



Statement of the Week

I know I belong in a community that includes my school.

Robot Week

Last week we had a very special visitor in school – Robbie the Robot. Each class had a visit from Robbie who was able to dance, tell stories, answer our questions and even play a bit of football.

We had a robot themed week including robot dance sessions, food technology, creating our own robots, taking inspiration from famous artists to draw our own robots and portraits of Robbie, robot maths, science and creative writing. Robbie even retold some of our stories! Thank you to Mrs Waterhouse for organising such an exciting week! Thank you to those parents who were able to join us this week in our special Monday morning assembly where we shared some of the work from last week. Our next themed week is coming up WC 30th January which is Anti-Bullying Week.



Anti-Bullying Week

In just under two weeks time (WC 30th January) we will be holding our own anti-bullying week in school. This week will be packed with PSHE activities and lessons that equip your child with the strategies they need to identify bullying and know how to effectively deal with bullying. It is also a great opportunity to reinforce positive behaviour and how to deal with negative feelings. A parent survey will be sent home at the end of this week and we would very much appreciate it if you could complete these and return them back into school before Monday 30th January. Thank you in advance! The children will be sharing some of the work they have done in anti-bullying week on the following days:

KS2: Friday 3rd February 9am

KS1: Wednesday 8th February 9am

Parents are welcome to attend the short assembly.

The Big Clean Up – Help Needed!

You may be aware that Mr Neilson has been off sick last term. The staff have worked hard to keep the grounds tidy. Thank you to

Mr. Ellaby and his team as well as Mrs. Lysakowska who have kept the school clean in his absence! We are, however, asking if any parents are available to give up an hour or two of their time on Monday 23rd January (next week) to help tidy around some of the school grounds. Any time is very much appreciated. A couple of the parents will be here throughout the day but if you are able to give an hour or so in the morning or afternoon, along with a sweeping brush, spade and gloves, it would be a great help. We will be meeting in the car park at 9am.

Open Classrooms

On Monday next week (23rd Jan) we will be holding our first open classroom sessions after school 3:15-4pm. This is an opportunity for you to come into the classrooms and look at your child's books, resources and the learning environment. Your child's class teachers will be around to answer any questions about the current topics being covered and explain any of the resources and offer any advice of how to help at home. **Can I remind parents to arrange appointments via the school office in the usual way should you wish to discuss any individual points about your child.**

Calendar on Website

The calendar is now live on the website. Please do check this for dates of events.

Young Voices

Young voices was a real success again this year! Thank you to Mr. Wall for all of the preparation after school and to Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. Doran and Mrs. Holmes who joined the children to perform at Sheffield Arena. The children had a fantastic time and we look forward to the next singing project!

Confirmation in St Joseph's Church

Confirmation will take place at St Joseph's Wetherby on **Thursday 8th June at 7.00pm**. The preparation will commence shortly. If you have a child in Year 8 or 9 and they wish to be confirmed at St Joseph's church you will need to complete an application form available from the parish website www.stjosephs-wetherby.com or the notice-board in the narthex and **return it to the presbytery with a copy of their Baptism Certificate by Wednesday 25th January.**

Car Park Barrier

Thank you for your patience whilst we have been waiting for work to be carried out on the car park barrier. This has been arranged to be completed over the weekend and weather permitting, this will be able to go ahead.

Attendance

Can I remind parents of our attendance policy. Safeguarding children is our top priority at St Joseph's and adhering to our attendance policy and guidelines forms part of our safeguarding procedures. Regular and punctual school attendance for all children is important to ensure continuity and progression in their education. It is a school's responsibility to monitor and actively pursue the goal of regular attendance.

2017 Important Dates

Monday 23rd January

Open Classrooms 3:15-4:00pm

Wednesday 25th January

Y4&Y5 mass in church 9:15am

WC Monday 30th January

Anti-Bullying Week in school

Thursday 2nd February

Coffee Morning 9am ICT suite

Friday 3rd February 9am KS2 sharing some of the work completed in anti-bullying week – parents welcome

Wednesday 8th February 9am

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Tuesday 7th February

Internet Safety Day – Google Expeditions visiting school

FOSJ Upcoming Events

Friday 3rd February – School Disco

Thursday 16th March – KS1 Movie Night

Friday 17th March – KS2 Movie Night

Upcoming Events

I would like to give parents lots of notice of some key dates for the coming terms:

Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th March Parents' Evening: online booking will open up prior to the half term break, dates for this opening will be sent out in advance

Friday 7th July Sports Day & Summer Fair (reserve date Friday 14th July)