

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st May 2020

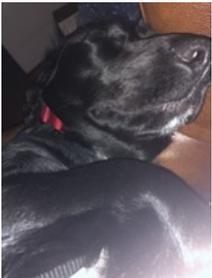
### A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well and safe. Week 2 - what a busy week - I have had so many zoom meetings this week with the headteachers from Otley; the headteachers from the Trust and your class teachers. There are lots of discussions on when and how schools will open; hopefully, we will know more on Sunday.

We hope you like the new layout of the home learning page for your year group and that the activities are easy to access and follow - thank you to Miss Chappel for the new look. I have looked at some of the wonderful work sent to the home learning email - biography of David Attenborough, VE work on Captain Tom and related artwork (Y6); an amazing map of the USA (Y6); a family hand sculpture and other brilliant crafts (Y3 and Y6); outdoor maths (Y2, Y5); bug count (Y4) learning to ride a bike (YR); work on volcanoes (Y2, Y3) and lots of beautiful photographs of the countryside walks and of people being active.

A big thank you to parents and carers who are working so hard to help you with your home learning. Thank you for your lovely messages - all the staff are well and send their best wishes. We hope to see you soon.

### MOLLY AND MISS CHOMA



*Another week of walks with Molly. She found something of interest and spent ages sniffing. It's usually a worm and then she rolls on it - daft dog (a bit of alliteration!). Normally, she is racing around. She particularly loves hills and long grass. As you can see, she likes to have her naps. Unfortunately, she snores very loud. Home learning is not going very well. She gallops on her back legs when she should be walking. I can't say her spellings are improving much. We will keep trying.*



From all the staff - keep safe; keep working; keep active and be happy. God Bless

### GOOGLE CLASSROOMS



Google Classroom is a collaboration tool for teachers and pupils. We are currently in the process of school verification. Once this is complete, we will create online classrooms and email addresses for each pupil.

Your child will be invited to a class where we will create and assign home learning tasks! Your child will have their own username and password - they can access Google Classroom via the internet on any device.

We will be sending instruction guides on how to use Google Classrooms once the system is up and running.

In the meantime, please continue to use the home learning tasks on the school website.

Thank you

### A MESSAGE FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS

At the end of school today, Mrs Russell, Miss Choma and Mrs Harvey should have been busy covering all the boards with drapes and getting all the stationery ready for SATs on Monday. Mrs Knight should have been busy sharpening her purple scissors ready to open the test paper packs but alas this is not to be.

Do not feel disappointed that you are unable to do this. We know how hard you all worked and that you have made us all proud of you. In fact, we are sure that you are making your parents proud with how well you are all doing at home.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend enjoying the VE Day 75 celebrations. Mrs Harvey still remembers celebrating the 50th VE Day celebrations in Cornwall.

Your memories may be different from previous Year 6 classes but they are still memories so make them good ones and we will enjoy hearing all about them when we get back to school.





Our World

All the world around us,  
 is full of pretty things  
 as hyena howls as the bluetit sings  
 as the blazing sun shines down  
 as the snakes all slither on the ground.  
 No need to say the Earth is bad,  
 in fact I think you should be glad.  
 All the world around us is full of pretty  
 things  
 as the plants are growing  
 as the leema springs  
 as the water drops fall down  
 as rings of church bells fill the town,  
 No need to say the Earth is bad,  
 in fact I think you should be glad.

All the world around us is full of pretty things  
 as mountains all grow taller  
 as monkey leaps and spring springs  
 as clouds fill up the sky above  
 as all the world is full of love  
 No need to say the Earth is bad,  
 in fact I think you should be glad.



## HOME LEARNING PHOTOGRAPHS



Well done to all of the children who are continuing to use the weekly home learning tasks which are on the website. The theme this week is FOOD.

Please let us know any thoughts on the new format compared to the old one. If there are any problems accessing any of the resources, just send an email to [homelearning@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:homelearning@stjosephsotley.org) and we will try to get it fixed straight away.

Thank you to everyone who continues to send us photos to the home learning email, all the staff enjoy seeing photos of the children and their work.

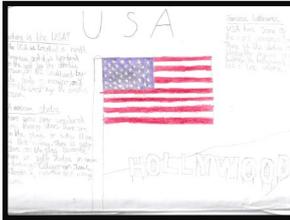


This week, as well as sending us photos of your work, we would also like to see photos of your celebrations of VE Day 75. It might be the house decorated in bunting; a photo of you enjoying a garden picnic or a photo of your family dressed in red, white and blue.



Please send your photos to: [homelearning@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:homelearning@stjosephsotley.org)

Thank you!



## THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS : SINGING LESSONS – BBC COVERAGE



Diocese of Leeds Schools Singing Programme is streaming singing sessions (about 30 mins) daily and it can be viewed through the link below.

Subscribe to our new YouTube channel: [https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCtNm5LriOA7nlXvnKuX\\_-PA](https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCtNm5LriOA7nlXvnKuX_-PA)

## MASS FOR NHS

Bishop Marcus will be offering a Mass for the NHS tonight at 7pm.

This can be viewed via: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-cathedral-live/>

## PRAYER FOR VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Lord God our Father,

We remember all those people who made sacrifices during World War Two so that we are able to live in a free country.

We pray for all the people around the world who are still suffering because of war.

May we serve you by bringing peace to our world and helping those who need relief.

Guide us by your spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope;

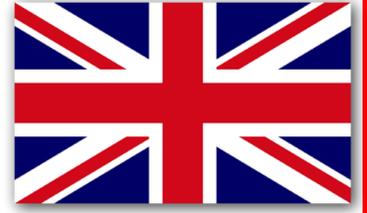
and keep us faithful now and always.

Amen





## POEM FOR PEACE ON VE DAY



Citizens, one and all,  
Please join this cry for peace, that you now  
hear from me.

Remember men and women, old and young, who died to make us free.

The women left at home did not just sit and wait.

They toiled in harsh conditions before dawn to very late.

Factories, farms, other essential jobs, the women were quick at learning.

They worked, some died, to keep the home fires burning.

As we remember this special day, do not forget that every day someone needs your aid,

Do not put away your poppies, letting your memories fade.

Celebrate with the knowledge that VE Day is also a time to remember,

Beyond the solemn wreaths of the 11th of November.

Let's thank all those who have gone before, with their colours proudly unfurled.

Join us as united we say, "Peace to the world".

