



## Statement of the week:

"I know how to help others when they are in trouble."

## Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation will take place this Saturday 11.30 at St Joseph's Church. The Year 3 class and children from the Parish not attending our school will make the Sacrament on that day. We will share the readings with the Parish children and children from St Joseph's with no reading on May 3<sup>rd</sup> will have a role at the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. No set clothing is required for Saturday. If parents cannot attend the Service on that date we will make sure that children who miss will have the opportunity at a school mass to receive the Sacrament (Parents will be informed of the date and time). The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (First Communion) will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30.

## Mrs Hemming

Mrs Hemming would like to thank everyone for all the gifts and donations that she was able to take to the children of Ethiopia during the Easter holidays. The children appreciated the many gifts and all gifts will be well looked after. If you are interested in finding out more about the work taking place in Ethiopia and the role of Mrs Hemming's sister-in-law you can follow Vicki's blog on <http://vickigoestoethiopia.wordpress.com> I think you will agree that Mrs Hemming's support for those in need fully reflects this week's statement of the week.

## Good Shepherd Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported our Good Shepherd Appeal during Lent. We raised £1245 and I am very grateful to Mrs Stevens for coordinating the Appeal. We will be presenting the cheque to the Diocese on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at a special mass at the Cathedral. Four children from our school, Mrs Stevens and myself will represent the school.

## The month of May

May is the month we dedicate to Mary, the mother of Jesus. We celebrate the fact that she was a very special and important person in the life of Jesus. During this month we would like to show our devotion by offering our children a voluntary opportunity to pray the rosary at break time. This will be led by our Year 5 children and will be held in the outside classroom (weather permitting). As always offerings of flowers in honour of Our Lady are welcomed and we invite each house to bring flowers in for our prayer focus areas as follows;

Bolton- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Whitby and Fountains- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Kirkstall- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

## Adventure Playground

The children had their first opportunity to play in the new adventure playground this week. Thank you to the FOSJ in supporting us in this venture both financially and for the hard work in clearing the trees and tidying up our grounds. Our playtimes now are much more enjoyable for the children and the resources that we now have are the envy of many schools.

## FOSJ

Thank you to all the members of the FOSJ who helped and supported the Bingo Night last Friday and it was very well attended. I am very grateful to the parents who stayed throughout the evening and helped pack everything away to leave school tidy.

The thoughts and prayers of the Children, Staff, Governors and Parents are with the Durkin family at this very sad time.

