



Statement of the Week

I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder around me.

This Week's Reading

This weekend marked the first Sunday of Lent. We think about our Lenten promises and ask God to help give us the strength to keep our promises even when this might be difficult.



You may or may not be aware of the Live Simply Award which is an 'opportunity for Catholic communities to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us'. As a Catholic Compass Partnership of Schools, St Joseph's is committing to living more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with poor communities and with this in mind, we are working towards this award which includes some small changes to lots of work we have already been doing in school. Deacon David and Maggie from CAFOD will be in school next Wednesday and will be delivering a whole school assembly! More information will be shared in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please feel free to visit the CAFOD website to find out more about the Live Simply Award.

Walk to School Together

Before half term, I shared an idea brought to me from one of our parents. The idea of meeting at a location on the morning and walking to school was originally brought to us as an idea to help ease congestion around school and to also promote healthy lifestyles. This idea also supports some of the work towards the Live Simply Award where we strive to live sustainably with creation and help protect the environment whilst thinking of those people in poor communities who walk for clean water, food or to receive education. If you can get involved, the idea is that parents meet at the **Station Car Park at 8:30am** (the first meet will be **next Tuesday – 27th February**) and walk together with their children to school. We hope to keep this going with parents meeting, any day of the week to walk up to school. There is no need to commit to specific days – just turn up!

Photographs at School Events

A separate letter has been sent out to parents this week regarding the use of photos/videos during school events. Thank you.

Welcome Back Mrs Flynn

This week we have welcomed back Mrs Flynn who has been off for some time with illness. We are all delighted to have Mrs Flynn back on the team. She will continue her lunchtime supervisor role three days per week.

Child Absences

If your child is absent, please contact the school office before school starts. Registration closes at 9am prompt and school will make contact with parents of children who are not in school but have not yet informed school of their child's absence. It is important that you have **informed school of your child's absence before 9:15am at the very latest** as there are safeguarding procedures in place that school follows for all child absences.

Drumming Performance Y5

On Friday this week (23rd Feb) at 2:40pm, Y5 will be putting on a Samba Drumming performance. All parents welcome.

Show & Share

Next week Y2 will hold their Show and Share sessions for parents.

Confirmation

There will be an information Evening for parents on Monday 12th March at 5pm in the school hall. This is beneficial for parents with children in year 5 and 6 whose children will start their Confirmation Preparation this summer but all parents are welcome to attend for general information about the changes to the Sacramental Programme.

Harrogate College – Open Morning

Please see below information from Harrogate College:
Harrogate College will be opening their doors again on Friday – why not go along and find out what makes them different? The Open morning is the ideal opportunity to look around College if you've not properly visited before and is a great way to meet Heads, staff and pupils, tour the school, including academic, extra-curricular and social facilities, observe lessons taking place and find out practice information about Harrogate Ladies' College. To book a place please call

01423 537045 or email events@hlc.org.uk or visit www.hlc.org.uk/openday

Kidstime Easter Club

Tuesday 3rd April – Friday 6th April 8.00am – 6.00pm or half days, spaces still available please contact Dawn on 07534622040

Mass in School

We will have Mass in School on Monday 26th March at 9:15am.

Important Dates:

Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd February – FOSJ Information Stalls on the playground 3:10pm

Friday 23rd February – Y5 Drumming Performance in the school hall 2:40pm

Tuesday 27th February – Walk to School launch

Wednesday 28th February – CAFOD assembly for pupils

WC 5th March Wellbeing Week – a range of visitors and workshops in school.

Monday 5th March and Tuesday 6th March Parents' Evening

Monday 12th March – Confirmation Information Evening for Parents 5pm in the school hall

Monday 26th March – Mass in school 9:15am

WC 26th March – FOSJ Easter Egg Hunt in school

Thursday 29th March – Break up for the Easter Holidays 1:30pm

Please continue to visit the school calendar for dates of important events as these are, where possible, uploaded with plenty of notice.

FOSJ

The FOSJ have some children's events coming up. More details of these will follow in the coming weeks.

Information Stands will be on display on the school playground **this coming Thursday and Friday from 3:10pm**. These will provide you with more information about the new and exciting fund-raising methods set up by the FOSJ. **Please spare 5 minutes, come along and find out more!**

The money from the FOSJ is helping to provide additional resources in line with the school development priorities and without your help and support, these resources would simply be out of our reach!