St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Otley

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th June 2020

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well and keeping safe. Week 1 of the final summer term - gosh how time flies. It feels strange to think that this is last half term of the school year. Normally, we would be making props for the carnival; Y6 would be rehearsing their end of year production and school life would busy. On Monday, we welcome back YR and Y1 to school - we cannot wait to see you. The teachers have been busy getting resources ready for next week.

Well done to those who have been completing tasks in Google Classroom. I know a lot of you have said how much you have enjoyed using it. The children at school have been working away completing tasks; enjoying the sun and making fish!

Home learning - again some impressive work: beautiful artwork on Pentecost and the jungle (Y2 and Y5); an amazing and factual PowerPoint on volcanos (Y3); lovely to see so many families playing board games and being active - who won the egg and spoon race? We love your photos; it is uplifting to see your smiles, your activities and above all having a great time together as a family. Keep having fun and working hard. Remember to complete the activities set by your teacher.

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

MOLLY AND MISS CHOMA

Molly is beginning to enjoy having some longer walks. We have to be careful she doesn't over do it, which is difficult! This week she has been her usual destructive self - paper; leaves and twigs and basically anything she can steal/sneak! Her favourite time this week has been swimming - or should I say falling in - during a walk at Yeadon Tarn! She enjoyed having a paddle and made some new friends. Now, she is laying next to me fast asleep.



UNIFORM FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

Many of you will already be thinking about purchasing uniform for next year, and JR Sports have been very helpful and sent a letter detailing how the shop will operate during the COVID-19 situation. You will find a letter from JR Sports attached with this newsletter.

Additionally, we would like to remind parents that all pupils should be using the green school book bag. During an assembly last year, we looked at how much space we could save if we all used the same bags. We could fit 12 green bags for every 3 rucksacks!





MUSIC PROVISION FOR STUDENTS

We are aware that the children's music education is being severely disrupted and the pupils are in danger of losing what they have learnt.

Artforms: Artforms are in position to reintroduce instrumental and vocal lessons for those who already have lessons. These will be delivered as online face to face lessons through Google Classrooms and, wherever possible, students will be taught by their current teacher/tutor. This tuition will be available from the week commencing 8th June. Please contact Artforms directly for more information.

Roundhay Music: Rounday Music continue to offer online music tuition to students. Please contact Roundhay enquiries@roundhaymusic.org for more information. We have attached a Safeguarding Guidance document for Online Learning with this newsletter.





PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to those who sent in photos of your Pentecost celebrations. It is a comfort to know that in these unusual times we are not alone but that the Holy Spirit is here to comfort us and guide us.

On the eve of Pentecost, Pope Francis said, "We need the Holy Spirit to give us new eyes, to open our minds and our hearts to face the present moment."

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

At the start of this half term, the children would have been thinking about the virtue of Honesty in their collective worships. In school, we try to encourage the children to:

Be honest about their own actions and words.

when they know it isn't the right thing to do.

Be true to themselves and not to follow others •

Be reliable and trustworthy.

Not exaggerate the truth.

- Tell the truth even when it is hard to do.
 - Be able to honestly admit their mistakes.

DIOCESE OF LEEDS

Please use this link to access information from the Diocese: details of on-line streaming of Masses in all parishes and further information about Bishop Marcus Masses and timings are updated on this site: https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/ https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/news/

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Open our eyes to your presence

Open our minds to your grace

Open our lips to your praises.

May the raindrops fall lightly on your brow.

May the soft winds freshen your spirit. May the sunshine brighten your heart.

May the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you.



Come Holy Spirit Come



GAMES PHOTOS

Thank you for all of the wonderful photos of the children playing games; we hope that the children have enjoyed playing lots of different games. I love playing games with my family and my favourite game to play with all my brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces when we get together is a card game called "Oh Bother" where you have to predict how many tricks you are going to make. Games we have played in lockdown are: Boggle, Take Two (a version of Scrabble that my husband ALWAYS wins!), Cluedo, Quirkle, Country County Town (You have to think if different categories that animals, birds, food etc...then choose a random letter and try to think of obscure answers for each category beginning with that letter), Monopoly and Risk.

Next week, we would like you to take photos of you reading a book and we welcome any book recommendations. Thank you.

















HOME LEARNING PHOTOGRAPHS

