: A number of families are arriving before/after their drop off or pick-up time slot - it is essential that families only arrive at the allotted time to ensure we can maintain social distancing to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Hair styles: I appreciate that haircuts are difficult at the moment, however a number of children are having haircuts that are not in line with our school policy. Please make sure that hair styles are in line with school policy. Children must not have hairstyles fitting the following descriptions:

- *Lines shaved into the hair
- *Patterns shaved into the hair
- *Hairstyles which are extreme. This includes hairstyles where the sides are much shorter than the top

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and rest. I will see you all on Monday.

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

CHANGE OF PLAN - KS2 CAKE SALE

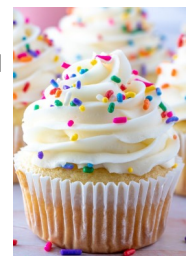
WEDNESDAY 24TH MARCH



Following Wednesday's KS1 Fruit Sale, we have reviewed the logistics of distributing 200 fruits pots and have decided change the plan for Wednesday 24th March to prevent frazzled staff members!

Instead, we would like all KS2 children to bring in shop-bought, sealed buns (due to covid restrictions) which will be on sale to KS1 and KS2 children for 50p a bun at breaktime.

Thank you!



WEAR A HAT DAY

On Friday 26th March, we would like children and staff to wear a hat (preferably a funny hat!) to raise awareness about this cause. *Wear A Hat Day* is one of the UK's biggest and best-loved brain tumour research awareness and fundraising days.



For more information, check out <https://www.braintumourresearch.org/fundraise/wear-a-hat-day>



UPCOMING INFORMATION

BIG PEDAL 2021

This year the challenge will run from **19—30 April 2021**. Like previous years, **walking will be counted** alongside cycling and scooting. On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, scooting or using a wheelchair to school. A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leaderboards will receive an exclusive Sustrans Big Pedal Trophy.



We are holding a competition where children will receive a raffle ticket every time they walk, scoot or cycle to school. We are looking for local businesses to donate suitable bike related prizes (or potentially low cost gifts). Your business would be publicly thanked in our newsletter, website and twitter page.

This is a great opportunity to show children the importance of healthy living, and how wonderful the world of cycling is!

LENT ACTIVITIES

During the season of Lent, we try to raise money for different charities. This year we are raising money for: the Good Shepherd Appeal, which help families in need of therapeutic family support work; CAFOD, who raise money to help alleviate poverty and suffering in developing countries and, Mission Together which is the the Catholic Church's official children's charity for overseas mission and aims to provide education, nutrition, medical care and shelter for children living in poverty around the world.

TOAST

As always we will also be selling toast again during Lent to raise funds for the Good Shepherd Appeal and Mission Together. Toast will be sold every Tuesday during Lent from **Tuesday 9th March** and will cost 30p per slice (just 1 slice per child).

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

We will be holding another "egg-citing" Easter Egg raffle on **Thursday 1st April!** We would like children to bring in £1 which will buy them a raffle ticket. St Joseph's staff will be providing a selection of Easter Eggs, from big whopping super prizes to small chocolate eggs to ensure that every child wins something.

EASTER EGG THANK YOU!



A huge thank you to **The Smith Family** for donating some **Easter Eggs** for our Easter Egg raffle! We are so grateful for your generous contribution.

Thank you also to Catholic Care and St Joseph's staff for their donations.



We are still welcoming donations.

If you, or any family members, would like to donate eggs then please speak to the office.

HEADLICE

Please note there have been several cases of head lice in recent weeks.

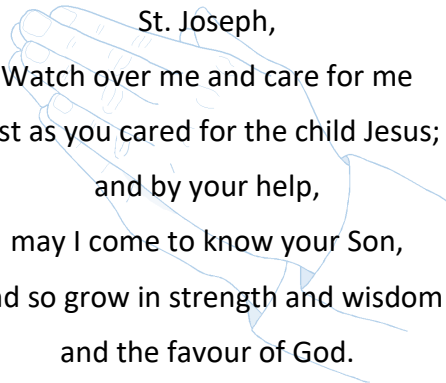
Please check your child's head and treat accordingly, to help prevent them from spreading.

Thank you!



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK



St. Joseph,
Watch over me and care for me
just as you cared for the child Jesus;
and by your help,
may I come to know your Son,
and so grow in strength and wisdom
and the favour of God.
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](#)

RECONCILIATION

On Friday 26th March, children who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will receive this Sacrament for the first time in Church with Father Lawrie. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions we are unable to invite family members to this. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Well done to all the children in Year 4, 5 and 6 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church on Thursday in preparation for Easter. Thank you to Father Lawrie for enabling us to do this.

ST JOSEPHS FEAST DAY

Today is our school Feast Day - the Feast Day of Saint Joseph who is the patron saint of our school. This year it is especially important as Pope Francis has declared it the year of Saint Joseph to mark the 150-year anniversary of Saint Joseph becoming the Patron Saint of the Universal Church. The year of Saint Joseph started on the 8th December 2020 which is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and will extend to the same feast in 2021.

As a treat for the children, they all had ice lollies and a special Zoom meeting with a reptile expert where they were shown and found out about snakes, spiders, frogs, lizards, tortoises, and chameleons.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Our Virtue for the next few weeks up to the Easter holidays is forgiveness. In class we will be discussing and encouraging the children to:

- accept God's forgiveness
- accept forgiveness from others
- know that with God's love we can change
- forgive others
- change after making a poor choice
- understand that saying sorry is one way of making amends

HALL DISPLAYS

Last week, each class looked at a different cross from around the world and created their own to make a display in the hall for Lent - we thought you would like to see the children's beautiful work.





CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

We have had another busy week this week in Reception! At the beginning of the week, we received another exciting letter from NASA! Our mission this week has been to learn all about the moon. The children have been writing postcards to a loved one from the moon. We have had some super sentences. Lillie wrote, "The moon is rocky and dusty" and Noah wrote, "The moon is dark and quiet."



In Maths this week, we have continued looking at 3D shapes. As part of Let's Count Day at school, we have also been collecting data on our favourite things such as colour, fruit, sport and animal, we then put our findings into tally charts. Some of the children challenged themselves by creating their own which was very impressive.

As part of West Yorkshire Games Week, we have taken part in several activities such as dancing, running, skipping and parachute games. We then finished the week off with a sports games afternoon.

YEAR 1 NEWS

It's been Sports Week this week and we have been very busy In PE practising lots of sports skills. These have included: cricket, skipping, frisbee and table tennis.

In English we have been continuing our work inspired by the book *Iggly Peck Architect*. With cross curricular links to our current topic, we have been looking at lots of landmarks in our capital city of London: The Cheese Grater, The Walkie Talkie and The Gherkin. We have written about them and used conjunctions to explain where they can be found in London.

This week we have been handling data in Maths. We have been discussing the UK Census and decided to carry out our own investigations. We asked the school to complete a survey about pets- would you believe at St Joseph's the children own 54 cats and 54 dogs! We also took a survey to see how much traffic passed the zebra crossing in 10 minutes. We filled in frequency tables and made bar charts to show this information.

On Wednesday we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating St Patrick's Day. We learnt about St Patrick's life. We made rainbow hats and shamrock cards. We tried some traditional Irish dancing (tricky but fun). We ended the day sitting in the sunshine trying a variety of green foods! These included: celery, minted peas, kiwi fruit, lime wedges and a rainbow sweet.

We learnt all about The Trinity in RE. According to Patrick's Day lore, Patrick used the three leaves of a **shamrock** to explain the **Holy Trinity**: that in the one God there are three divine beings: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



YEAR 2 NEWS

We started the week with our chef's hats on and made our delicious healthy sandwiches. All the children were so sensible throughout the afternoon. We learnt how to use sharp knives safely to cut and slice vegetables and salad. By the smiles on the children's faces the children were all very pleased with what they made and had lots of fun making them!

As part of our Let's Count Day in school we went for a walk around Otley. We decided as a class on what we would count, we chose dogs, cats, cars and bikes. On our walk we had designated counting spots which were the Clock Tower, the Bowling Green, the Post Office and the Maypole. It was very exciting that we spotted 7 dogs! We then talked about our findings, compared them with our predictions, and created pictograms with our collected data.

It has also been West Yorkshire Games Week, in which the children have taken part in several activities based around a different sport each day. The children have had lots of fun challenging themselves in each activity. Their favourite being the ping pong challenge where we had lots of children completing the silver level! Well done to you all this week on your hard work and resilience.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In Maths this week we have started to explore length and perimeter. The children have measured different objects in the classroom, compared their heights, and made scale models of different femurs to compare human and animal skeletons. We had Let's Count Day on Thursday to celebrate the 2021 Census, and Year 3 had a fantastic debate about what new facility should be built in Otley based on the census data.



In English we have had a competition for West Yorkshire Games Week, with the children creating their own poem about fitness. We have had some amazing examples of acrostic poems, as well as some kennings!

We have been doing lots of sports activities to celebrate WYG week, including ping pong, street dance, skipping for boxing, cricket and ultimate frisbee. It has been lovely to get out in the sunshine and do some PE every single day.

In RE we have been learning about the life of John the Baptist, and the role he had in Jesus' life.

YEAR 4 NEWS

We have enjoyed taking part in some of the activities for the West Yorkshire School Games. It has really kept us active! As part of one of the activities, we did some skipping challenges and counted how many of each type of skip we completed. We then used this on Number Day to find the average number of skips completed by our group and created bar graphs to represent this data.



In Maths, we have continued to work on finding out about fractions. We have worked hard to find equivalent fractions and plotting fractions on a number line. It has been tricky, but we have all persevered!

As part of our English work, we have enjoyed creating our own mysterious creatures and building up descriptions of them. We then used our knowledge of different animal habitats to think about where our creature would live. Finally, we started to create non-chronological reports about our magnificent creatures.

In RE, we thought about the time when Jesus entered Jerusalem and how the crowd waved palm leaves shouting 'Hosana!'. We reflected on how different groups of people must have felt. His friend, the religious leaders and the political leaders and discussed the vary thoughts and feelings they must have had.

YEAR 5 NEWS

On Thursday, we had our "Let's Count Day". Year 5 thought of lots of different questions that they wanted to ask the other children in school and voted to ask the question: "What is your favourite sport to play?" They discovered all sorts of different things including that: Year 4 is the class that have the most children who voted for rugby; Dance is the most popular sport in Year 1; Year 3 is the class with the most votes for Gymnastics and football is the sport with the most votes overall. As well as discussing this question on Thursday, the children also looked at Census data for Otley from 2011 and 2001 comparing the age of the population.

As part of our St. Joseph Day work, the children listened to the story of why Saint Joseph is often seen holding a lily and then had a go at making our own lilies. . In RE this week, the children have been learning about forgiveness. First of all, we looked at The Parable of the Lost Son and then read other New Testament stories to find out what Jesus taught us about forgiveness.

In Maths, we consolidated our fraction work by using Cuisenaire Rods to help us identify equivalent fractions and adding mixed numbers.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have started our new topic of Algebra; we looked at an input, then a rule (or more than one) and an output. We had a go at using a Cuisenaire rods to aid us with either working out the input, output or the rules. We thought that algebra would be difficult but actually it's quite easy!



In English, we have continued to read Kensuke's Kingdom; we have read up to chapter 3. We have answered lots of different VIPERS (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve and summarise) questions to deepen our understanding of the book. We have predicted that soon Michael, the main character, will somehow lose his parents out at sea and he will end up on an island with a man called Kensuke.

In Science, we have been investigating mould growth on bread. On Monday, we wanted investigate the growth of mould from the environment or/and the surfaces which we rubbed the bread on. We currently have mould growing on the bread which is on the radiator. Timo said, "My piece of bread has two black mould dots in the middle. It also feels like toast!" We will be checking for more mould next week.