



Statement of the week

"I know that I am part of a community that includes my school"

Reading Evening

We have organised a whole school reading evening on Monday 25th January at 6 p.m. in school to look at the development of reading throughout school.

We will look at phonics development from Foundation 1 through to Year 2. We will explain Phase 1 up to support for spelling in Year 2 and the expectations of the Phonics Screening Test.

Throughout the evening we will look at ways to support your children with their reading at home for every stage of reading through to Year 6. All the teaching staff will have a short input and the session will last for no more than an hour. This is an information evening and is a tight timetable for coverage so hand-outs will be available with key information to take home.

Young Voices

I would like to thank all the children who attended Young Voices in Sheffield on Monday. Their behaviour was fantastic during a long and tiring day and their enthusiasm was infectious. I am so grateful to Mr Wall for preparing the children for the concert and to Mrs Goodby and Mrs Duggan for giving up their time to accompany the children. I know that the parents were appreciative of the children and teachers with the e mails I have received and the gifts given to staff. Thank you!

First Communion (Year 3 parents)

The Confirmation and First Holy Communion children will be leading a mass on Sat 30th Jan at 6pm. It would be lovely if you could join us. The

children will all sit together with the Confirmation children at the front and will jointly lead the congregation in the music, readings and prayers of the mass. Also, please could I just bring to your attention that the time for the parent's meeting on Thursday 28th Jan will now be 7.30 - 9pm! We look forward to seeing you there!

St Joseph's Church junior choir will have their first rehearsal this Saturday 23rd January at 5pm for more information please email Chris Ransome chris@orchardhouse-uk.com

School Council

Mrs Leadbeater and Mr Branscombe have arranged for a meeting with the Mayor of Wetherby, Mr Harry Chapman for our school council. We will also be joined by the councils of St Anthony's and St Mary's. We are hopeful that the visit will take place on Wednesday 10th February at 10 a.m. We will be walking down to Wetherby at about 9.45 a.m. We are also planning a full day of Art/Dance workshops for our school council, St Mary's and St Anthony's for this term. We will have the opportunity later on in the year to go to our partner schools for similar experiences.

Year of Mercy

We are pleased to announce that there is now a Leeds Diocesan Year of Mercy Twitter account. If you use twitter, please do follow us and receive daily news updates, prayer ideas and resources from all over the world, to help you celebrate the Year of Mercy. Find us: @Year_MercyLEEDS

Year 6 Information Evening

As you are aware the end of year National Curriculum tests (SAT's) have changed for this year to reflect the new National Curriculum and the removal of levels. We will be holding an

information evening for Year 6 parents on Wednesday 3rd February at 5.30 p.m. to go through the changes.

School Disco

There will be a school disco on Friday 5th February 6.30-8 p.m. Tickets will be on sale shortly through the usual channels.

Dates for your diary

We will be having our second annual set of parents' evenings on Monday 7th March 4-7.30 and Tuesday 8th March 3.30-5.30. We will be setting up our online appointment booking service shortly.

Our Easter Liturgy by KS2 children will take place at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 22nd March at 6.15 p.m.

Wear Red Day

On Friday 5th February we will again be wearing red to support the British Heart Foundation. We will support this event as we have had and have children who are grateful for the support of the British Heart Foundation. Please can you bring a donation in on the day and support the cake stall being run by Mrs. Greene after school.

