# St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School Otley

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



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th May 2021

#### A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Thank you for another super week in school – there has been lots of hard work from everyone. Across school, I have read some wonderful writing! Some amazing rhyming couplet poems from Y3. I was impressed by their vocabulary choices and complex rhymes used in their poems. I was asked to choose my 5 favourites – well done Samuel H, Natalia, Heidi, Olivia and Molly. YR had a visit from Hazel the hen this week. They were asked to write about the lifecycle of hen. I worked with Jack, Martha, Beatrice and Ava who wrote some fantastic sentences explaining the lifecycle of a hen. Y1 had written some stories about a dinosaur who collected a star and helped to look after the planet. Great stories written by Harry, Albert, Evie, and Sofia.

**Reading** – I have spoken to the class teachers about reading this week and I am so pleased to hear about the number of children who have been reading regularly this week. A big well done. There have been some wonderful photos of 'extreme reading places.' What would be wonderful if everyone could send in a photo of reading in an extreme place – parents/carers and staff too!!! Keep reading over the holiday.

Have a well-earned and deserved rest. You have all worked very hard and the staff are very proud of you. You make coming to school every day a pleasure.

Thank you to the staff for all their hard work. A big thank you to our new kitchen manager, Mrs Robinson, and her team for doing an amazing job providing us with tasty meals.

Enjoy the sun (hopefully), get out and enjoy the fresh air. I know many of you are meeting up with relatives and friends - have a great time.

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

# **READING CHALLENGE**

Wow! Look at some of these fun reading places!

Well done to those who sent a photo to our homelearning@stjosephsotley.org

Where is the most extreme place you have ever read a book? Whether it is up a tree, on top of a mountain or stood on your head, we want your photos!

Obviously, we encourage you to keep safe (I wouldn't recommend reading in the jaws of a crocodile!) but we want to see who in the school as such a passion for reading that they have to do it anywhere and everywhere!

We want to fill the whole page with photos of our wonderful readers!

Send your photos to homelearning@stjosephsotley.org by Wednesday 9th June!













# **KEY INFORMATION**

# **RETURN TO SCHOOL**

We will return to school on Monday 7th June.

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- 10th June Corpus Christi Procession
- 11th June KS1 Wildlife Otley Visit
- 23rd/24th June Y6 Confirmation
- 29th June Y3/Y4 Pedestrian Training

# REGISTER YOUR CHILD'S INTEREST FOR MUSIC TUITION FOR 2021—2022

If your child will be in KS2 from September 2021 and you would like them to learn an instrument then please email Miss Wilkinson (office@stjosephsotley.org) by Friday June 11th.

You will need to supply an instrument for your child, however Artforms can also provide hire for an additional cost.

Artforms use direct billing to charge the parents for the lessons.

From September, Roundhay (guitar) lessons will cost £70.00 per term. Payments can be made through ParentPay.



#### **RECEPTION PLACES FOR 2021**

We still have places in Reception for September 2021, so please share this with friends and family as we would love for more children to join the St Joseph's family.



Please note - we are an inclusive school and welcome all applications.

Please signpost people to our school website to get a feel for the school life and ethos.

Thank you!

#### DATE FOR DIARY—FATHERS DAY STALL

FOSJ will be holding a Father's Day Stall on **Friday 18th June.** 

Children will be able to buy gifts for £1 per item and they will be able to buy more than one gift (max 3).

Please could any donations be taken to the office.

Many thanks for all your continued support.



#### **FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Well done to the 10 footballers who took part in <u>the Catenian Cup</u> at St. Theresa's School today. They all played brilliantly, and I have just received an email from a Headteacher at another school saying how impressed he was with them.

In the morning, we played 4 matches and were undefeated meaning we finished runners-up of our group and qualified for the 2nd league in the afternoon.

We played some very strong teams but managed to finish 10th overall out of 25 teams.

The Leeds United central defender, Oliver Casey, came for the presentation at the end and some of our boys managed to get his autograph which they were very excited about.

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who provided transport and support.



# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

#### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

May gratitude walk beside you
May kindness swarm about your head
May wonder be your inner child
May God's presence be comfort
And so may God's kindness be real to you.

May joy dance upon your shoulders
May love be your closest friend
May peace remain beyond its welcome
May laughter keep your cheeks in shape
And so may God's kindness be real to you.

May sun shine while you're in shade
May clouds paint your sky with fun
May rain fall once you've returned home
May night send you pleasant dreams
And so may God's kindness be real to you.

# 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

#### **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation letters have been sent out to Year 6 children this week.

Please ensure that the forms are returned to school by Friday 11th June - thank you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Mrs Harvey, Mrs Russell or of course Father Lawrie.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The preparation classes have now been completed. Well done to everyone for participating in the classes so thoughtfully and reverently. Thank you to all the adults for supporting your children with the work at home, particularly with some of the items in the weekly treasure hunts, which were tricky. Please continue to prayer for all the candidates in your prayers.

A letter will be sent out after half term with further details.

# **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

This was our final week where our focus was on the virtue of kindness. The children listened to John 14:15-21 where Jesus says, "If you love me, you will obey my commandments." We talked about Jesus' commandment of "Loving one another" and when we love people we are kind to them.

# **HOLY TRINITY**

In Church this Sunday, we will celebrate the Holy Trinity - God the Fath, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit - one of the great mysteries.

Here is a short prayer, we can say on Sunday:

Love of Jesus, Fill us. Holy Spirit, Guide us. Will of the Father be done. Amen.

# **PARISH QUARTERLY**

It was lovely to read the Parish Quarterly this week which featured some of our pupils - past and present - talking about the effects of the pandemic and their hopes for the future inspired by Pope Francis' "Let us Dream".

Well done to Isaac (Y3) and Pippa (Y4) for their thoughtful contributions.













# **CLASS NEWS**



# YEAR R NEWS

This week in Reception, to end our new life topic we have learnt about the life cycle of the chicken. At the beginning of the week, Mrs Hart very kindly brought in Hazel the hen for an exciting visit. The children were really sensible and they had some super questions for Mrs Hart such as, "What does Hazel eat?" and "Where does she sleep?" The children then produced some writing to display what they had learnt – including facts, labelled life cycle pictures and some

numbered accounts that described each stage of the life cycle.

In Maths, we have been working on doubling numbers. The children have been building doubles using real objects and various maths resources. We used mirrors as tool to spot the doubles and to explore early symmetry. We have also been consolidating our knowledge on number and ensuring the children are confident with numbers to 20 and finding one more and one less. It would be great if you could continue working on this over the holidays.

In PE this week, we completed our gymnastics topic and as a treat we played some parachute games which the children loved!



# YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE, we have been learning about **Shabbat**. This is the name of the day of rest in Judaism. Shabbat happens on the seventh day (Saturday) of every week. We thought about the traditions of Shabbat and named some of the features that you would find on a Shabbat table: The Havdalah Candle, kiddish cup, Challah bread and Shabbat Candles.

Having just celebrated Pentecost, we also made some comparisons about The Holy Spirit. We made beautiful stained glass windows with pictures of our comparisons. Isaac said, 'The Holy Spirit is like a rainbow because it brings colour to our lives.'

In Maths, we started to look at **fractions**, we have learnt that fractions are about sharing and we are beginning to understand that fractions are a part of one object or a whole. This week we have been focusing on halves and quarters.

In English, we have come to the end of our unit on *Dinosaurs and all That Rubbish*. We thought about the main character and the journey he went on. We sequenced the main events of the story and used time conjunctions in our sentences to show the order of events.

In Art, we have been learning about sculptures and have looked at some of the work of British sculptors, Jill Townsley, Barbara Hepworth and Andy Goldsworthy. We were given clay last week to familiarise ourselves with the texture and feel and the tools used. On Thursday we began our sculptures.

We had an exciting end to this half term on Thursday morning when we found that some of our butterflies had come out of their chrysalises! We went outside to the beautiful sunshine to release them.



### YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in English, Year 2 have been writing their sequels to Jim and the Beanstalk. They have been so enthusiastic to write them and have produced some amazing stories that they should be proud of!

In Maths, we have continued with our unit of measurement and looked at the differences between centimetres and metres. We have had lots of fun putting ourselves into height order, measuring the length of the classroom, ourselves and other classroom items.

In RE this week, we have looked at why we celebrate Mary in the month of May. We discussed how she is the mother of Jesus and a mother to us all who guides and protect us through our lives.

Year 2 enjoyed playing mini games of cricket in PE this week. They really put their bowling and batting skills into action and there were lots of runs being scored!

### YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English we have published the final drafts of our cautionary poems and sent them to Miss Choma to be judged! Well done Heidi, Natalia, Molly, Samuel H and Olivia C - your presentation and composition was fantastic!

In Maths we have been looking at how to tell the time. We have consolidated our knowledge of o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, and are starting to tell time to the minute. It will really help children to look at clocks at home and talk about the time as much as possible!

In RE we have come to the end of our topic 'Celebrating Easter and Pentecost'. The children created posters to represent the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and talked about the symbolism used throughout the Easter and Pentecost stories.

In PE the children used maps to find different objects hidden over the school grounds. They also hid their own objects and marked these on the maps for other children to find.

Well done Year 3 for all your hard work this half-term - have a lovely break and a good rest!



# YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have enjoyed creating some book reviews this week. We thought carefully about our favourites books and gave lots of reasons why they would recommend them. We are hoping to compile them together so that Year 3 can perhaps use them to help them choose new books to read.



In Maths, we have started looking at money and using our knowledge of decimals to help us. We have been comparing, ordering and finding totals using pounds and pence.

As part of our RE work, we had an excellent discussion about the apostle Paul. We learnt about Paul and Silas being put in prison for what they believed and how they told the jailer all about Jesus.

We have also been learning about different shading techniques in art to create different textures. We enjoyed practising these skills in our sketchbooks.

### YEAR 5 NEWS

Well done to all of Year 5 for their hard work this half term. I have not set homework for the children over half term (apart from weekly spellings) so that they can have a good rest and enjoy the improved weather which has been forecast. However, if they find themselves at a loose end, they can do some 'Times Table Rockstars' and of course reading!!!

This week in RE, Year 5 have been learning about the Hail Mary and what it teaches us about Catholic beliefs about Mary, they then learnt about the Rosary. In English, we finished writing our own Anglo-Saxon hero stories inspired by Beowulf and had a go at writing our own kenning poems about our favourite animals. For our DT lesson this week,

we were measuring and cutting out our pattern pieces ready to start making our bags after half term. If anyone wants to use any material from home for their bags, please bring it in by Friday after half term.

A reminder that after half term, Year 5 will be doing PE on Mondays and Thursdays - thank you.



# YEAR 6 NEWS

Well done to all the children this week during our SATs assessment week! We are very proud of how hard they have worked and the maturity they have shown.

On Monday afternoon, we walked around Otley to find geographical physical and human features. We took videos and photos of our local area and we used these to produce a tourist video for our local area. We edited these using IMovie; we included music and text to add to our video too. When we return from half term, we will finish these and watch them.

In Science, we described how water and nutrients are transported throughout the human body. We used our Y4 knowledge about the digestive system to help us understand this. We created a presentation in small groups where we acted out and videoed how nutrients and water are absorbed by the body.