

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th April 2020

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone! I hope you are keeping well, and still washing your hands to two renditions of 'Happy Birthday' as demonstrated by Mrs Knight! Mrs Knight is thinking of you all, and is currently self-isolating following medical advice. She is loving receiving updates about all your hard work!

It has been another busy week learning at home and in school this week - planting seeds; playing basketball; Joe Wickes PE workout etc... and of course some maths!

At school, the teachers join in with the Joe Wickes PE workout - there have been a few aching muscles and red faces - mine included. The weather has been lovely so I hope you have been outdoors and active. Keep up the good work and keep motivated.

Make sure you read lots - there is nothing better than escaping into a great story. Remember to do your daily tasks set for each week.

I hope you have a lovely Easter Sunday - enjoy your eggs!

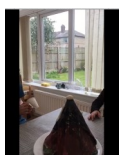
God bless

HOME LEARNING

Thank you to those children and parents who have sent evidence of their home learning projects to the home learning email address this week.

We've seen a volcano video (Sam in Year 3); photos of an RE project (Jude in Year 6); a link to a Scratch game made at home (Blake in Year 3 & Poppy in Year 5) and a photo of artwork (Joseph in Year 2).

Well done to all of you who are busy doing lots of fantastic work at home.



Please send us photos or videos or links to any work that you have done to this email address: homelearning@stjosephsotley.org.

We would love to see it and share it with others in the newsletter (please let us know when you email us if you are happy for us to put it in the newsletter).

There are now week 3 and week 4 learning projects for the children on the home learning site on the school website if needed, as well as other resources that might be useful.

WE WANT YOUR RAINBOW PICTURES

Rainbow pictures have started appearing in windows across the country, as communities try to lift spirits and keep up morale during the Covid-19 pandemic. To recognise the dedication of NHS workers and people across the care sector, people around the world have been creating rainbows using a variety of artistic methods.



We would love to create a page of rainbows next week so please send your pictures to homelearning@stjosephsotley.org

STREAMING MASSES AT HOME



It feels very strange to be approaching Easter weekend without being able to go to Church to celebrate the most important event in the calendar. However, there are Masses being streamed on the internet in our diocese. For further information on these, please use the link: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/streaming-mass/>

There is also a letter from Bishop Marcus on this link, about how to participate in the celebrations of Holy Week, Sunday and weekday Mass when remaining at home during the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic. At the end of the letter, Bishop Marcus asks us to "do all we can to remain united in faith, hope and love." These three virtues are what will help us all through this current situation.

Finally, there are also links to daily prayers and liturgies for families on the home learning page of the school website. We would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and Holy Easter, God bless.

MINI VINNIE EASTER COMPETITION



Mini Vinnies are inviting children to make a bright Easter display in a window, a space in your home or in your garden which celebrates Jesus. They are encouraging you to use as much handmade material as possible to create a window or home display that shows the true glory of Jesus as He rises from the tomb. They will just require two photos of your display one with you in it and one without you in it. The deadline is Wednesday 22nd April.



All entries can be sent to one of the following:

Twitter: @SVPEnglandWales

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SVPenglandandwales/>

Instagram: @svpenglandwales

Or if you do not want it to be shared on social media it can be emailed to: alecj@svp.org.uk stating that you do not want the work to be made public.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



As part of our Easter preparations, we were planning on each class taking part in a Stations of the Cross Service led by Year 6 around the school field. As we are unable to do this, maybe families would like to hold their own "Stations of the Cross" service around their gardens or homes. A good time to do this would be 3pm on Good Friday when we would normally be at Church remembering Jesus' Crucifixion.

The children could choose some of the Stations that they would like to focus on and maybe draw a picture to represent them and/or write a prayer. Or perhaps as a family, you could make a small cross to carry around. If you get the opportunity to do this, please send us any photos as it would be really special to see your worship.

PRAYER FOR EASTER

We thank you Lord, for everything you have done for us.

When we are walking in darkness, you are here, you are here.

When we are kneeling in weakness, you are here, you are here.

When we are alone and scared, you are here, you are here.

When we are sad and upset, you are here, you are here.

When we are ill or feeling unwell, you are here, you are here.

Jesus you showed us at Easter, how much you love us and that you are always here for us.

We thank you, Lord,
for everything you have done for us.

Amen

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Around the world, people are feeling the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

People are ill, grieving, isolated, overworked, out of work or battling with their mental health whilst being alone.

World leaders are facing difficult decisions.

Lord, we bring this pandemic and all our hopes and fears to you.

Help us learn a new pace of life during this enforced global slow down.

As a worldwide community, let this pandemic bring us together and not divide us.

Amen