

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2020

### MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA!

A big well done to everyone for a wonderful start to the new term. Everyone has taken the new routines and practices in their stride and made a huge effort to keep themselves and others safe. Reception class – what can I say – you have been absolute stars! You have settled in wonderfully and are such a happy and smiley bunch who brighten up my day with your singing, playing and your funny stories.

Thank you to all the staff for their support this half term, and all the extra duties you have helped out with to keep the school clean and safe. We have an amazing team of pupils, staff and parents who always go the extra mile. You all deserve a lovely break – doing lots of fun things with your family and getting some well-deserved rest. Anita says she is going to chill next week – a great idea Anita!

#### **Drop off/Pick up**

I would like to thank the parents for their patience and cooperation when dropping off and picking up their child/ren from school. It is a difficult time and some concerns have been raised regarding the footpath, especially during wet weather; availability of crossings and generally how busy the roads through Otley are. I have been liaising with Mrs Holmes (children in Y1 and Y3) and Mrs Rossiter (children in Y1 and Y3) who have been campaigning for safer roads in Otley for a number of years. This week, we had a meeting with the local councillor, Colin Campbell, to voice our concerns. Colin explained there are a number of building projects that will help ease some traffic flow through the centre and provide a safer crossing point on Westgate. The council do take our concerns seriously and are working on solutions to make the centre a safer zone, but unfortunately these things take time. Please contact school if you would like more information or speak to Kate or Catherine. It is Road Safety week beginning November 18<sup>th</sup> and we will be out in Otley raising awareness.

#### **Catch Up Sessions**

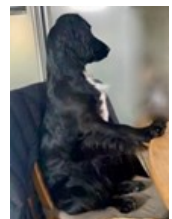
The children have brought home letters regarding Catch Up sessions – could you please sign and return the slip the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November. **Sessions will begin the w/c 9<sup>th</sup> November.** See individual letters for more information.

### MOLLY AND MISS CHOMA



I think Molly thinks she is human. When I am not at home this is what she gets up to!  
She was obviously hungry.

Miss Wilkinson sent Molly a present – rubber chicken that made a noise. The noise was so loud that it scared Molly so much she was shaking. In the end, I had to take her for a walk to calm her down. Apparently, it had the same effect on Miss Wilkinson!



### FOSJ ZOOM BINGO NIGHT

**Friday 6th November at 6.30pm**

£1 per ticket for 6 games—Hosted by Miss Wilkinson

Great prizes to be won! Join staff for a virtual night of bingo!

Please send your money into school from Monday 2nd November labelled with family name and number of tickets required. Bingo tickets will be sent home with the children. A zoom link will be emailed on Friday morning.



### POPPY APPEAL

From Monday 19th October, we will be selling poppies and other memorabilia to raise money for The British Legion.



#### PRICE LIST

- Poppy (at least) 30p
- Slap Band £1                      Zip Pull 50p
- Reflectors £0.50                  Friendship Bracelets £1

### REMINDERS FOR AFTER HALF TERM

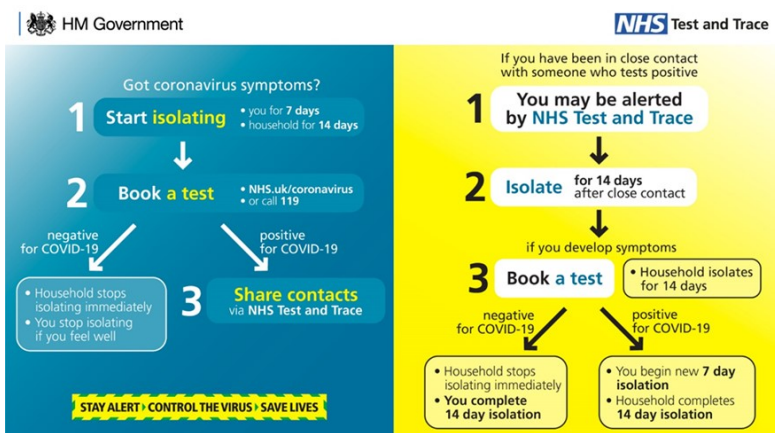
- All children need to bring a coat to school with them
- Only fruit or vegetable snacks are allowed at breaktime
- No bananas or nuts allowed
- Hair must be tied back
- Jewellery should not be worn, especially on P.E days

### 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.**

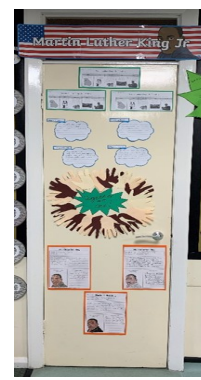
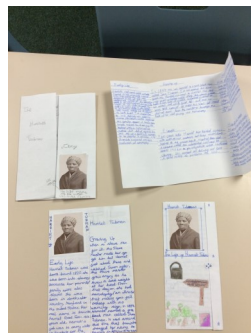
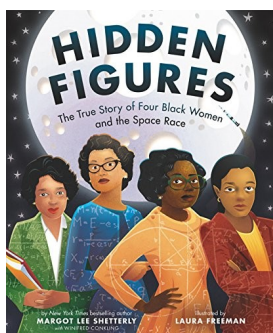
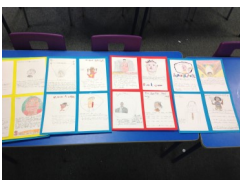
The government guidance also asks us to remind parents not to gather at the school gates and that coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed. Thank you to those who social distance whilst waiting for your children.

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!



### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On Thursday, we held an assembly to present the information we had found out during Black History Month. We know it is wrong to treat people differently because of the colour of their skin, as Jesus taught us to love everybody. We remembered the history of some very important people who fought for justice and peace.



We would like to wish all children and their families a lovely half term and a well-deserved rest. We have been so impressed with how all of the children have settled back into the school routines this half term - well done!

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

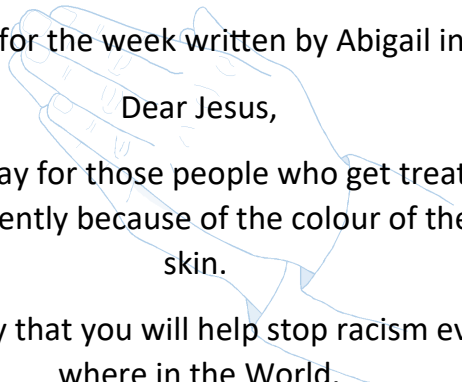
Prayer for the week written by Abigail in Y5

Dear Jesus,

We pray for those people who get treated differently because of the colour of their skin.

We pray that you will help stop racism everywhere in 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

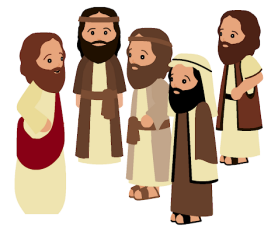
Please book a place for Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass - [book here](#)

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Monday's Collective Worship, Key Stage Two thought about the time when the Pharisees tried to trick Jesus by asking "Should we pay our taxes to Caesar?"

Jesus was very clever and answered, "Pay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and pay to God, what belongs to God."

We discussed what this meant and thought about what we can do to give to God what belongs to God.



## CONFIRMATION

Well done to the Year 6 Confirmation Class who have made an excellent start to their Confirmation Programme.

They have lots of thoughtful comments and are showing a good understanding of the topics discussed. Classes will continue after half term.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. It was a very special and holy occasion. We hope all the families had a lovely day celebrating.

The final two children will receive the Eucharist for the first time this Saturday. We wish them a very holy and happy day.

## END OF TERM REFLECTION

Dear God,

We thank you Lord, for this half term.

For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith

Amen





# CLASS NEWS



## YEAR R NEWS

We have learnt four new sounds in phonics and the tricky words 'to' and 'no'. Over the holidays, please continue to practise the sounds and tricky words your child has learnt so far. In English this week, we have continued with our topic theme Kipper's Birthday and have been writing a list of items to bring to a party.

In Maths this week, we have been exploring the topic weight. The children were keen to predict which items weigh more or less and then test their predictions using the weighing scales.

In R.E this week, we have been discussing how God made each one of us different and special. The children confidently shared with each other things that make them special.



The children have had a brilliant first half term at St Joseph's, and have been a wonderful addition to our school. We look forward to doing lots more super learning when we return in November. Have a wonderful break. Don't forget to add any pictures to Tapestry to share for when we come back!

## YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths this week we have been ordering numbers from smallest to greatest and vice versa. We used counters to make different numbers and practised arranging them in order. We learned about the ordinal numbers from 1-10.

In English we have enjoyed listening to our new book 'Send for a Superhero.' We were introduced to the two 'baddies' in the story Filth and Vacuum. We shared lots of different adjectives to help us describe their looks and personality. We have begun to look at conjunctions and how we can use them effectively in our writing.

In RE we have been thinking about the wonderful world that God has given us and we reflected on how important it is to look after it.

We finished our Science unit on seasons by learning about the months of the year and which months go with the seasons. We have learnt that each season is 3 months long and what happens to the weather as we move into each new season.

In Topic we have been learning about deserts. We learnt that a third of our planet is covered in desert! We also learnt that deserts can be hot or cold. We thought about the animals that have the desert as their habitat.

In PE we have started our unit on dance. In PSHE we wrote about our own special qualities as superheroes.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

In English this week, we have been learning about verbs and adverbs with the help of our pals Veronica Verb and Advil Adverb. The children have been identifying and using verbs within sentences. The children were enthusiastic about making their own sentences that included both a verb and adverb.

In PHSE, we are looking at healthy living. The children have created 5-a-day rainbows that include all their favourite fruits and vegetables. Children considered active things they could do during a school day and at home on a weekend. They have written this up in a timetable to ensure they are all keeping active for 60 minutes per day!

In RE this week, we have been sequencing the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den with words and pictures. We have been thinking about the people in the story and discussing their choices and their feelings.



In Science we have been learning about Living things. We talked about the links between oak trees, squirrels and foxes! We also explored lots of different habitats including hot deserts and we enjoyed matching different creatures to their habitats.

## YEAR 3 NEWS

In Maths, we have been working on how to add and subtract 1-digit numbers from 2 and 3-digit numbers. We used place value columns and counters to physically exchange tens and ones to help us solve problems. We also looked at how number bonds to 10 are really valuable in our topic.

In English, we have been using technology to publish our final pieces. The children found different forms of punctuation on the keyboard and became more confident in typing, although we did find it very tricky to save the files to a shared folder.

In French, we looked back at the conversations we have had in class and used this to order written French. It is wonderful to see how confident Year 3 were with translating another language, and we will be adding more information to our repertoire after half-term.

In History, we focused on addressing misconceptions about black British history. We learned that the archaeological evidence shows that black people lived and worked in Britain over 1800 years ago, and that some individuals, such as 'Ivory Bangle Lady' from York, were quite wealthy and significant.



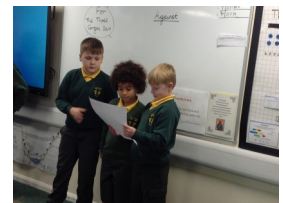
## YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have enjoyed being back in school this week! In English, we have been developing our up-leveiling skills by adding fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and subordinating conjunctions.

As part of Maths work, we have continued our work on addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers by using practical resources and the column method. We have applied our skills by solving word problems.

This week in Geography, we had a debate about The Three Gorges Dam in China. We had to create our arguments for and against the dam and then present our arguments; we all had very different views and some of us even changed our minds about the dam.

In R.E, we have consolidated our work about Moses and how he led the Hebrews out of Egypt.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, Year 5 have started reading "Hidden Figures" which is a book about 4 black American women who worked for NACA/NASA. Dorothy Vaughan joined NACA, working as a computer programmer, even though most people told her it would be impossible. Mary Jackson became the first African-American female engineer to work for the Committee. She had to ask a judge for permission to go to an all-white school to get the Maths qualification she needed. The children have used noun phrases to write descriptions of Dorothy and wrote a formal letter to the judge asking for permission to change the law.



In PE, the children have loved their netball lessons with Mrs Fenton- Green this half term and this week they had fun playing matches against each other. Mrs Fenton-Green and I were really impressed with their passing and defending skills; spatial awareness and footwork.

Year 5 spent Thursday morning learning about e-safety as part of the ICT curriculum. We talked about our digital footprints, privacy online, how to recognise phishing emails and how to set strong passwords. The children showed a good understanding of how to keep safe online.

## YEAR 6 NEWS

In English, we continued to write and edit our diaries. We really thought about our sentence structure, word choice and punctuation. We are so proud of how hard all the children have worked in English this half term, well done!

In Maths, we have been looking at factors and common factors. We identified that prime numbers will only have two factors – one and its self. We enjoyed applying our knowledge to reasoning and problem solving questions.

During Black History Month, we learnt about the life of Harriet Tubman. She was a former slave and helped other slaves escape. We wrote leaflets about her life, escape and legacy. We have also created our own freedom quilts. We really thought about the codes and images used on the quilts on the underground railroad when we created our own. We really enjoyed learning about Harriet Tubman and all the things she fought for.

