St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Otley

_{As} a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th April 2020

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone! Week 1 of the Summer Term - it seems to have flown by! I hope you have got back into the swing of things after the holiday. Look at the Home Learning page and the tasks for the week; set a goal to complete the daily tasks; make sure you get your daily exercise too. With regards to online programmes such as MyMaths and Active Learn, please make sure the questions are answered properly.

We are noticing a few children are scoring 0 on MyMaths. Please do not rush through the tasks. You need to go back and do the task again. If you need help, remember, you can use Try the Lesson - which guides you through the teaching steps for the task. Work through the lesson then do the task.

Similarly, some children are not writing correct or thorough answers on ActiveLearn. Please encourage your child to take their time and try to answer the question correctlyremember, WE ARE CHECKING!

Thank you for the lovely rainbow pictures and photographs of your home learning - there were some very creative and artistic work. We would love to see more so keep sending them. The staff would like to say thank you for the lovely messages we have received. You are always in our thoughts and prayers, and we hope you are all keeping safe and well. Be kind and thoughtful, and where you can safely- help others. Mrs Knight is always thinking of you. We talk regularly and I keep her up to date with all the great things you are doing at home.

Finally, Molly and Miss Choma - as you can see, Molly likes to sit on my shoulders, (she is quite heavy!), especially if I am on my laptop. I think she likes to help! Sometimes, she even tries to type! Her spelling needs improving though so we have decided we are going to practise every day. I will keep you updated on her progress - at the moment, she just seems to bark! Apparently, my children think Molly and I have the same hair.

From all the staff - keep safe; keep washing your hands; keep working and be happy.

God Bless



CORONAVIRUS - HELP FOR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES



Leeds City Council has developed a webpage "Coronavirus - help for people and communities" and a leaflet which can help you find practical support such as access to food, money and advice around work.

The **NSPCC** has created an online Hub providing advice and support for parents and carers during the coronavirus outbreak. Content includes: information on keeping children safe from abuse; tips and advice to help parents working from home; and ways to talk to a child who is anxious or worried about coronavirus - Visit the Hub.

Public Health England (PHE) has published advice for parents and carers on looking after the mental health and wellbeing of children or young people during the coronavirus outbreak. The guidance covers: helping children and young people cope with stress; how children and young people of different ages may react; children and young people who are accessing mental health services; children and young people with learning disabilities; autistic children and young people; children and young people who care for others; and bullying. The guidance will be updated in line with the changing situation. - Read the guidance







APPLAUD our NHS heroes

Join us at 8pm tonight to say thank you.



































HOME LEARNING

Thank you for all of the photos you have sent us of the amazing work that the children have been doing at home and their beautiful rainbows. We have really enjoyed seeing what the children have been doing.

Thank you as well for sending us your photos of you clapping for the NHS.

This week, we would like to see your photos of you all being active: maybe joining in with the Joe Wicks PE lessons or going for a family walk in the beautiful sunshine.



WINDOW ON THE WORD

Leeds Diocese have created "Window on the Word" which is a page on the website: <u>https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/</u>education/window-on-the-word/

This website shows photos that people have taken or drawings of what they have seen during self-isolation and then matched it with a line from the Bible.

Maybe the next time, you go on a family walk, your children might want to take some photos and then think of a Bible quote to go with it.

You can email any photo (along with your name and the area where you live) to: Rev. Henry Longbottom - Diocese of Leeds Year of the Word Scripture Champion <u>henry.longbottom@dioceseofleeds.org.uk</u>

Here are some examples:





PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The theme for our collective worships in school would have been perseverance and resilience. Here is a prayer asking God to help us show these virtues.

God our Father,

open our hearts that we may be transformed by Your gracious love.

May Your spirit teach us to discern the inner virtues of perseverance and resilience

when facing our challenges.

We ask this though Christ our Lord, Amen.