

Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for everything you continue to support children's home learning at home. We all enjoy seeing your work and photos! We wanted to acknowledge this work as we would normally do in our Celebration assembly on Friday, so from today staff will nominate children for their work or other activities they are engaged with each week. Children's names and reasons for their nomination are included in this newsletter; these children will also receive a certificate via email.

School is finding a new normality albeit a virtual one; we have our weekly staff meetings and the senior Leadership Team meet regularly. Mrs Evans, Mrs Janvier and I are always available via school email to answer any concerns you may have. The governors met last week to review how the school is operating and will continue to meet every couple of weeks.

As you are aware, there has been some talk this week about schools returning; we must accept that when schools return that we will have to operate very differently. School leaders and governors have started thinking about how we will manage the challenges ahead when the time comes. Please be assured that we will always act on government advice and put the safety of our families and staff foremost in our decision making. We will of course keep you informed of any decisions straight away.

For some light relief, staff have dug out photos of when they were little; there is a selection for you to guess who they are in this newsletter with more to follow next week. Answers for this week will be in next week's newsletter! Staff certainly had a lot of fun looking at them and we hope they raise a smile with you as well!

Mrs McLaughlin

Holidays 2020 – 2021

END OF SUMMER HOLIDAY Back to school - Wednesday 2 September 2020	EASTER Holiday starts - Monday 29 March 2021 Back to school - Monday 12 April 2021
AUTUMN HALF TERM Holiday starts - Monday 26 October 2020 Back to school - Monday 2 November 2020	SUMMER HALF TERM Holiday starts - Monday 31 May 2021 Back to school - Monday 7 June 2021
CHRISTMAS Holiday starts - Monday 21 December 2020 Back to school - Monday 4 January 2021	SUMMER HOLIDAY Holiday starts - Wednesday 21 July 2021
SPRING HALF TERM Holidays starts - Monday 15 February 2021 Back to school - Monday 22 February 2021	<i>Please note that there are 4 more training days that have not been decided as yet.</i>

Mr Gouldin's Jokes

What type of crockery do they use in space?
Flying saucers!
Who won the skeleton beauty contest?
No body!

Well done Y5!

Y5 have been hard at work on Sumdog. They have achieved a top ten place in Rotherham.

Sad news

You may be aware that John Day, ex Headteacher of Wales High School sadly passed away earlier this week. Wales High School have set up an online tribute in memory of JD. If you would like to post your thoughts, memories, events or photos please follow this link;

<https://johnday2020.muchloved.com/>

You will also be able to make a donation in JD's memory to Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice if you wish.

Teddy Bear Challenge

Teddy bears are appearing in windows everywhere. Take a photo of your teddy bears and they will be shared on the school website next week. Send any photos to school@olsj.org.uk



Special Mention

F1

[Will Hickling](#) is now reading RWInc books, recognising red words and working with numbers beyond 20.

[Edith Iwaskow](#) for amazing engagement with home learning. She completes all the activities set and then includes things of her own.

F2

[Elsa Love](#) and [George Gibson](#) have both showed great resilience in adapting to home learning and are both working really hard at home, but they are also completing many other self-directed activities.

Y1

[Joseph Hudson](#) for working consistently hard on Sumdog.

[Lucy Clempson](#) for a fantastic retell of the story 'Lost and Found' with a creative change of character from a penguin to Paddington Bear.

Y2

[Roan Furniss](#) for regularly playing on Sumdog and coming first place in a Sumdog class competition.

[Vanessa Borowiec](#) for enthusiastically and creatively completing tasks on the home-learning timetable - her work is always on the blog.

Y3

[James Day](#) and his team raised around £1200 for the NHS over the weekend doing a sponsored walk, inspired by Captain Tom.

[Cereza Nodder](#) for consistently sending updates and images of her outcomes. She has also furthered her learning independently through asking why things happened during the science experiments set.

Y4

[Oliver Greathead](#) has followed the suggested timetable well and has used some of his own ideas and interests to guide his learning. He made a volcano experiment last week.

[Grace Sanderson](#) sends Miss Barker regular updates and has used her time at home well. She has also been taking time to read to her baby sister.

Y5

[Theo Swann](#) for his dedication and contribution to the Sumdog competition. He placed in the top 50 students in Rotherham.

[Euan Martin](#) for going above and beyond the suggested learning. He completed further activities to extend his knowledge.

Y6

[Calleigh Cottrell](#) for thoughtful and reflective work especially in science and art, using skills and processes she has developed in school and applying them independently in her home learning

[Adrian Wachala](#) for continuing to challenge himself in numeracy, completing all maths challenges and White Rose tasks as well as practising calculation skills.

Guess Who?



Can you spot Miss Allen, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Evans, Mrs Senior, Mrs Concannon, Miss Dyson, Mrs Machen, Mrs Nicolson and Mrs Johnson?

Answers next week!

Thank you

Ella Beard sent this lovely picture in this week to celebrate our NHS workers. Our Lady and St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School says thank you to all our key workers, especially those from our own community. May God bless you and watch over you all.



Good neighbours

School received this lovely email this week;

Just wanted to let you know that Honora & James have been helping daily to look after my elderly neighbour's house since she had a fall 2 weeks ago & was hospitalised. They come with their Dad to check the house, open & close curtains, water the plants & garden, tidy round, put the bins out. They are showing such care & community spirit - I have a social distanced chat most days with them & Honora has showed me her beautiful painting in the style of Van Gough.

Well done to the Day family!