

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd January 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

It was lovely to see and say hello to YR and KS1 this morning during our Celebration Assembly. I was very impressed with your knowledge of America and the super explanation of what is meant by current affairs – 'Things that are happening now in the world.' Well done. On Monday, it was lovely to catch up with KS2 during Collective Worship. You are all doing an amazing job – working hard and completing some fabulous work; we are all very proud of you. Keep up the great work – we will be altogether as soon as it safe to do so. On a more fun note, Mrs Harvey has set a sporting challenge, see below - I cannot wait to see videos! I will challenge my family at home.

Remote learning – thank you for collecting your child/ren's pack for the next three weeks. If you didn't manage to collect your pack on Friday, please contact school to organise a time to collect next week. Thank you to parents/carers for your dedicated support with home learning. If you have any worries, please contact school and we will endeavour to support in any way we can.

Drop off/pick-ups – thank you to everyone for adhering to times; social distancing and vacating the area as soon as possible. The parking situation has been much better this week but in the interest of safety for all children, please use the dedicated carparks. Badges are available to display in your car for the start and finish of the day for the Licks and Westgate Carpark.

The weather is going to be beautiful this weekend so get up early and enjoy the sunshine. Molly and I will be out early Saturday morning. As soon as I step through the door, she starts whining to go for a walk. We go for a walk through the woods and Molly will often disappear; all I can hear is the rustling of leaves until she pops up from behind a tree. I can't wait for the ground to be dry – every day I have been splattered with mud, even my face.

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



THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

This week in Key Stage Two, one of the suggested PE activities on Google Classroom was to try to balance a shoe on the sole of your foot whilst rolling over as demonstrated in this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORWSwo1FziM>

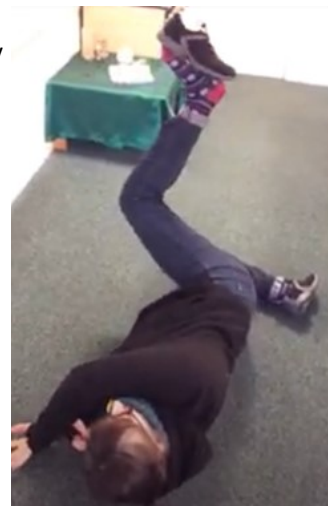
Mrs Holmes has laid down the gauntlet and has nearly completed the challenge.

Can you do better?

We'd love to see photos of the children (and grown-ups) trying this challenge.

Please send your photos in by next Thursday for the newsletter to the homelearning@stjosephsotley.org

Thank you, we hope you have fun attempting the challenge!!!



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Living God, You walk alongside us and

Speak to us throughout the scriptures.

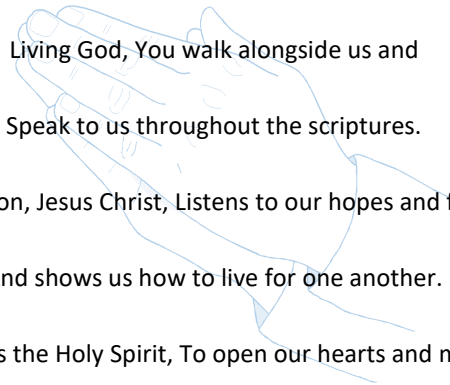
Your Son, Jesus Christ, Listens to our hopes and fears

And shows us how to live for one another.

Send us the Holy Spirit, To open our hearts and minds

So that we may be your witness, Throughout the world.

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](#)

LOVE

This week, Year 5 finished the story that we have been reading, "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse" by Charlie Markey.

One of our favourite quotes from it is,

'I've realised why we are here,' whispered the boy.

'For cake?' asked the Mole.

'To love,' said the boy.

'And to be loved.' said the horse"

This reminds us of the most important commandment to love one another as Jesus loves us.

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whispered the boy.
"for cake?" asked the mole.



"To love," said the boy.
"And to be loved," said the horse.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In our Collective Worship on Monday, we listened to the story of when Jesus gave Simon his new name 'Peter' which means rock.

We thought about the meaning of names and the children were encouraged to find out what their name means or why they were given their name.

Our statement of the week has been: "I listen to what you say. I show you I am listening." We listened to when God called Samuel three times and Samuel answered, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening."

We pray that we may hear God's call and that we are ready to answer it.



MAKING SMOOTHIES

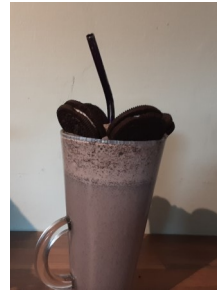
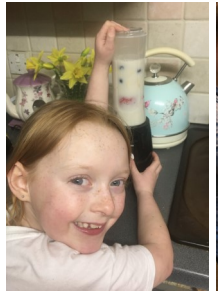
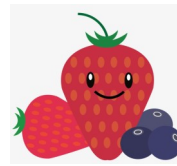
Miss Dowd's Favourite Smoothie Recipe (Serves 4)

Ingredients

- 450g bag frozen berries
- 450g [pot fat-free strawberry yogurt](#)
- 100ml [milk](#)
- 25g porridge oat
- 2 tsp [honey](#) (optional)

Method

1. Whizz the berries, yogurt and milk together with a stick blender until smooth.
2. Stir through the porridge oats, then pour into 4 glasses
3. serve with a drizzle of honey, if you like.





CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week in Phonics, we have learnt more tricky digraphs and one new tricky word. The children have done a brilliant job and have quickly picked up the new sounds. It has been great seeing them apply this in their writing.

This week as part of our new topic, we have been looking at The Gingerbread Man. The children have been working hard to retell and sequence the story to create their own story maps. We have also been creating bridges using various resources to help the Gingerbread Man cross the river safely!

This week in RE, we thought about different ways we can show Jesus that we love him. We talked about being kind, sharing and praying. Later, we had the chance to paint colourful hearts to represent our love for Jesus.

In Maths this week, we have been recapping mass and capacity. The children both in school and at home have shown great enthusiasm and have been keen to test and record their predictions.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have been learning how to perform addition by counting on. We have used number lines to help us with this. We considered which way round to begin the addition and found that counting on from the biggest number is a more efficient method.

We finished our re-telling of our traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk this week. We have really enjoyed reading your writing which has featured some great adjectives and conjunctions. On Thursday we began a new twisted tale.

In Topic we learnt about the civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. He fought hard for the fair and equal treatment of all people and an end to racial discrimination. We thought about our hopes and dreams for people around the world. Joseph Hayden said he'd like everyone to have clean water. Evie wanted every child in the world to have at least one toy to play with.

In RE we have been reflecting on the notion of belonging and what it feels like to belong to our family and how special that makes us feel. We thought about the important qualities of belonging within our school community.

There are lots of activities on Google Classroom that your child may want to explore in the PE, PSHE and Art folders. Thank you once again to our wonderful parents for supporting your child to access the online lessons and supporting them with their learning.



YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in English, we have been retelling the story of the Tadpoles Promise using the bare bones of the story to create our own story boards.

This week in Maths, we have reached the end of our multiplication unit and consolidated our learning on the 2's, 5's and 10's times tables. We have now moved on to the division section of the unit and have been making groups and sharing them equally.

In RE, we have continued looking at miracles performed by Jesus and read the story of the 10 Lepers. We discussed how the Lepers must have felt and how Jesus felt after they were healed. We then spoke about being thankful when someone does something for us. The children then produced some amazing sentences and pictures to show why they are grateful to God, their families, and friends.

In Geography, we have continued to look at hot and cold places around the world and the children researched the features of Antarctica, rainforests, and deserts.



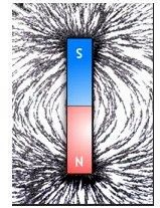
YEAR 3 NEWS

This week the children have really enjoyed our topic of Forces and Magnets in Science. They tested different materials to see if they were magnetic or non-magnetic, and saw how iron filings show the magnetic fields of a bar magnet.

In RE this week we explored the virtues of honesty and bravery. We thought about how important it is to own up to when you do something wrong, and discussed how God asks us to be honest and brave when we confess our sins.

In English we have found out lots of facts about tea. We have developed different paragraphs that we will be using next week to create our report on 'The Magic of Tea'.

In Maths we have explored the relationship between the 2, 4 and 8 times table. We have used our knowledge of times table facts to show patterns in the multiples of these tables, and explained what this shows us.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In Maths, we have started our new Multiplication and Division topic. We have been very busy finding and learning different ways to practise our 11 and 12 times tables. We have also learning about how to multiply s numbers and solving problems related to this.

As part of our English work, we have been continuing to practise our skills using inverted commas. We wrote our own conversations between two characters - making sure we started a new line each time a new speaker started to say something.

We enjoyed learning a about the Celtic leader Boudica. We found out that she was a fearless, determined woman who led her army into battle with the Romans. We then drew pictures of what we though Boudica might have looked like.

As part of our RE work, we discussed by Sundays are an important day. We discussed how we can not only spend time with our families, but also take time to reflect and pray to Jesus to say, "Thank you" for the sacrifice he made. We also discussed how Sundays became a day of rest and how it originated from the Jewish custom of Shabbat.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In RE this week, we continued our work on "Inspirational People" and were thinking about what it takes to be a good disciple of Jesus. We listened to the Parable of the Wise Man who built his house on solid ground and the Foolish Man who built his house on Sand. In this story, Jesus said that we need to build our lives on his teaching - solid rock - so that we can stand firm.

In English, we watched a video called "The Ridge" about a man who rides his bike to the peak of a mountain on the Isle of Skye in Scotland. We then used this video to write descriptions of the mountain and we also pretended to be a seal who could talk offering advice to the man. The children's ideas and vocabulary were absolutely amazing, and I HAVE LOVED READING ALL OF THEIR WORK.

In Maths, we have started looking at dividing using a range of methods and although some of the children have found it quite tricky they have persevered and are starting to become more confident.

In Geography, we have been locating the highest mountains in the UK and trying to find out some facts about them.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we started our new topic of decimals. We have been looking at decimals to 3 decimal places and multiplying and dividing them by 10, 100 and 1,000.

In English, we have further studied the clip "Beyond the Lines" and we have written a letter and a narrative from the Grandfather's perspective in World War 2.

In History, we learnt about the invasion of Poland and the beginning of World War 2. We discussed whether Britain and France made a mistake in allowing Hitler time to gain a greater military force.

In RE, we reflected on the Feeding of the 5,000. We thought about how the Feeding of the 5,000 links to the beliefs about Jesus.

