

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th September 2020

MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA!

A big welcome and well done to all the children in Reception who have now fully joined the St Joseph's community. How amazing they have been; they have oozed confidence - walking into school on their own; quickly learning new routines and playing together so well. I know we are going to have a fabulous year together.

Throughout school there has been some superb learning this week. Year 1 have learnt about the 7 days of Creation (there was some fabulous handwriting too); Year 2 were using some creative vocabulary to describe a seascape; Year 3 were placing some tricky numbers on a blank number line; this morning Y4 were learning some very tricky spellings (indefinitely being one); Year 5 have been improving their netball skills with Mrs Fenton-Green - who was very impressed and Year 6 were working on the meaning of words including synonyms. They were discussing the word '*threatening*' - Max came up a great synonym - *intimidation*.

I am pleased to see most children are now over their colds and back in school. Thank you for organising tests as quick as possible. Hopefully, we will all keep safe and well, and maintain our fabulous attendance of the first week back which was **100%**. If your child is off school, please check Google Classroom for links to work, spellings and age related websites set by the class teacher.

Over the next four weekends, the children in Year 5 will be making their First Holy Communion - please keep them in your prayers at this special time.

Thank you all for working with school on drop off and pick up points and times run smoothly. The children are arriving sensibly and on time. Polite reminder - please do not park in the Parish Centre carpark; use the designated carparks.

Have a lovely weekend with your family. God Bless

Y7 OPEN EVENINGS

A Message from St. Mary's regarding their Open Day

Parents and prospective parents will be aware that the planned date for the School Open Day is Saturday 3rd October. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, the day will not be able to take place.

We are planning a series of virtual presentations, along with question and answer sessions to ensure that prospective parents are able to obtain as much information as possible about our community. Further information will be available on the school website as soon as possible.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 28th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 1st October: School Photographs
- 6th October: Y4 and Y5 Chevin Seed Gathering Workshop
- 9th October: Harvest Assembly—please bring non-perishable items
- 15th October: Praying the Rosary



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are holding our annual **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on **Monday 28th September** to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Although it will be a bit different this year, we still feel it is important to support this event and it is an event that the children enjoy.

We are asking families to donate cakes which are brought in to school in a **labelled container**. The cakes will then be shared with the children in your child's class in their classroom. Each child will get to choose a cake and have a drink in return for a £1 donation.

As always, we anticipate that we will have an abundance of yummy cakes left over at the end of the day. If you would like to receive any cakes that are not sold during the day, then please send in an extra £1 and we will send the cakes home with your child at the end of the day.

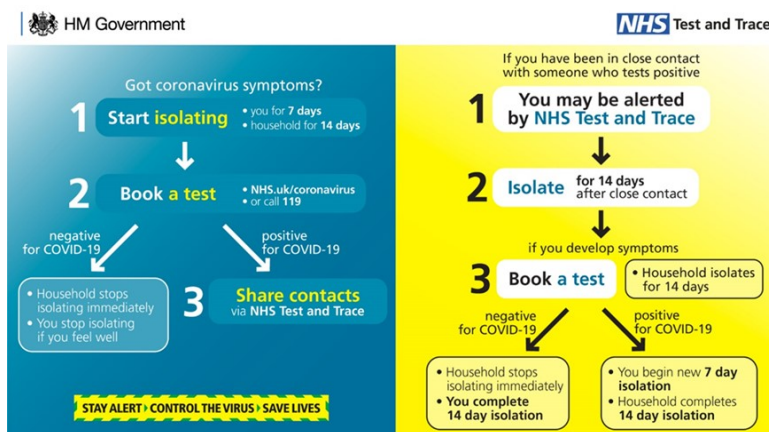


REMINDER - CORONAVIRUS

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!



PHOTOGRAPHS



The photographer will be in school on Thursday 1st October to take the children's individual photographs. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to allow photos with siblings this year.

BANANA AND NUT FREE SCHOOL

Polite reminder that due to severe allergies, St Joseph's is a banana and nut free school. Unfortunately, if your child is found with a banana or nuts, the product will have to be confiscated.

BREAK TIME SNACKS

Additionally, please note that children should only be bringing fruit as a snack at playtimes. We are currently seeing an assortment of inappropriate snacks on the playground. If

your child brings something other than fruit, we will ask them to put it back in their bag to take home.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

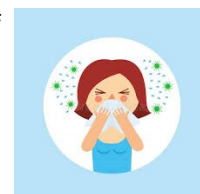


FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The nasal influenza vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception -Year 6.

If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school on **Wednesday 7th October** please follow this link to complete an online consent form;
<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=139355&Type=FLU>

The link will close on 30th September. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397 (option 7 ext 2)



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

As the moon reflects the light of the sun
and a mirror reflects what is before it,
God our loving Creator, so may your light shine in me.
Then, however dimly, may others see your image and
reflection
and so come to know you for themselves.

Through Jesus, your Son, the Light of the World,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
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

On Wednesdays, the theme for the Collective Worship in each class is based on the statement for the week. The first four statements this half term provide opportunities for our pupils and ourselves to understand our uniqueness as made in the image and likeness of God and for us to develop self-awareness, positive self-esteem and confidence. So far, we have thought about how we are all special; that we all have special gifts; our feelings and next week the theme will be about having fun and laughter.



PRAYING THE ROSARY

The month of October is when we are encouraged to say the Rosary. As a school, we will say the Rosary together on Thursday 15th October. Children are invited to bring their Rosary beads from home if they would like to.



HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Our harvest assembly will take place on Friday 9th October. During that week, children are invited to bring non-perishable items into school which will be donated to the Otley food bank.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first group of children in Year 5 will make their First Holy Communion tomorrow at 10am in Church. We wish them and their families a very special day. Please keep all the children in your prayers.



As a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn.



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week the children have settled into Reception wonderfully! We are very impressed. We have been focusing on making relationships with others and understanding school rules and routines.

As a class, we have discussed the school behaviour chart and how we can make the right choices to stay green or make it on to silver or gold.

This week, we have also begun our 'All About Me' topic and have been focusing on writing our names and creating self-portraits using different resources.

In English the children have been asked to draw their home and who lives with them, and if they can, to add labels. They have done a super job!



YEAR 1 NEWS

We've had an action packed week in Y1 and once again the children have worked very hard.

In RE this week, we have been reflecting on the Creation Story we have watched videos, created artwork and written in chronological order how God created our world.

In Maths, we have been counting objects to ten. We have used lots of practical resources and ten frames to help. We have also enjoyed counting with our Super Movers videos which helps us to learn maths and get our brains ready to learn.

In English, we have been writing about Sunny the Meerkat. Sunny has been writing letters and is hoping to visit Otley soon we thought about all the fun things Sunny could do during his visit.

Year 1 got the chance to vote this week when we elected two candidates to be on our school council and to become our healthy food ambassadors. The children were introduced to the idea of participating in a democratic process.

On Friday, we designed our own superheroes we thought about their importance as role models and how Y1 can become empowered by superheroes to make the right choices. Like treating people with compassion and helping others in need, and making healthier lifestyle choices, which will make us stronger.



YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in English we have been writing character descriptions of wolves. Some children chose to write about The Big Bad Wolf and others about the Good Little Wolf. Everyone did a fantastic job remembering their capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and to include lots of adjectives.

In Maths this week we have been using place value charts to identify tens and ones within 2-digit numbers and then we moved onto adding tens and ones together.

We started our Monday morning off with a PE lesson on jumping. We warmed up by playing a fantastic game of shipwrecked. Once our bodies were warmed up we split into teams and practised jumping and landing in various ways. We came to the conclusion that jumping with our feet together, knees bent and eyes forward was the best technique to use!

This week in R.E we have been listening to stories from Genesis. We have learnt about the long journey of Abraham and Sarah and have made our own pictures of the story. We have discussed the feelings of Abraham and Sarah and reflected on how Abraham showed his faith in God.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In Year 3 this week we have continued to focus on our Stone Age writing in English. The children have used the homophones it's and its in their writing, and put themselves in the shoes of our book characters. They imagined how it would feel to see the very first drawing in existence!

In Maths, we are continuing our topic of place value and have used the number line to 1000 for the first time. The children estimated the place value of numbers on the number line, and have begun to find 1, 10 and 100 less or more than a 3-digit number.

In RE, we have thought about what it means to be part of the Catholic family. We discussed different members of the Catholic family such as Bishop Marcus and Father Lawrie. We learned that as well as being part of the parish of Our Lady and All Saints, we are also part of the diocese of Leeds.

In Science, we performed experiments on different rocks to test their properties. We used the language of density, permeability, and durability to describe the different rocks.



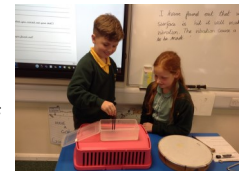
YEAR 4 NEWS

It has been another busy week in Year 4. We have been working hard in maths, continuing our work on place value. We have been partitioning numbers and using number lines up to 10,000.

In English, we are still enjoying our class novel, 'The Iron Man'. We have written advice to the characters to give suggestions of what to do about the Iron Man. We have also enjoyed using a Thesaurus to find interesting synonyms to describe feelings.

As part of our Science work about sound, we carried out an experiment to find out how sound is made. Our investigations showed that sound is made through vibrations.

In RE, the children enjoyed writing emails to their grandparents to tell them about the amazing story of Abraham and his great trust in God.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In RE this week, Year 5 have been looking at the scientific theory of creation - the Big Bang. We discussed how people can believe in the Big Bang theory and that God created the World.

In English, I have really enjoyed reading all the children's writing this week inspired by the short film, "The Lost Thing". The children have written voice-overs for adverts using statements, questions, commands and exclamations. They have also written diaries using inference skills to think about the feelings of characters and the children have been using relative clauses.

The children have continued their work on place value in Maths and this week have been looking at rounding numbers; comparing numbers; reading and writing numbers to a million and counting on in 10s, 100s and 1000s.

In PSHE, the children started their work on looking at how the media influence our food choices. This week, they watched different adverts to see how they can mislead us into thinking food products are healthier than they actually are!



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we revised column methods to add and subtract up to 5 digits. As well as this, we answered a variety of addition and subtraction reasoning and problem solving questions.

In English, we continued to write about the events that occurred in part 1 of "The Arrival". We wrote multi-clause sentences which depicted the emotions of the characters and the setting. We thought about how we could use emotive verbs to start our sentences.

In RE, we thought about ways we imitate Jesus in our daily lives. We used the Bible, Youcat and Pope Francis' tweets to support why we should imitate Jesus in those ways. Ava explained, "I help my mum around the house, just like Jesus helped those in need. It makes me feel proud to act like Jesus because it means doing good things."

