



Statement of the week

"I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings."

Reconciliation Y3

Reconciliation will take place at St Joseph's Church this Saturday 23rd April after the 11 a.m. mass (about 11.30). Children do not have to wear school uniform for the day. As long as we have one family member or friend present on Saturday that will be fine. All the children will sit together and there will be no reserved benches for parents. The service will be short prior to children receiving the Sacrament and parents are welcome to leave as soon as their child has received the Sacrament and said a short prayer.

First Holy Communion

I have been asked about clothing for the children taking their First Holy Communion on Sunday 8th May 11 a.m. at St Joseph's Church. It would be preferable if boys wore short trousers as the majority of children will on the day. For girls I have no issue with girls wearing a veil and gloves as long as the veil is secured. As there are 34 children making their First Holy Communion on the day benches will be reserved for families in the church and marked. I have decided though that the children will sit together at the front as they are going to

be presented to Canon Nunan at the beginning of mass and I want to ensure that they receive the Sacrament before everyone else as it is their special day. If anyone has any issues or concerns please ask.

Fun Run

On Tuesday May 3rd the children in Year 4 & Year 5 will be taking part in a Fun Run at St Theresa's School. They will be part of a 2000 strong group of children representing Catholic schools in Leeds. Last year the children in Year 5 & Year 6 ran for the Anne Maguire Charity. This year we are supporting CAFOD and the Good Shepherd Appeal. Each child will get a free t shirt and school will be paying for the transport costs. All we ask from you is a small donation to the named charities. We will be leaving school at around 12.30 and return to school at 2.45.

Year 6

Year 6 will be taking part in their end of year SAT's tests on the week beginning 9th May. School will again be providing breakfast for all children in Year 6. The children normally come into school for an 8 a.m. start and this gives them an opportunity to eat and chat with their friends. This club has been very successful and gives us the opportunity to allay

any fears and have all children in school and thoroughly settled before the test.

Robinwood

A number of parents in Year 4 have asked about the possibility of Year 5 attending Robinwood in November 2016 when they start in Year 5. I will send out a letter shortly to parents of Year 4 children to see if this is a viable option and to explore if the Centre has any available dates as this is an extremely popular venue.

A request for support

Ciara Streatfield's (Year 6) dad Nic is running the 2016 London Marathon in memory of his younger sister Lara and is raising money for the [Willow Foundation](http://www.willowfoundation.org) a charity that helped Lara when she was dying. Please help him raise money so other young people with debilitating and terminal illnesses can also have a special day where they can live again and not be defined by their illness. <https://www.iustgiving.com/NicStreatfield>