

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th November 2020

MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA!

Another super week in school - thank you for all your hard work during assessment week. We are very proud of hard you have tried and your sensible approach to the assessments. I have read some wonderful and informative leaflets about our school, St Joseph's.

I am sure many of you will be waiting to open your Advent Calendar on Tuesday. As we begin our Advent preparation in school, we remember Sunday, the first day of Advent, is the start of the new Liturgical Year. A time of renewed commitment to our faith as we wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now!'

We began our preparations for Advent with the blessings of our Advent Wreaths by Father Lawrie. Thank you to Mrs Harvey and Year 3 for leading the assembly in my absence.

We have lots of activities planned between now and the end of term - so check the dates on the newsletter. The Christmas tree arrives on Monday and it will be waiting for your lovely decorations. It's a busy week next week so get lots of rest this weekend - enjoy lots of fresh air and fun with your family.

Thank you to all our families for working alongside school to keep everyone safe. Our routines at the beginning and end of day seem to be working well. If you do have any concerns, please contact school.

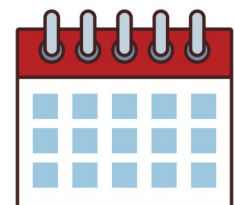
MOLLY AND MISS CHOMA

Molly has had a busy week - lots of walks. She is a bit better behaved this week - but she still likes to pinch anything she can get and run away with it. I think she enjoys been chased around the room! She is very fast!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 30th November—Christmas Craft Week—Please can children bring an old t-shirt to wear
- 4th December—Bulb Planting—1.15pm—3pm with Mrs Rossiter. We are looking for approximately 10 volunteers to help support this project. We are also in need of gardening equipment such as trowels to use for the day. Please contact via office@stjosephsotley.org if you can help.
- 7th December— KS1 Christmas Production—to be filmed in school
- 10th December—Christmas Dinner Day— children encouraged to wear Christmas jumpers and hats
- 10th December—KS1 Christmas Games Afternoon.
- 11th December— KS2 Christmas Games Afternoon
- 15th December— KS1 Christmas Party Afternoon
- 16th December— Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party Afternoon
- 17th December—Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party Afternoon



CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU

Who would believe that is just 2 weeks until Christmas Dinner day!

We will be donning our Christmas jumpers and hats once more as we celebrate together.

If you are normally on packed lunches and would like a Christmas Dinner on this day (priced £2.40) then please let the school office know **by Tuesday 1st December**.

This will appear on Parent Pay as a one off payment.

Please call or email the office to let us know as soon as possible!

CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU HO HO HO

Future Foodies
Healthy eating for life

ON: 10th December 2020

WE ARE SERVING UP A FESTIVE FEAST

Menu

Dining Room Meal:
Turkey or Quorn Fillet with Stuffing and Gravy
Roast Potatoes
Carrots and Broccoli
Ice Cream or Satsuma

Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS GAMES AFTERNOON

- 10th December—KS1 Christmas Games Afternoon.
- 11th December— KS2 Christmas Games Afternoon



Staff will be hosting a fun-filled afternoon of classic fete games. Each game will cost 20p a go and there will be potential to win lots of prizes. Please note, the maximum amount a child can spend is £3.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

- 15th December— KS1 Christmas Party Afternoon
- 16th December— Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party Afternoon
- 17th December—Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party Afternoon



Despite Covid-19, we are excited to announce that we will be doing our Christmas Parties this year - just within our bubbles! Children will have a party in their classrooms, followed by a party in the hall.

FOOD

In order to facilitate this, we ask for parents and carers to contribute to the food for this event. We will send out letters on Monday 7th December detailing what we would like the children to bring.

WHAT TO WEAR

Children are invited to wear their best party clothes for the day! Please sure that footwear is appropriate, and that children bring a jumper and coat for playtimes.



REVERSE ADVENT APPEAL



As Advent approaches, we are thinking about people who do not have food to eat and toys to give. We want to do our bit to support our local community.

Between 30th November and 11th December, we would like children to bring in an item to donate to the food hamper, and a **new toy**, so that by the end of Advent each class has a magnificent hamper and a selection of new toys that can be given to people in need.

KS1 PERFORMANCE—LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION!

As you are aware, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we cannot put on a performance in school for parents to attend.

Following the success of last year, we have sourced Josh Wilson Motion, a local professional filming company, to film the 'Lights, Camel, Action' Year R and KS1 performance.

This could make an excellent Christmas present for a family member, a keepsake for yourself, or maybe something you could show at your child's 18th birthday!

You can purchase a physical copy of the DVDs for £7.00 each, or a digital copy for £4.50. The digital copy can be downloaded to one device.

Please complete the following form to pre-order your copies today - https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WVuoLV48_E27KDU1qUKnx4iicaLIQd9lpZBKEaOKpvxUNkFGMkhIVERZUVRGMIRGM1hrRTEQ1OVA3Uy4u

Remember - if we do not receive enough pre-orders, then we will not be able to film the performance.



Please pre-order by Friday 4th December!

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to all those who purchased something from the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

We raised a fantastic £290.75!

The charity provides financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependents.



FOSJ BULB PLANTING

Friday 4th December

1.15pm—3pm



We are looking for approximately 10 volunteers to help support this project. We are also in need of gardening equipment such as trowels to use for the day.

Thank you for your kind donations. Please contact via office@stjosephsotley.org if you can help.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE FOR RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2021



To apply for a place at this school a standard application form, known as the Common Preference Form must be completed and returned to the Local Authority Leeds City Council 15 January 2021.

If parents/carers feel that they should be in a specific category i.e. Baptised Catholic, then they are required to complete a Supplementary Information Form and provide the required evidence to school as soon as possible.

Please note: it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to complete all forms and supply evidence – reminders will not be sent.

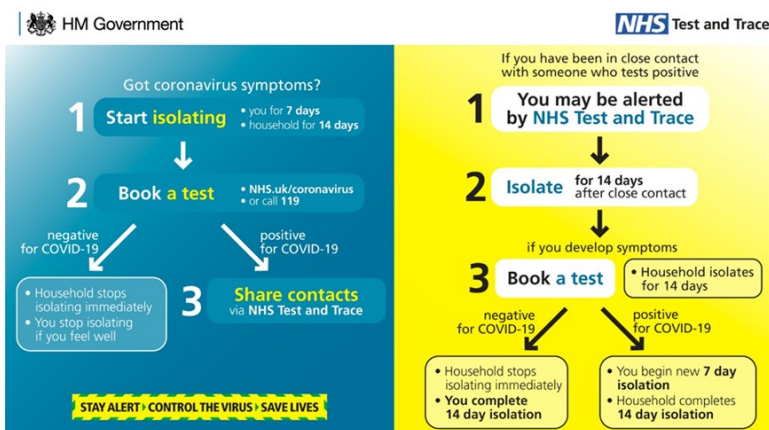
Please visit our school website for more information - [click here](#)

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.



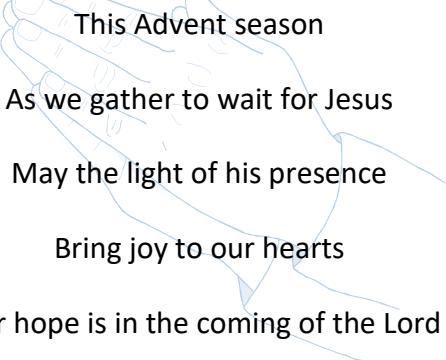
REMINDERS

- **IMPORTANT:** Children **MUST** bring a water bottle to school each day as school does not have any spare
- All children need to bring a coat to school with them
- No bananas or nuts allowed
- Hair must be tied back
- Jewellery should not be worn, especially on P.E days
- Children **MUST** wear the correct P.E Uniform. In particular, sports leggings/trousers are not allowed.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK



This Advent season
As we gather to wait for Jesus
May the light of his presence
Bring joy to our hearts
Our hope is in the coming of the Lord
May hope and love dwell in our hearts
this first week of Advent

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

This week in Collective Worship, the children finished looking at the Virtue of Hope.
For the remaining weeks of term, we shall look at the virtue of Patience. In these uncertain times, perhaps we can be comforted by these words in the book of Psalms

“Be patient and wait for the Lord to act, don’t be worried.”

BLESSING THE WREATHS

In Friday's assembly, Year 3 led a very informative and thoughtful collective worship about the season of Advent.

They told us about their favourite Advent traditions which centred around spending time with their families either by watching Christmas films together, making festive treats or decorating the house.

They then told us about the meanings behind the Advent Wreath and they finished the worship with some lovely prayers.

We were very grateful to Father Lawrie who was able to join us via Zoom for our worship and blessed all our school Advent Wreaths for us.

Each class has their own wreath and we have one for the entrance hall too. We are very thankful to Miss Deyes who made them all for us - they are beautiful.

RECONCILIATION

We are hoping to start preparing the Year 3 children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Christmas.

Information will be sent out before the holidays.





CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week, we have begun Phase 3 Phonics. The children have enjoyed learning new sounds and the tricky word 'she'. The children have continued using the sounds learnt to support themselves in their writing work.

In English this week, we have been creating our own magic potions. The children have thought hard about what to include in their potions and what the outcome will be. On Friday, we then created our own fizzing magic potion - it was very exciting!

In RE, we have been learning about the Nativity story. The children have enjoyed making links between the characters in the story and their roles in the Nativity. The children have also enjoyed acting out the story between themselves or using the nativity scene and characters.

This week, we have been working really hard on our Nativity. The children have done a super job and worked hard to remember their songs, dances and lines.

We also learnt about and celebrated Thanksgiving on Thursday. Thank you to Piper and Corben for the treats!



YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE this week, we have been learning about the candles within the Advent Wreath. We know that each week in Mass as part of our spiritual preparation the priest lights a candle. There are 5 candles in total symbolising: Hope (purple), Faith (purple), Joy (pink), Peace (purple) and the Christ candle (white) which is lit on Christmas Eve/Day.

In English, we have been learning what singular and plural mean. For most words we know we can add an 's' to make a noun plural but there are some words that require an 'es' (and others that change entirely).

In Maths, we have been using our addition skills to help us solve number sentences using the greater than > and less than < and equals = symbols. We know we have to work out the answer to each side first, then compare.

In Science, we have been learning about the appropriate uses of materials. We listened to a new version of the Three Little Pigs who went camping. Some of the little pigs didn't have the correct material for their tent. We carried out a practical investigation to find out which material was the most waterproof. We discussed the importance of fair testing.

Thursday afternoon was very fun. Thank you to our parents for talking with your child about their favourite games, toys and TV shows from their childhood. We discussed these in class and wrote about them. We played different games like hopscotch, skipping, noughts and crosses and watched a collection of children's TV shows from the 50s through to the 90s.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have worked so hard this week completing KS1 SATs papers for the very first time, for their writing assessment they have written fabulous leaflets to prospective parents giving information all about our wonderful school. They have all shown enthusiasm and resilience with each assessment. Mrs Deyes and I are very proud of them all!

In Maths, we have been learning more about how to handle data and statistics. We completed both vertical and horizontal pictograms using symbols and a key. We also answered questions using pictograms.

In Science, this week we have been continuing our investigations into materials around us. We went outside school to feel the texture of different everyday materials and we made observational sketches of them.

In RE, we have been talking about the season of Advent and thinking about how we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We made some Advent promises that we are going to try to stick to during Advent.

The children have also been busy practising their sounds and tricky words in phonics this week, ahead of next week when they will be completing their phonics screening test. We wish them lots of luck but know they will all do fantastically!



YEAR 3 NEWS

As this week has been Assessment Week, Year 3 have looked back at everything we have learned since we came back in September. Miss Armitage has been impressed by how the children's arithmetic skills have been developing in Maths, and we have practised going through some of the multiple step word problems we had in our assessments.

In English, the children planned and designed their own leaflets to advertise St Joseph's to other children. We watched our Open Day video as inspiration and thought about all the things we enjoy in school and want to share with other people.

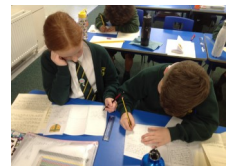
In RE, we discussed the meaning behind the 'Hail Mary', and how different parts of the prayer come from different places. The children found the extracts from the Gospel of Luke and the Catholic Church that eventually became the 'Hail Mary' and edited them to show how the language changed and the meaning behind each part.

In History, the children had to answer the enquiry 'What did people eat?' and developed their knowledge of humans' diet from the Palaeolithic to the Iron Age. It was interesting to see how little the hunter-gatherers of the Palaeolithic ate compared to Iron Age Britons, who also got to eat the new foods the Romans brought! We had a very interesting discussion about how archaeologists know what people ate so long ago.



YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have had a busy week with assessments. They have all worked hard and Mrs Holmes is very proud of them. As part of the writing task, the children have enjoyed creating leaflets all about our fabulous school. They have included lots of information so that if visitors wanted to know about all the wonderful things which happen at St Joseph's, they would be able to pick up our leaflets to find out.



In our RE work this week, we have been learning about Mary and her visit from Angel Gabriel. We found out that Mary had great faith in God, and God had great plans for her. We then looked at pieces of artwork which depicted the Annunciation and discussed why Angel Gabriel was kneeling down to Mary.

As part of our topic work, we have been learning about the Roman Army and its invasion in Britain. We looked at their protective clothing and discussed reasons why they invaded.

YEAR 5 NEWS

Year 5 have been busy doing assessments this week and Mrs Harvey has been very proud of how the children have performed in all their work. However, we've had time to do some other things as well!

In Maths, we have been using counters to help us find square numbers.

In English, we read a brief story of Odysseus from the book "Mythologica". The children enjoyed looking at the pictures of the different gods, heroes and monsters.

In Art, the children continued to work on their Greek pot pictures. The children enjoyed choosing what materials they used for their designs such as paint, charcoal, pencil or watercolours.

In Science, the children have started their new topic about materials and they enjoyed finding out about the properties of different materials whilst wearing safety goggles.

In R.E, we have continue our work on the 10 Commandments. We discussed what they teach us about God, and how people should behave.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have explored fractions on a number line. We were able to place fractions with different denominators on the number line beyond 1.

In P.E, we developed our passing and attacking skills in rugby. We enjoyed developing our skills by playing 'the nest game' and 'gladiator.' We finished the lesson with mini games; we worked brilliantly as a team.

In R.E, we looked at the work Oscar Romero did in El Salvador. We learnt about his willingness to fight for justice for the poor people and that he gave them a voice.

During our History lesson, we learnt about Hitler's rise to power after the First World War. We discovered the significant event which led to Hitler becoming Chancellor and talked about hyperinflation and the effect it had on Germany.

We would like to say a huge well done to all the children in Year 6! They have worked exceptionally hard and we are so proud of the progress they've made so far.





AWARDS



SUNSHINE AWARDS

William R (YR), Sam (Y1), Henry (Y2),
Noah (Y3), Lucas (Y4), Alexa (Y5), Holly (Y6)



MATHS AWARDS

Darcey (YR), Joey (Y1), Hugo (Y2),
Olivia C (Y3), Isla (Y4), Isabella (Y5), Niall (Y6)



VIRTUE AWARDS

Cleo (YR), Anthony (Y1), Kaitlyn (Y2),
Rafal (Y3), Mikey (Y4), Abigail (Y5), Sam(Y6)