St Joseph's Journal

9TH OCTOBER 2020



School photographs

School photographs were taken on Wednesday and order forms were sent home in book bags on the same day. Orders can be placed online or returned to school by no later than Friday 16th October.

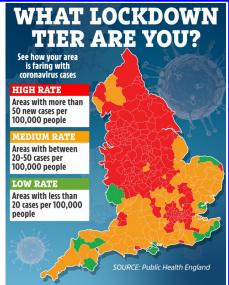
A reminder to all parents and carers of the Measures in place to help Minimise Coronavirus Risks

Everyone working together will continue to minimise risks for our children and each other. We are very grateful to you all for continuing to: Only arrive at the correct start and pick up times; Only have one adult bringing your child/ren to school; Following the one way system (Including using the correct entrance); Socially distancing from other families on the way to and at school; Ensuring children only bring essential items to school with them; Make virtual or telephone appointments to speak with staff wherever possible; Remain 2m away where possible and wear a face mask (unless exempt) when approaching a member of staff to pass on an essential, time sensitive message;

Leave the school site as soon as possible after drop off and collection is complete.

These measures are in place to potect both the children, parents and staff.

Calderdale are still currently highlighted as RED - High Rate



Family Fast Day - A Harvest like no other | CAFOD

This is a Harvest like no other as many families face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty as the result of coronavirus. With your



support, we can help people all over the world rebuild their lives ...

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This Harvest, CAFOD are launching a series of online events around Family Fast Day from 8-11 October so that we can come together and bring

hope and help to those who are most in need. This is a Harvest like no other as many families face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty as the result of coronavirus. The link included in our newsletter shares activities and links to prayers and reflections that are taking place over the weekend; please take a look and share them with your children. We will also be using some of this material in a couple of weeks when we celebrate a Harvest Mass as a school family with Father Peter.

<u>https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-</u> Fast-Day

Parental consultations

Thank you to all parents who have had their appointments with teachers this week. The take up from parents has increased from previous years and telephone conversations through means other than face to face will be looked at again in the future if this is something parents prefer. Working in partnership is the best way to achieve the most for our children. Apologies to parents from Beech Class; your appointments will be rearranged as soon as this is possible.

CAFOD Virtual Visit

On Thursday, Oak Class were treated to a virtual visit from CAFOD. Mrs Sivills, who is also a governor of our school, shared an insightful and inspiring assembly on the theme of a harvest like no other. Mrs Sivills shared the new challenges and problems brought about by the current pandemic to communities both local and abroad. We learnt about the wonderful work CAFOD are doing in countries such as Zimbabwe and El Salvador. The adults and children in Oak Class would like to say thank you to CAFOD and Mrs Sivills and hope to take part in another virtual visit in the near future.





Beech Leandro - For his fab contribution in his RE lesson

Cedar Noah - Working hard & positive attitude to learning

Elm Aahil - Super independent work in Maths

Larch Sadie-Mae - Fantastic work in English

Oak Lola - For her Drama work and helping others



Beech Abdur-Rahman - Letter formation in his Jedi book

Cedar Harry - Super writing about Neil Armstrong

Elm Niamh - Persevering with reading comprehension

Larch Troy - Progress in Phonics and handwriting

Oak Cody - Super Maths work

Handwriting competition... and the winners are...



Year 1: Aleena

Year 2: Rumaysa

Year 3: Aaminah

Year 4: Saahil

Year 5: Benny

Year 6: Caitlin





Thank you to Miss Carsmith's Mum

who visited Larch class this week and provided an amazing Egyptian workshop, including a sample of various foods for the children to try.



Dan's PE Award

This weeks winner is:

Caitlin





This year's Remembrance Day parade will Unfortunately NOT take place due to the COVID 19 situation.

Although the Todmorden RBL will be laying a wreath, Sunday 8th November with a few words and 2 minutes silence

If any individual wishes to attend (their choice) they must adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Groups / organisations or individuals that normally lay wreaths are strongly advised to do so at more quieter times throughout the weekend and up to 11th of November.

Todmorden Royal British Legion have a duty of care for their veterans, town and community as a whole and therefore hope you understand the format for this years event.



CREEPY CRAFTS

This is to replace our usual PTA 'Spooky Shin Dig'

MONDAY 19th OCTOBER 1.30 – 3.00PM – LOWER SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER 1.30 – 3.00PM – EARLY YEARS

FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER 1.30 – 3.00PM – UPPER SCHOOL

Please pay your contribution of £2 to your Class TA so they can keep a note of payments received.

CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO FETCH THEIR OWN COSTUME TO CHANGE INTO AT LUNCH TIME



This week's attendance: 94.2% Target: 96.1%

Attendance YTD: 92.9% This week's top class: Acorns 100 %