

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd May 2020

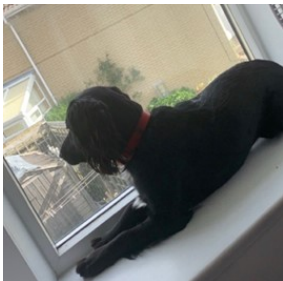
### A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well and keeping safe. Week 4 has been such a busy week. I have lost count of the number of zoom meetings I have had this week! We did manage a whole staff zoom meeting! Mrs Knight was impressed when I told her.

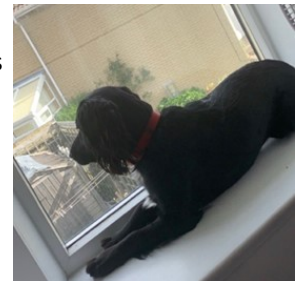
The hub closes today. I would like to thank the heads and staff of Westgate and All Saints for their support at this challenging time. I have met some lovely children and hope they will come and visit when it is safe to do so. A big thank to the St Joseph's children for their excellent behaviour - as always - fabulous ambassadors for school. At the moment, we are busy making plans and carrying out risk assessments to begin the wider opening of school in June. You will have received a letter today from the Trust explaining that schools in BWCAT will not open until June 8th at the earliest. I will keep you informed of any changes.

Home learning - again I have been impressed with the work sent to the home learning page. I have been tantalised with homemade lemon meringue pie (Y6) and peanana biscuits (Y5); encountered a sea guinea pig! (Y3) I have been on a journey to Indonesia to meet some orangutans (Y5); an explanation of Pope Francis's coat of arms (Y4); diamante poems about the sea (Y6) and great poster on bioluminescent dinoflagellates (Y5). Wow! Well done everyone. Keep up the good work.

### MOLLY AND MISS CHOMA



Molly is feeling a bit fed up at the moment because she has a bad leg and can only have lead walks. To make up for it, she is being very mischievous by eating or ripping up any piece of paper or bits of tree she finds! Hopefully, she will be able to walks soon.



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

### NATIONAL BOOK TOKENS

Our school needs you! National Book Tokens is holding their big prize draw for the sixth year.

Teachers, staff and parents can all enter, the more entries for your school, the more chances of winning.

Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself!

Enter the competition online, it only takes a minute:

[http://  
www.nationalbooktokens.com/  
schools](http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools)



### DARING DESIGNERS COMPETITION

Calling all families, artists, budding architects and designers.  
We need your help!

NHS Leeds is going to build a brand-new Leeds Children's Hospital, and they are starting to prepare this year. They want the new hospital to be a fantastic place for children, young people and their families, as well as a great place to work.

Can you help them design it?

For more information, head to  
[https://www.leedsth.nhs.uk/daring  
-designers-competition](https://www.leedsth.nhs.uk/daring-designers-competition)





### THE ASCENSION

Yesterday, the Church celebrated the Ascension of the Lord and we can take comfort from the words in Matthew's Gospel, 'Jesus Said to his disciples, "Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."' As the uncertainties and difficulties continue, it is reassuring to know that Jesus is with us always; loving us and helping us.

### FAITH IN ACTION

If your child in Y6 was working towards their Faith in Action Award, they can complete activities at home. They just need to take a photo or draw a picture of what they have done and then write a short reflection.

Some ideas include:

**Pilgrimage & Procession** - During the month of May, say the Rosary whilst walking around your garden or whilst out on your daily walk stop somewhere quiet to say a prayer.

**Prayer** - Write your own collective worship to use at home with your family.

**Social Action** - phone a friend or relative or write to someone who may be lonely at this time.



### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



May gratitude walk beside you  
 May kindness swarm about your head  
 May wonder be your inner child  
 May God's presence be comfort  
 And so may God's kindness be real to you

May joy dance upon your shoulders  
 May love be your closest friend  
 May peace remain beyond its welcome  
 May laughter keep your cheeks in shape  
 And so may God's kindness be real to you.  
 Amen



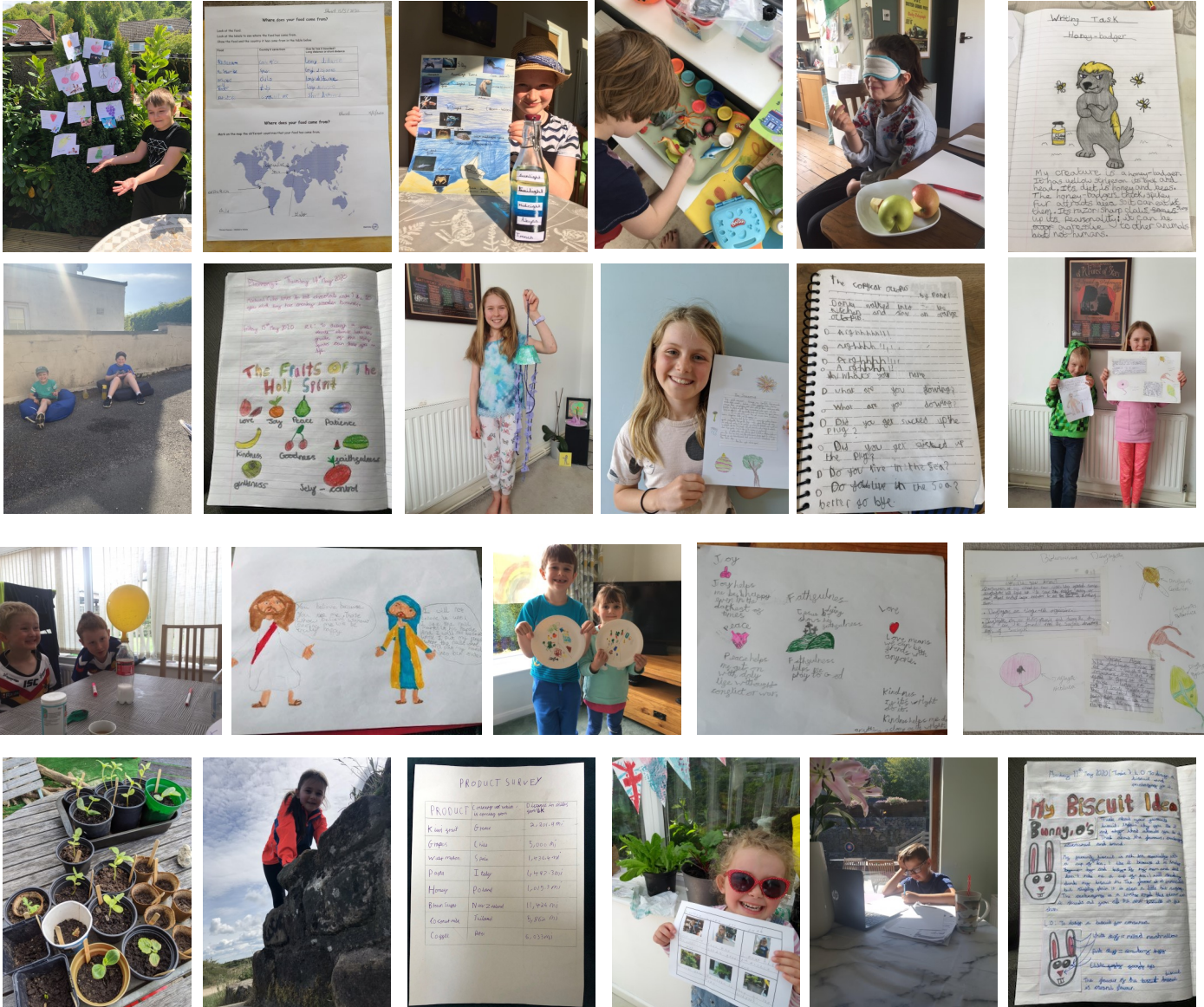
## HOME LEARNING PHOTOGRAPHS

Well done to all the children on your super work about this week's home learning topic, "Under the Sea". All of the staff have enjoyed seeing the fantastic writing, artwork and craft that you have managed to do. Thank you to all of the parents who have sent emails to the home learning email telling us about your child's learning, we know you are all extremely busy at the moment and we really appreciate you taking the time to keep us informed.

As it is half term next week, this week's home learning is a bit different. We have compiled one home learning page for the whole of the school with lots of different ideas about how the children can keep active over the half term. Once again, we would love you to send us any photos of the children having fun whilst being active ready for the newsletter after half term. We wish you all a very happy and relaxing half term break.

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

Thank you!



**STAY  
ALERT**

**CONTROL  
THE VIRUS**

**SAVE  
LIVES**