



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th February 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

A super first week back after half term – well done everyone for working hard at home and in school. It is great news to know we will all be back together from the 8th March. A letter will be sent out on Monday outlining arrangements for the return of all pupils.

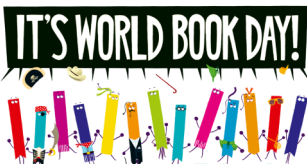
It was good to catch up with you and see what you had been up to during the holidays. I have to say I was impressed with the quality of the pancakes - check out the pictures. St Joseph's has very inventive and creative children! I loved some of your toppings. Thank you for sharing your pancake designs - I just like butter on mine. Molly likes a bit of pancake too.

Special mention to Y1 this week who have made some amazing structures linked to their work on architects and architecture. Miss Hulbert showed me some amazing houses, bridges, farms, marble runs etc. They were awesome. Also a special mention to Alistair, Y5, and his map of the River Thames with bridges - a great design. We are very impressed with the quality of your work. Thank you all, including parents and staff, for your hard work and devotion.

Reminders: arrive on time at drop off and pick up times; PE kits - green jogging bottoms.

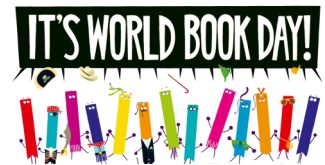
Have a lovely weekend; get out and about and enjoy the warmer weather with your family.

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



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 4th March is World Book Day and although we are not in school on that day, we wanted to celebrate it with the children.



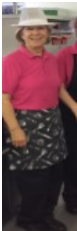
Traditionally, children are invited to dress up as a book character on this day. If your child is coming to school next Thursday, then they are very welcome to come dressed as a character from a book. Likewise, if your child is at home on that day and wants to dress up for their Zoom lessons then we would love to see their costumes. This is optional please do not feel obliged that you have to do this.

We will also be having our very own take on "The Masked Singer" and instead be holding "The Masked Reader"!!! Different members of staff will read extracts from books with their faces covered - can you guess who they are???

On this day, each class will also be read a story by a different staff member. Zoom links will be put on Google Classrooms.

Finally, we will end the day with a "WORLD BOOK DAY QUIZ FOR FAMILIES" at 6pm hosted by our very own superstar Quiz Master Miss Wilkinson!!!! For those of you who joined the Bingo night in November, you will know that Miss Wilkinson is a great Zoom Hostess and will provide lots of fun!!! Once again, the Zoom Link will be put on Google Classroom and is free for everyone to join.

MRS BRYLOV RETIREMENT



Sadly for us, Mrs Brylov, who is in charge of school dinners, is retiring at Easter. Mrs Brylov has worked at our school for over 37 years and has always been dedicated to provide the very best food she can for our children. We would like to recognise all of her hard work by buying a special gift from the St. Joseph's community.

If you would like to donate to this, please send it to the school office in a sealed envelope with Mrs Brylov written on the front by Friday 19th March - thank you in advance.

PANCAKE DAY



Pancake Love

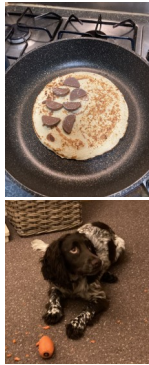
By Kim Short

I love pancakes with syrup.
I love pancakes with jam.
I love pancakes with sausage.
I love pancakes with ham.
I love pancakes in the morning.
I love pancakes at night.
Please give me my pancakes
So I can take a big BITE!

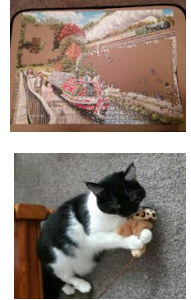


WHAT THE STAFF DID IN THE HOLIDAYS

Miss Earley - I had a lovely, relaxing half term holiday filled with lots of sleep and TV watching. I tried to stay active as well by going on some lovely (if very muddy) walks and runs. Pancake Day was very tasty. I melted chocolate orange pieces and Rolos inside my pancakes - they were delicious! One of my highlights of the week was looking after my brother's dog, Spud. He has so much energy! He loves chasing balls and eating carrots.



Mrs Holmes—I had a lovely half term week. I have enjoyed spending time with Mr Holmes and Scampi the cat and playing with Scampi's favourite toy. I have also been busy tidying out the greenhouse ready for sowing seeds for the summer. In the evening, I have been relaxing by doing a jigsaw of a narrow boat and wishing I was sailing along the sunny canal looking out for kingfishers!



Mrs Hart—My hens are currently in a 'bird lockdown' due to avian flu so they have been a little grumpy at being indoors since December. During half term we have built them a small extension. They now have extra space with grass and mud to peck at while still being safe from wild birds. They seem a lot happier and all have been laying lots of eggs.



Miss Robertshaw—During the holidays, I have enjoyed going on lots of long walks in the sunshine. I have also been baking, here are some of the mini egg cookies I made - they were delicious!



Mrs Shakespeare—During the holidays, I spent time relaxing and using my creative skills to knit a hoody for Mrs Dalton's baby. The buttons I used say 'handmade with love' which are very cute!



Miss Wilkinson - I spent my holidays learning Welsh and catching up on my favourite TV shows.

Dw i'n hoffi dysgu Cymraeg - this means 'I like learning Welsh' (I think!)



Miss Armitage - I spent my holiday puppy-sitting. Our dog Meg has had 7 puppies, so I have been helping watch them and walking Meg every day. They started off tiny and their eyes were closed - now they are waddling around and starting to eat food instead of milk. They also play fight with each other, and even try to



Miss Milnes - I went to St Ives for a lovely walk around. We saw lots of wildlife including ducks and swans. I enjoyed getting lots of fresh air and hearing the sounds of nature. I caught up on some tv shows and had lots of sleep. It was wonderful!

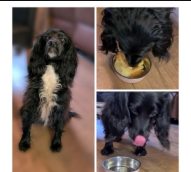


Mrs Harvey - Over half term, we decided that each of us could have a special day where we chose: a film, type of exercise, a game and evening meal. So we had fun playing Monopoly, a card game called Solo, Boggle, Hungry Hippos and Scotland Yard. For our exercise, we had a lovely walk on Otley Chevin, played cricket, had several very competitive games of football and played boules trying to pretend that we were on a sunny beach in France when instead, we were in a windy park in Yeadon!!! We also had fun completing a jigsaw which helped our Geography knowledge.

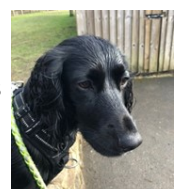


Mrs Deyes - During half term my children and I enjoyed lots of outdoor adventures with our dog, which often ended up in us getting filthy! We enjoyed getting lots of fresh air on our daily walks.

Our favourite day of the week was of course pancake day! As Year 2 know, I have a super sweet tooth and ate far too many. Even our pooch, Mitsy enjoyed a few! Hope you had a lovely half term too.

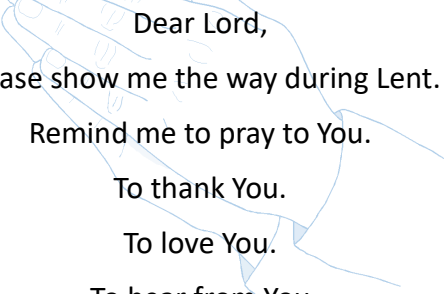


Miss Choma - During the holiday, Molly and I had lots of lovely walks. We went out on the first Saturday of the holiday and got so wet you would have thought we had been swimming! Even Molly wanted to go home in the end. I spent some time (though not much) pretending to tidy the garden - I moved a few chairs and a bike. In the evenings, I read lots and watched tv.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK



Dear Lord,
Please show me the way during Lent.
Remind me to pray to You.
To thank You.
To love You.
To hear from You
Each and every day in Lent.

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](#)

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).

FRUIT

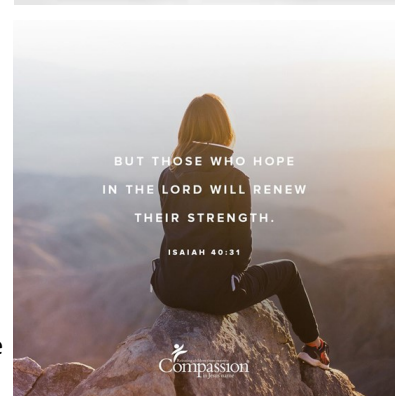
As we continue our Lenten Fundraising, we shall also be holding two fruit pot sales. We shall invite children in Reception and Key Stage One to bring in fruit on **Wednesday 17th March**. The fruit will then be on sale for the children to buy their own fruit pot. Children in Key Stage Two will be invited to bring in fruit on **Wednesday 24th March**. Letters will be sent home to each child suggesting what fruit we would like each child to bring in (like we do for the children's Christmas parties so we get a variety of fruit). If you would like your child to purchase a fruit pot during either or both of the days please send them in with 30p.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Following the success of previous year's 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.

DONATIONS

We are also welcoming Easter Egg donations from local businesses and/or families so please spread the word and help this fantastic cause!





CLASS NEWS

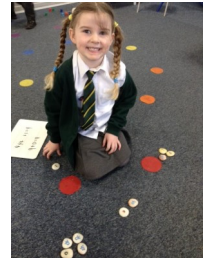


YEAR R NEWS

This week in Phonics, we have been recapping all of the tricky digraphs that we have been learning so far. The children have been doing a super job of using the new sounds in their writing. In English this week, the children were given some clues that they had to use to make predictions. They had to think about what the clues may be used for in our new focus story, we had some super ideas! The story was then revealed on Friday. We will be looking at the book 'Whatever Next' as we move onto our space topic!

In Maths this week, we have been learning all about the number nine. We have looked at different ways we can represent the number by creating our own concept boards. The children have been challenging themselves by thinking of different ways to make the number using both addition and subtraction.

In R.E this week, we started our new topic Sorrow and Joy. We thought about being kind and forgetting to be kind. We listened to a parable from Matthew 18 about a kind king. Afterwards, we thought about times we have been kind to others and how that made both them and us feel.



YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in English, we read the book *Iggy Peck, Architect*. Iggy made lots of interesting structures out of all sorts of things. We designed and built our own creations and wrote about them. In Phonics we have been learning the alternative sounds for 'f.' The 'ph' and 'gh' digraphs.

In Maths, we have been thinking about one more and one less than with 2-digit numbers. We have used number squares to help us. We have also been comparing groups of objects and consolidating our understanding of comparative language. More than, greater than, less than, fewer and equals.

We have been reflecting on the most important season in the Christian calendar in RE this week- Lent. We have learnt about the different ways that we can prepare for Easter. These include, almsgiving, fasting and prayer. We wrote about some of ways we will be preparing such as giving up crisps and remembering to pray a little bit more.

In Topic, we have been learning about the United Kingdom, which is made up of 4 different countries. Each of these countries has its own capital city and flag. The combination of the crosses on these flags make up the Union Jack, the national flag of the United Kingdom.

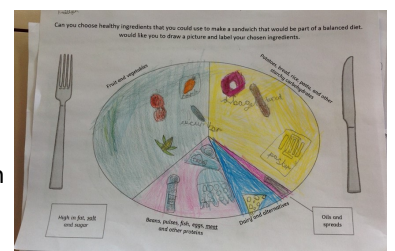
In Science we have begun to learn about the classification of different animals. We identified some of the features of the 6 main classes. We know that humans are mammals. We went on an animal hunt to see which animals we could identify outside.

YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in English Year 2 have been looking at writing in past and present tense. They have been working hard remembering all the rules for adding -ed, -s and -es. They are all looking forward to producing instructions on how to make a sandwich. This is linked to their DT topic in which we are looking at designing a healthy sandwich that could be part of a balanced diet. The children have all produced some fantastic healthy eating plates full of a variety of ingredients they could use to make their yummy sandwiches!

In Maths we have continued with our topic on shape and have looked at all the properties of 3D shapes. The children can now identify how many faces, edges and vertices 3D shapes have; they are all fantastic at remembering the names of 3D shapes and can even successfully sort 3D shapes in a variety of different ways.

Year 2 have been looking at the features inside our church and have had ago at naming these features that we could find. We have also learnt what the tabernacle is, and through the story of the last supper, we now understand that the bread and wine represent Jesus' body and blood.



YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English, we have been introduced to the ancient Greek fairy-tale of Rhodopis. We have looked at different literary devices used to introduce Rhodopis and her story in our new class text 'Cinderella of the Nile' by Beverley Naidoo.

In Maths, we have been focusing on the topic of money. We have looked at how to convert pence into pounds and pence, and used different methods to represent and solve addition and subtraction of different amounts of money.

Our new Science topic is Animals including Humans. We explored the different nutrients animals obtain through food, and the property of each nutrient. We discussed how different animals obtain different levels of nutrients - for example, carnivores eat a lot more protein than herbivores.

In RE, we began our new topic, 'Jesus the Teacher'. We looked at the story of Jesus' Presentation at the Temple and made storyboards to help us recall the key words and themes. We thought about what this story tells us about Jesus' role on Earth.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have been learning about area. We have worked hard to understand what it is and how to find the area of different rectilinear shapes.

In English, we have been writing diary entries. We thought about our favourite day in half term and wrote about it using the features of a diary. We also worked hard to edit and improve our writing using similes, alliteration and fronted adverbials.

Rainforests is our new Geography topic this half term so we have started by thinking about what we already know and what we want to find out (did you know there are pink dolphins in the Amazon rainforest?). We found out that most rainforests are near to the Equator hence why they are so hot and humid.

In RE, we have looked at how Jesus is truly God and truly human. We read information and Bible stories that showed how Jesus had real friends, family and feelings just like we do. We then looked at the many miracles Jesus performed and the effect he had on those around him, showing how he was truly God.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In RE this week, we started our new topic of "Reconciliation". Our focus was thinking about good and bad consequences of our actions and using our conscience to help us make our decisions.

In English, we started watching a short film called "Home Sweet Home" about two houses that decided to go on adventure. We used this film to help us write descriptions of the appearance of the houses using expanded noun phrases, prepositions, relative clauses and conjunctions. We also learnt about personification and tried to use personification when showing the houses' personalities.

We have continued our work on fractions this week and have been learning different methods for comparing and ordering fractions which has been quite tricky.

Our Geography work this half term will be on "Earthquakes and Volcanoes" so this week we learnt about the structure of the Earth and about Tectonic Plates.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have investigated metric measures by identifying the measures used to measure mass, capacity and length. We answered various problems using the four operations.

In English, we watched a clip called, "The Shadow of Blue". We began our week by discussing what we thought about the clip; we used our inference skills to say what the girl liked from the clues we saw in the clip. We used these inferences to write a character description about the girl. We showed a variety of our grammar and punctuation skills whilst describing the character.

During our RE lesson, we discussed the importance of the Eucharist and it is the source and the summit of life. We created booklets/posters about the significance of Jesus being the source of life and love.

In Science, we started our new topic, "Living things and their habitats". We classified a variety of mammals, reptiles and amphibians using our own classification key.