

# Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

In the midst of major change, we have another change this week – a bank holiday on a Friday to celebrate Victory in Europe which also will be sunny! School will be closed tomorrow to give the staff who are working so hard in school a much-deserved break. Needless to say, children should enjoy a day off from home school learning on Friday as well!

The pandemic creates many challenges for families with good and bad days for everyone. Teachers recognise that home school learning brings its own stresses; children are not expected to complete all the tasks set on the website. Staff offer a wide range of activities to ensure that children have choice and don't run out of work. We also see the amazing work that is being done at home; you are all doing a fantastic job in exceedingly difficult circumstances.

Some things don't change because there is a pandemic, children continue to pick up childhood illnesses. Please find attached with this newsletter some helpful guidance from the NHS when to seek professional advice if you are worried. Sadly, some of us have experienced bereavement during this pandemic. A new listening service has been launched to offer emotional listening and practical support via the telephone to any person recently bereaved. The service is for anyone aged 11 upwards living and/or registered with a GP in South Yorkshire. If there are younger children, then the service will support the parent /carer to support the child. This service can be contacted on 0800 048 5224, please see below for more details.

I hope you all enjoy the sunshine this weekend,  
Mrs McLaughlin

## Answers from last week's Guess Who?



**Support for those bereaved during the Coronavirus Pandemic**










**0800 048 5224**

for meaningful support, advice and guidance or visit

[www.listening-ear.co.uk/refer](http://www.listening-ear.co.uk/refer)

Available Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm

A service for anyone who has lost a loved one and who needs support, advice or guidance

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| Mrs Machen   | Mrs Johnson   | Mrs Evans   |
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| Mrs Senior   | Mrs Nicolson  | Mrs Roberts   |
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| Miss Dyson   | Miss Allen  | Mrs Concannon   |

### Mr Gouldin's Jokes

What does a tree do when it wants to go home?  
It leaves!

Two snowmen in a field, one says to the other  
can you smell carrots?

### Mass Intentions

Bishop Ralph will celebrate Mass for in the Cathedral this Saturday 9th May at 11.00 am for all those who have died in the Diocese in recent weeks as a result of the Coronavirus and their families and friends. If you have someone whom you wish to be remembered, please email him;

[bishop@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:bishop@hallam-diocese.com)

### Prayer

Lord, protect each of us from feeling helpless, from feeling useless. Some of us will work caring for others, some will keep essential services going, some will keep in contact with others and some will stay at home. Each action will save the life of someone else, help us to remember this for in answering your call to each of us today we are not helpless or hopeless, but your disciples.  
Amen.

### Special Mention

#### F1

[Euan Davey](#) for his brilliant bird-related learning and his impressive labelled magpie drawing.

[Charlie Coward](#) for engaging so well with home learning and his highly creative binoculars!

#### F2

[Elijah Saxton](#) for the enthusiastic way he has engaged with home learning and creating the best bird's nest ever!

[Emily Bloomer](#) for her enthusiasm for home learning and the incredible work she has completed for our topic of 'Animals'.

#### Y1

[Martha Hickling](#) for consistently working hard at home, always going above and beyond in her learning and with a smile on her face.

[Morella Nodder](#) for doing some amazing home learning and working not only on Year 1 work but also working on Year 3 work along with her sister.

#### Y2

[Hanna Korba](#) for working hard to complete parts of the home learning timetable.

[Samko Malik](#) for presenting his home school learning to an extremely high standard.

#### Y3

[Esme Beevers](#) for producing amazing outcomes and challenging herself with challenges and independently assigned tasks.

[Zachary Dean](#) for raising around £2500 through sponsored activities and showing a great attitude towards his home learning with frequent email updates.

#### Y4

[Dillon Kitchen](#) for giving Miss Barker regular updates of how he is getting on and completing tasks set to a really good standard. This week, he did an excellent set of instructions on how to make a paper boat.

[Grace Martin](#) for giving Miss Barker regular updates of her progress. If she struggles with anything, she is always pro-active and finds ways to solve problems. This week, she used poker chips to help her solve a division problem!

#### Y5

[Megan Magdziak](#) for always completing the suggested home learning to a high standard and her contribution to a world record attempt for the most dancers taking part in online lessons.

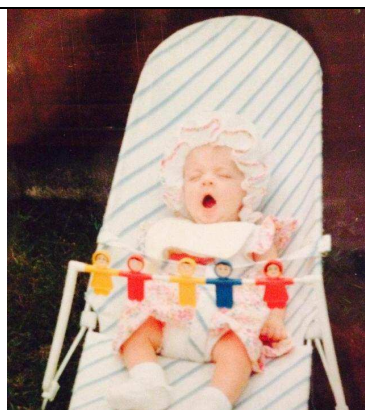
[Oliver Hudson](#) for continuing to challenge himself in Maths and showing responsibility by helping with his little sister.

#### Y6

[Jack Bickerton](#) for consistent engagement with his home learning tasks and his fabulous crafting for Key Workers.

[Annabel Goode](#) for continuing to develop a wide range of skills and maintaining her exercise regime in spite of lockdown.

## Guess Who?



Can you spot Mrs Waller, Mrs Hadfield, Mrs Barber, Mrs Janvier, Mrs Speight, Miss Rajman, Miss Barker, Miss Jubb and Mrs Booth?

Answers next week!