# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Otley

<sub>As</sub> a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn.

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## Friday 10th July 2020

### A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well and keeping safe. I cannot believe we are one week away from the summer break! Time seems to have gone so quickly. We have had another busy week in school.

On Monday, we will be sending information about how school will operate in September. This will contain information about drop off and pick times, and daily procedures. I would like to thank all of you for your support this term; it has certainly been full of its challenges. Thanks to the brilliant staff who have covered many roles this term; stepping into different year groups and to the staff working from home who have been our Google Classroom gurus. It has been lovely to see some year groups back and we cannot wait to see you all in September. Once again, thank you for the amazing home learning photographs and pieces of work. From all the staff - be safe; be kind and be happy. God Bless

#### **MOLLY AND MISS CHOMA**

We have had a busy week walking - mainly in the rain so we have been very soggy by the end of it. Then to top it all, Molly would jump in the paddling pool when we returned home - water everywhere! Molly has been very boisterous this week and when she is like this, she decides she will zoom around the room. By the end, the rug is crumpled and the cushions are all over the place as Molly has used everything and everyone as a spring board. She moves so fast I am worn out watching. She can be chilled too...I know I am biased but I think she is cute. PS - I have a rabbit and 3 guinea pigs too!

#### **OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH REOPENING DETAILS**

Father Lawrie is busy making arrangements for re-opening the Church. He is tentatively making plans to re-open the Church the weekend of 18th July. At the moment, they are hoping to have Masses on Saturdays at 6:30pm; Sundays at 9:30am and 11:30am; 10am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and on a Tuesday 7:30pm. There will be a booking system in place. For confirmation of times and further information please see the Parish website. The Parish are also looking for stewards to help at Church, if you are able to volunteer please email office.ourladyallsaints@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

#### SACRAMENTS

Guidance from the Diocese regarding children receiving the Sacraments was published this week. Following on from this, we have had a conversation with Father Lawrie about the best way to go forward.

#### **First Holy Communion**

Our priority is to ensure that all children currently in Year 4 receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion as soon as possible. To ensure that this happens the children will complete the First Holy Communion programme during school time in the first two weeks of school. We are then hoping that children will be able to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on a Saturday morning at 10am until October half term. Hopefully, when things are a bit more normal, we will be able to have a celebration at a later date. More information to follow.

#### Confirmation

We are planning to hold Confirmation meetings in the autumn term after school for our Year 6 children, so that they are ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in November. We will hold a virtual meeting for parents at the beginning of the autumn term and with meetings hopefully starting at the end of September, probably on Thursdays.

#### **PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

Circle me O God Keep protection near, and danger far away. Circle me O God, Keep hope within, keep doubt without. Circle me O God, Keep light near, and darkness far away. Circle me O God, Keep peace within, keep evil out. Circle me O God, Keep calm within, keep storms without. Circle me O God.







# **LEARNING PHOTOGRAPHS**

Thank you for all of the photos of the children that you have sent in for the newsletter over the past few months. We have loved seeing everything that they have been up to: making rainbows, doing exercise, enjoying our beautiful countryside, playing games, reading books, baking, looking after pets and cuddling soft toys. It has certainly brought a smile to our faces seeing all of the children's happy faces. We hope you have enjoyed looking at what everyone has been up to too!



































