



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 **the Catenian Cup** 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!



