

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th February 2021

### A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Well done everyone for an amazing half term – we are all very proud of you. You have all worked so hard at home and in school. Can I say a big thank you to the parents/carers/Grandmas/Grandads/family members who are supporting their child/ren at home whilst working at home themselves. I know this is not an easy task. Hopefully, we will be all back together soon. We will have clearer picture after the announcements on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you to all the staff in school for their hard work and dedication to the children. Remember the message from us to you is – ‘to do the best you can.’ I know the staff really appreciate your kind words and thoughts. Likewise – the staff would like to say thank you for helping your child/ren negotiate Google Classroom and upload completed work.

Happy Chinese New Year – enjoy all the wonderful celebrations with your family. The Year of the Ox is very apt this year – our St Joseph family is a hardworking one. It also signifies movement – let’s hope we are able to go safely out and about later in the year.

I have to say – I am looking forward to some warmer weather. At the moment, walking Molly is very cold despite some sunshine! Have a lovely half term. Make sure you get lots of fresh air and rest.

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



### THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE—PANCAKE DAY!

On Tuesday during half term, it is Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday - we would love to see your photos of you making, flipping or eating pancakes!!!!

Please send them to  
[homelearning@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:homelearning@stjosephsotley.org)  
ready for the newsletter after half term - thank you!



### CONGRATULATIONS MRS TREMLETT

Congratulations to Mrs Tremlett and her husband Toby on the birth of a beautiful baby girl Lottie.  
Lottie was born on 3rd February 2021 weighing a healthy 7lb 3oz. Mum and baby have settled well.  
We are so happy for Mrs Tremlett, and we thank you for your support and prayers.



# ACTS OF KINDNESS



## A SIMPLE ACT OF KINDNESS

A simple act of kindness can stop a million tears

A little hug can give so much joy

A letter now and then to someone can save so many wasted years

We should hold every moment precious and help as many as we can

With a simple act of kindness every now and then

The world would be a better place if we all cared a little more

Imagine how many smiling faces would greet us at the door

If we extended that helping hand with a simple act of kindness

That could spread across many lands



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# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Our Father,

We pray especially for our Chinese brothers and sisters as they celebrate Chinese New Year.

We thank you that in all cultures the New Year means a chance for a fresh start and a new beginning.

Thank you for being with us to help and love us as we start each new beginning.

Please help us over half term to have fun with our families.

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

In our Collective Worship on Monday, the children listened to stories of Jesus healing people in the Gospel of Mark. The children in Key Stage One, enjoyed pretending to be doctors and nurses and helping make their "patients" at home feel better.

One of the themes for our Collective Worship this week, was to appreciate the beauty around us. I have to say this week, it seemed particularly easy to do with all of the snow making everything look so beautiful. There were also these impressive icicles in Carlton - they are still there if you want to see them.

This week, was the last week that we looked at the Virtue of Simplicity. This week, we read about the disciples living together after Jesus had died and sharing everything together. We prayed that our world's resources are shared more fairly.

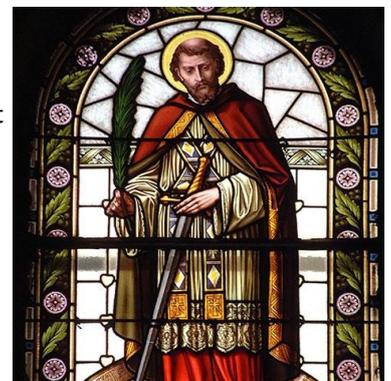
During half term, we will be entering the season of Lent. During Lent, we often think about giving up things such as chocolate, biscuits, sweets etc... But here are some different ideas from Pope Francis of things that we can give up.



## ST VALENTINE

On Sunday, we celebrate St Valentine who is the Patron Saint of love. He lived in Italy in the 3rd century. He was a Bishop and tradition is, that when it became illegal for people to get married he continued to secretly perform Christian weddings.

St Paul says in 1 Corinthians 13, "These three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." We hope that you are able to have a special day with the people that you love.





# CLASS NEWS



## YEAR R NEWS

This week in Phonics, we have been learning more tricky digraphs! The children have done a super job with using them in their writing. As we have been looking at traditional tales this half term, this week the children have been planning and writing their own stories! They have done an amazing job and have been very creative.

In Maths this week, we have been recapping height and exploring the size of our favourite toys. We have also been looking at time. The children have been timing themselves doing different tasks such as how many jumps they can do in 30 seconds or how many times they can run around the garden in one minute.

This week, we have also been learning all about Chinese New Year. Seb learnt that "they put up decorations because they want to make it nice" Piper also added that "they have red decorations because red means good luck."

Thanks so much to parents for all your hard work. Enjoy your half term!



## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have been learning about fact families. During our time in Y1 we have been working hard to secure our understanding of addition and subtraction.

In English, we have been learning about poetry. We learned that a poem is a form of creative writing. We discussed the rhythm of a poem and that some poems have rhyming words. We thought about some of the traditional tales we had read recently and chose one of them as a basis for our own verse of poetry.

In R.E enjoyed sharing some of the symbolic items we wore or were given at our own baptism. We reflected on why Catholics and other Christians are baptised (to welcome them into God's family and to show that they belong to Christ).

In Science we have continued to learn about how animals prepare for winter. This week we focused on migration. In particular the migration of the swallow. Did you know that in autumn, the swallow will fly 6,000 miles to South Africa? This takes 6 weeks, flying up to 200 miles a day.

To celebrate Chinese New Year the children learned how the animals of the Chinese Zodiac decided on who would have each year named after them. We enjoyed making Chinese lanterns and dragons.

We will be inviting different children each day to stay on zoom (once the lesson has finished) for a little while longer to have a well-being chat and be given a chance to talk to some of their friends.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in English we have finished writing our own versions of the Tadpole's Promise. The children have all worked so hard to produce some fantastic stories and front covers. I want to say a big well done to you all for all your hard work and effort that you have put into these stories and for persevering with them especially when writing them over zoom!!

This week in Maths, we have continued with our unit on shape. We started the week looking at the concept of vertical lines of symmetry and used this knowledge to help us draw whole shapes. We then moved on to recognise and sort 2D shapes into a range of different ways including sides, vertices and if it is symmetrical or not.

In RE this week, we put ourselves into the shoes of the little boy on the hillside, from the story of Jesus feeds the 5000. We discussed how he must have felt when his food was taken from him and how he felt when he saw Jesus give thanks and watched his 5 loaves and 2 fish multiplied.

Although we are all currently unable to go on holiday, Year 2 can tell us what to pack for a holiday to a hot country and a cold country. We had a great discussion about important things we need to pack to keep us safe and healthy on our travels!



## YEAR 3 NEWS

In our English lessons this week we have been designing our tea packaging, looking at everything from font styles to the information that we want to include on the different faces of our packaging nets. It has been lovely to see the very different styles children have come up with, and how much their sketching and designing skills have progressed.

In Maths we have been improving our measuring skills with a ruler, and practised drawing different shapes in preparation for drawing nets for 3D shapes. Some children have even started to measure objects in centimetres and millimetres and use decimal points in their answers!

In Geography we have been looking at comparing New York State to West Yorkshire, and researched similarities and differences. It was amazing to see how many physical and human geographical features children could identify.

We have come to the end of our preparation for Reconciliation in Year 3, and the children have been very reflective throughout our lessons. Remember to keep the Heart Speaks to Heart workbook safe!



## YEAR 4 NEWS

In Maths, we have been developing our division skills by using place value tables and part whole models. It has been important to use our knowledge of times tables to be able to manipulate our numbers to aid our division. We also practiced our different methods for multiplication, applying our skills to some word problems.

We have been working on our use of description to be able to 'show don't tell' how a character is feeling. We watched some videos and tried to work out how the characters were feeling looking at their facial expressions and body language. We used what we have learnt to try and write our own sentences about The Lighthouse Keeper.

Art was fun this week as we tried to draw our initials using animals beginning with those letters. Mrs Holmes taught us how to persevere by trying her horse for 'H' six times! There have been some fabulous designs using all sorts of unique animals.

Our focus in RE this week was Holy Communion. We also wrote some lovely, reflective prayers thanking Jesus for always being with us and expressing our readiness to accept the great gift of Jesus during Holy Communion.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

This week, we finished our work on mountains by comparing two mountains of our choice and writing our own factfiles about a mountain. After half term, we'll be learning about earthquakes.

In Maths, we continued our work on fractions. We looked at converting mixed numbers and improper fractions as well looking at number sequences with fractions. We also enjoyed playing a place value number game where we had to make the biggest number possible. The children could maybe play it over half term - you only need a di and some paper and pencils.

In RE, the children learnt about Father Damian and his work on the island of Molokai in Hawaii. Father Damian went there to help people with leprosy have a better life.

Well done to all of the children for their hard work and positive attitudes this half term, I have been so impressed with all of them. Thank you to everyone at home for all of their help and support. We hope you have a lovely, restful half term.



## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have explored percentages by finding percentages of amounts. We have used our knowledge of known facts to help find percentages.

In English, we have researched the Deathly Hallows and history behind them in the wizarding world. With this information, we created a non-chronological about the Deathly Hallows. We ensured we used adverbs, expanding noun phrases, parenthesis and conjunctions to expand our writing.

During our History lessons, we have looked at the War Effort. We learnt about the different ways in which people helped at home in World War Two. We looked at various propaganda sources to show the War Effort; we analysed them for their purpose and the positives and negatives of them.

