



### Welcome back!

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and restful half term break. We are all looking forward to another successful half term.

### Wet Play Resources

Mrs Skillbeck is appealing to any parents who may have old board games, art and craft materials, lego etc that can be used on wet play days which is part of an ongoing action plan to continue to improve provision for our pupils at lunchtime.

### Holy Communion Children Meeting

On St Joseph's Day, prior to the family mass on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**, there is a meeting at **9am in the church hall** for those children making their First Holy Communion this year. This meeting will be led by Deacon Charlie, explaining different forms of prayer to the children. Parents are welcome to stay should they wish.

### Mrs Ward – Deputy Head Teacher

As I am sure you are aware, Mrs Ward has been *acting* deputy head Teacher for some time now. After an interview process before the end of last half term, Mrs Ward was the successful candidate and appointed as permanent deputy head teacher of St Joseph's. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her.

### Child Illnesses

Can I remind parents of health procedures followed in school: if your child has vomited, please keep them off school for 48 hours. Please also ensure you check your child for any rashes as you may have seen in the news this week, there has been

an increase in scarlet fever across Yorkshire and Humber.

### Year 3 Retreat Day

I mentioned in the newsletter before the half term break, that year 3 are looking forward to two retreat days with the Franciscan Sisters as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. We are looking for parent helpers to support the children with their activities on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (meeting at school to walk down to the church hall for the half day retreat) and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May (in school)**. Please see Mr Branscombe or contact the school office if you are able to offer your support on either of these days.

### Culture Week

Next week we have culture week in school. All of the children's lessons will link to their focus of the themed week and this kicks off on Monday with Samba drumming for FS2 up to Year 6. Parents are welcome to attend a short performance FS2/KS1 2:15pm and KS2 2:40pm next Monday (27<sup>th</sup> February). Due to Health and Safety in line with the nature of this activity, we are unable to offer just one performance for the whole school. We appreciate that the 2:15 performance for FS2/KS1 parents is not an ideal time, but we didn't want to miss the opportunity to invite parents in to see their children perform hence the split performance times during the afternoon. Next week is set to be an exciting week with a range of other activities including studying stories from other cultures, DT and art activities.

### World Book Day

World Book Week is held Next week on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We are asking children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

### Year 6 1960s Dressing Up Day

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Year 6 have their 1960s dressing up themed day. We are looking forward to seeing all of the children's varying outfits throughout school on Thursday!

### Our Next Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be held in the ICT suite next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. All welcome!

### Important Dates

Please continue to regularly check the school website calendar for key dates and events!

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10:15am Ash**

**Wednesday:** Mass in school – all welcome

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Parents' Evening: online booking will close on 27<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon.

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 10am Family**

Mass: St Joseph's Day

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 11am**

Reconciliation

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 11:30am** First Holy Communion

### FOSJ Upcoming Events

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – KS1 Movie Night

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – KS2 Movie Night