



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd April 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Welcome back – I hope you all had a lovely, restful Easter break. The weather was beautiful which certainly lifts the spirits – Molly had lots of long walks! From chatting with the children, I know a lot of families enjoyed being outdoors too. I was very impressed that some of the children still had some of their Easter eggs left. It has been a great week back. The children have settled well back into school and have been working really hard – well done everyone. There has been some great debating going on in school. Y6 were discussing whether Jesus came to lead people to heaven, or he came to bring heaven to earth! Y5 were discussing ways to be more eco-friendly to reduce global warming.

I am very impressed with the number of children who have walked, cycled or scooted to school this week. It is a great way to making small steps to help the environment. We will be signing up to Cafod's 'The Eyes of the World will be Watching You' which is a campaign to put pressure on the world leaders to put measures in place to reduce the effects of global warming.

Uniform – children can wear summer uniform from this term. Can I remind parents/carers that the PE uniform is a pair of green jogging bottoms **not leggings**.

Drop off – please ensure you arrive on time as a few families are arriving late on a regular basis.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine with your family and friends. I definitely think it is barbecue weather!

BIG PEDAL

Well done to everyone who has cycled, walked or scooted to school this week. A fantastic 63.2% of families travelled by foot, bicycle or scooter. We are currently 20th place in the Yorkshire and Humber region - can we beat our local competitors Westgate Primary and end up in the top 10 schools?

Remember, children will receive a raffle ticket every time they walk, scoot or cycle to school.

On Friday 30th April, we will draw one name per class to win a prize!



WELCOME MRS ROBINSON

Welcome to Mrs Robinson, who joins our fabulous catering team as Head Cook. She has worked for Leeds Catering for 4 years and her favourite thing to cook is Spaghetti Bolognese!



Mrs Robinson is looking forward to working with Mrs Roberts, Miss Foyle and Ms Connor in the kitchen, and getting to know everyone at St Joseph's.

KEEPING CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE

If you have recently changed address or your contact number, please let the office staff know so we can update our records.

The school needs to have two up-to-date numbers, so you can easily be contacted in case of an emergency, and for you to receive updates from the school.

Thank you for your co-operation.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH BY POPE FRANCIS

Powerful God, you hold us and everything you have made in your loving care.

You are in the whole universe and in every tiny creature. Pour out on us, God, the power of your love and teach us to care for life and for beauty.

Fill us with peace, so that we do not harm others, but love them all like sisters and brothers.

God, we know that people who are poor are very special to you and you want us to love them too, so they are not forgotten.

We ask you to change us so that we protect your world, not destroy it.

Change the hearts of people who only care about themselves and money, instead of caring about people and the earth.

Show us how even small things matter, help us see that we are all connected to each other and to the earth.

We thank you God for being with us each day, fill us up with wonder and light, and help us to bring peace to our beautiful world. 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](#)

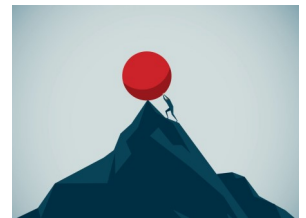
VIRTUES TO LIVE BY

For the next 3 weeks, the virtues that will be the theme for our Tuesday Collective Worships are 'Resilience and Perseverance'.

These are virtues that we have definitely had to use over the past 12 months.

We always try to encourage our pupils to keep going even when things get difficult and to continue to have faith when things don't go our way.

It is important to remember than things get difficult, Jesus is always there for us to guide and help us.



CAFOD EYES OF THE WORLD COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Thursday it was Earth Day which is a day to raise awareness about the environmental issues facing our planet.

To celebrate this, CAFOD held a national Collective Worship for all schools with the theme of 'The eyes of the world are on us'.

This theme was chosen because in the autumn Britain will host world leaders for the United Nations' climate change talks – COP26. The film showed the children the effects of climate change and encouraged the children to think about what they can do to be more environmentally friendly.



FRIDAY COLLECTIVE WORSHIPS

- 30th April - Year 2
- 14th May - Year 6
- 21st May - Year 1
- 11th June - Year 3
- 18th June - Reception
- 2nd July - Year 4
- 16th July - Year 5





CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

On Monday, we discussed what we had been up to over the holidays. The children were very excited and eager to share their holidays news with their peers.

This week in Reception, we have also had a Spring filled week. We have been learning all about the new life Spring brings, you could continue this learning over the weekend by spotting signs of spring in the environment. On Thursday, we planted our own beans, sunflowers and cress. We will be watching them over the coming weeks to see how they grow. We have also had some very special (and exciting) visitors this week, our class caterpillars! The children have already been so keen to observe them and learn more about them. Over the coming weeks we will be learning about and observing the life cycle of the butterfly.

In PE this week, we began our gymnastics topic. We started off by practising balancing and jumping in different ways. The children then worked in pairs to create their own sequences.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In English this week, we have been writing diary entries. We wrote about all of the crazy things that The Naughty Bus got up to in a week. We wrote our entries in chronological order and used a conjunction for each sentence to give extra information.

In Maths, we have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s for a while now. This week we used our understanding of counting in multiples to help us begin to understand multiplication. We used lots of practical resources to help us see multiplication as 'lots of' and 'groups of.'

In RE we have been reflecting on the Easter story and what happened to Jesus on Easter Sunday. We thought about how the sadness of Good Friday is followed by joy on Easter Sunday when Jesus was resurrected and appeared to Mary Magdalene and his disciples.

In our Geography Topic, we have been learning about human features and physical features. We have learnt that human features are made by humans and are those which humans have changed or influenced, these include: roads, bridges, walls buildings and statues. Physical features like seas, mountains and rivers are natural. They would be here even if there were no people around.

In PE, Mrs Fenton-Green has been helping us to develop our throwing and catching skills. We started by throwing bean bags to our partner from the sitting position, then we progressed to our knees and then standing. We practised moving around and getting into position quickly to throw and catch to one another.



YEAR 2 NEWS

This week, we have been making predictions about our new class book 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. The children enjoyed listening to sections of the story, acting out and discussing characters thoughts and feelings throughout the story.

In Maths this week, we have continued with their topic on fractions. We have learnt how to recognise a third within shapes and numbers. We then moved onto learning about unit fractions; the children were very good at identifying which number is the numerator and which is the denominator.

In RE this week, we have started our new topic on Eastertide and imagined ourselves in the story of Jesus appearing on the shore of Triberias. We discussed how it felt being there and seeing Jesus for the third time. We then acted out the 4 main parts of the story, took still images and then re-told the story using our stills.

We have also welcomed new friends in our class this week. Year 2 have been very excited to watch our caterpillars eat and wiggle around and are eager to watch them on their journey to become butterflies!



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we have planned our own twisted Cinderella tale, and written the first draft. We will be typing up our final published versions next week - the characters and events the children have created are so exciting!

In Maths, we have come to the end of Length and Perimeter. The children really enjoyed finding the perimeter of different objects in our classroom and outside of school. Our next topic will be Fractions.

In RE, we thought about everything we learned in our topic Jesus the Teacher. Miss Armitage was so impressed at the class' recollection of the keywords and events in the life of Jesus, as well as the meaning they have for us today.

In History, we looked at how agricultural advances in ancient Egypt allowed for trade and specialisation in different careers. We also introduced our new Geography topic, Rio and South-East Brazil.

We have also started our new Science topic of Light - the children are very excited to experiment with light sources!



YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have been busy writing stories based on an adventure in the rainforest. We are working hard to include lots of technical aspects, such as fronted adverbials, subordinating clauses and possessive apostrophise.

We have started a new Maths topic this week. We are learning about decimals. We have started to make connections with our fractions knowledge of tenths and hundredths and are beginning to realise that it is not as tricky as we first thought!

In RE, we read extracts from the Bible and discussed how the disciples might have felt at each point up until Pentecost. We plotted these feelings on an emotions chart.

As part of PSHE, we started to talk about computer games and playing safe. We sorted different games into age appropriate groups and discussed our choices, reflecting on why they had been given different age certificates.

We are continuing to enjoy learning the recorder in our music lessons with Mrs Shakespeare. We also listened to some traditional horn pipe music and learned a dance based on this piece of music.

YEAR 5 NEWS

It has been lovely to see the children back at school this week after the Easter holidays. In History this term, we shall be finding out about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. To complement this, we are reading a version of Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo in English so on Tuesday, we pretended to be archaeologists excavating the tomb of a famous Anglo-Saxon Warrior King. Each group found 6 different artefacts and we discussed what they might tell us about the king; what they would have been used for and what they were made from.



This half term in DT, we shall be learning about textiles and we started this topic by looking at different clothes to find out what materials they were made from and what features they had to make them suitable for their purpose.

In RE this week, we recapped what we celebrate on Easter Sunday and discovered that if you search Google images, it is not until the 29th picture that there is an image showing the real reason for Easter!!! We also read different Resurrection stories to gather evidence about Jesus coming back to life.

YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of algebra. We have learnt how to find the values of pairs and work out algebraic equations. On Wednesday and Friday afternoon, we enjoyed playing the fraction maths games that children created during the Easter holidays. Well done - they are fabulous!

In English, we continued with our novel, Kensuke's Kingdom. We built up a bank of vocabulary about fear to help us create a motif poem which was about Michael going overboard. We creatively wrote poems with the imagery of an animal and fear running throughout the poem.

In R.E., we started our new topic of 'The Kingdom of God'. We discussed what we thought it was and who it is for. In detail, we looked at what it is and the values of it. We debated: Do Christians think that Jesus came to Earth to get people into Heaven or to make the world more like Heaven? We came up with lots of different views and beliefs; we listened carefully to each other's thoughts too.

