

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th April 2020

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone. I hope you had a great Easter weekend; received lots of eggs and enjoyed the lovely sunshine. I'm sure you have been getting lots of exercise with Joe Wicks and playing in the garden. My dog, Molly, is so exhausted from her walk - she decided she would have a nap on the sofa! We're all trying to keep active.

Next week is the start of Summer Term 1, and it's back to work! I know some of you have been busy over the holidays. Remember to complete your daily tasks on the home learning page for your year group. There are lots of different types of activities. Message from the class teachers - they are checking your work and answers (make sure you are answering the questions on Active Learn with sensible answers). Also, on MyMaths, a task may be reallocated if your teacher feels you could have answered more questions correctly.

Keep working hard and giving your best effort. Read lots of books and make sure you know your times tables inside and out! We look forward to seeing your rainbow pictures and pictures of you working at home.

Above all, keep well - wash your hands for 20 seconds - I hum happy birthday as I was my hands. Looking forward to seeing you all as soon as we can safely do so. God bless.



## HOME LEARNING

Thank you to all the children who have sent photos of the activities that they have been doing over the past few weeks; we have loved seeing all your hard work. Please keep sending them in to the email address: [homelearning@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:homelearning@stjosephsotley.org).

The next two weeks of home learning activities are now on the school website. The themes for the next two weeks are: animals and the environment.

## CLAPPING FOR THE NHS

As well as sending us in photos of your work, this week we would also like you to send in photos of your clapping, cheering, playing musical instruments etc for the NHS at 8pm on Thursday. Then next week we can have a page of our community celebrating the wonderful work of all the NHS workers.



## ST. JOSEPH'S HEROES

We want to celebrate all the amazing things that your children are doing at home, such as: doing the washing up without being asked; helping their siblings with something; phoning grandparents who might be feeling lonely etc... So if your child has done something that makes you proud, please let us know and we will share this in the newsletter.

# ST JOSEPH'S RAINBOWS

Thank you to all those who sent in a piece of rainbow artwork as we say **THANK YOU** to all the hard working men and women working in the NHS and other caring professions.

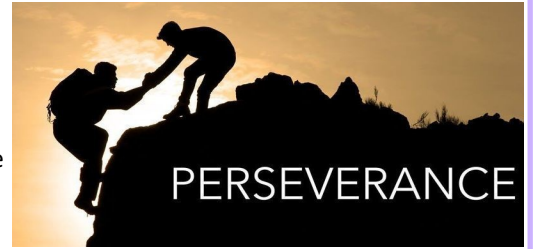


## VIRTUES TO LIVE BY

If we were in school next week, the virtues that the children would have been looking at are two of Mrs Knight's favourite qualities - **PERSEVERANCE and RESILIENCE**.

**The definition of perseverance is:** To persevere is to do good when it becomes hard to do or obstacles are put in the way. A person with perseverance can be relied upon because they are committed to seeing things through to the end.

**The definition of resilience is:** To accept that there will be difficulties in life. To see these as a challenge and not to be discouraged. To search for your inner strengths and faith to get you through personal challenges.



These virtues seem very apt right now as we are sure you, your children and your families are all showing great perseverance and resilience at the moment so well done!

## HEALTHY SCHOOLS

During last half term, the school was visited by a Healthy Schools Advisor from Leeds to see if the school could gain the Healthy Schools Award.

The visitor spoke to a number of children, parents and staff; observed break and lunchtime and also looked at the school website and paperwork.

We are delighted to say that she was very impressed with all the things we do and we have received the Healthy Schools Award.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all the parents who gave up their time to speak to the lady or who completed the questionnaire. Also, a big thank you to all the staff who worked so hard working towards us gaining this award, especially Mrs Bates, Miss Chappel & Miss Dowd.



## SAFEGUARDING - INTERNET SAFETY

For further advice about keeping your children safe online, check out some of these websites:



## PRAYER FOR RESILIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE

The Creator God has graced each one of us with inner strengths and gifts to use and share;

Blessed be God forever.

Jesus is with us and calls us to the new life of resurrection and transformation;

Blessed be God forever.

Even in the challenges of life, new gifts will be given, touched and transformed by the Spirit of God;

Blessed be God forever.

## CATHOLIC CARE

Catholic Care have launched a Community Response Service to support those in our Catholic communities who are sick, self-isolating, have been adversely financially impacted or are finding it difficult to cope.

The service will be available Monday - Friday 8-6pm A team of Catholic Care workers will be available to support parishioners and families in a number of ways such as a telephone support service, hamper delivery service for those experiencing financial hardship, and a drop off grocery/ pharmacy assistance.

Please email [office@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:office@stjosephsotley.org) if you would like to access this service or you would like to refer a person in your Parish or school community.

