



Statement of the week

"I listen to what you say I show that I am listening to you."

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. 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

As part of our Year of Mercy observance some members of Year 5 are going to present an assembly entitled "Blessed are the Merciful" this Friday. Each month a class in Key Stage 2 will present an assembly on the theme of mercy. Parents are very welcome to attend all assemblies on Friday.

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

Lent

The liturgical season of Lent starts this Wednesday 10th February on Ash Wednesday. Canon Nunan has

kindly agreed to hold an Ash Wednesday Liturgy in school for our children. We will also have the school councils of St Mary's and St Anthony's in school on that day so they too can receive ashes from Canon.

Last year £42,467 was raised by schools and colleges for the Good Shepherd Appeal. We organised a very successful "Smartie challenge" and children contributed 20p's to fill the tube. We are continuing with this initiative again this year and tubes of sweets will be distributed on or before Ash Wednesday. We would ask that all 'smartie' tubes are returned containing your donations by Friday 18th March 2016.

All children in Year 2 and Key Stage 2 will also receive a complimentary Lenten diary for them to complete in preparation for Easter.

Youth support & development, St Joseph's parish - steering group opportunities

We are looking to put together a small group of committed and motivated people to form ideas and be actively involved in a youth engagement/development program within our parish. The remit of the group will be initially to meet to clarify vision and objectives, then moving forward to implementation. If anyone is particularly interested in developing ideas for a youth program and working with young people or just for further information then please contact

Alison Kusinska 07740104797 or Canon Nunan as soon as possible.

Parent Evenings

Our parent evenings have been set for Monday 7th March 4-7.30 and Tuesday 8th March 3.30-5.30. The online appointment system will again be in operation for both evenings. The system will go live on Tuesday 9th February at 10 a.m. and close promptly on Wednesday 24th February at 4 p.m. You will shortly be receiving a communication from the office with the school event code.

End of Day Collection Arrangements

Can we please remind parents that changes to your arrangements should be received by 10am either by telephone or in person. Please no emails. We are experiencing a growing number of queries at the end of each day and your co-operation would be appreciated to help us with the safeguarding of all children.

Dates for your diary

Friday 12th February- Year 5 present a Year of Mercy assembly at 9.10.

Friday 12th February- school closes for half term.

Tuesday 23rd- School re-opens.

Friday 4th March- School Council visit for African dance/art workshops from St Anthony's and St Mary's.

Monday 7th March & Tuesday 8th March- Parent evenings

Tuesday 22nd March- Franciscan Sisters visit to work with First Communion class.

Thursday 24th March- School closes for Easter break at 1.30 p.m.