



**Statement of the week:**

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

**First Communion**

We will start the "I Belong" programme in school next Tuesday. The lessons will be led by Mr Nicholson and Mrs Stevens and continue for eleven weeks. If you could make sure that the children's "I Belong" book is in school for Tuesday please? We will go through each chapter and send the book home after every lesson for you to complete with your child.

**Young Voices**

Once again the date is fast approaching! We will be travelling to Sheffield on the 22nd January to sing with thousands of other children. A letter detailing the day and what is going to happen has been sent home last week. If you have not received one then please ask at the office.

There is a booster class planned for Y6 on Wednesday but that will be cancelled as a number of the group will be in Sheffield.

**Adventure Playground**

The FOSJ and school are looking to set up an adventure playground next to the outdoor classroom. This will be a joint venture and we are going to start the project with the intention of further fund raising to extend the adventure trail in the future.

Next Friday we are going to have a model making day when all children will work in groups to create a vision of what they would like to see in an adventure playground. A letter has been sent out asking for craft items to resource the day and we would be most grateful for any items on the list. Mr Marrerro-Allen, Mr Harman and Mrs Velvick are co-ordinating the day.

**Open Morning**

We are holding an open morning next week in school Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 9.30-11.30 for the Nursery. There has been an advert in the local paper and I hope that any parents currently with children in the school and have Nursery aged children for September 2014 will attend. Also if you know of any one in your neighbourhood who is searching for a Nursery for their child please could you bring the Open Day to their attention?

**Education Sunday**

Education Sunday is a national day when churches join to offer to God the work in education, in schools of all kinds, in colleges and in the church. It is a day to celebrate the achievements of education, to recognise the challenges and support and pray for all who are involved in education. This year it will be celebrated on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

The school staff will be present at the 10 a.m. mass at St Joseph's Church on this day to support Education Sunday and give thanks for the outstanding that the school has had. We will also show our gratitude for the support given to us by Canon Nunan and the parish community.

We do hope that the families of the school can also show their support for the parish by their attendance at this special mass. Many thanks.

**Miss Milivojevic**

Miss Milivojevic is recovering from her operation slowly and she is still unable to put any weight on her foot. She is desperate to get back to work but she is still three weeks at least off a return to work.

The teachers are putting in a great deal of work after school with booster classes for the Year 6 children. Groups that have been set up to start next week will go ahead as planned. I have an extra group on Thursday and Mrs Ward, Mrs Stevens and Mr Branscombe are going to take other identified groups. The letter was sent out before Christmas detailing groups and starting dates but I will text groups and dates out to parents.

**Class Trips**

A number of teachers have asked to go on class visits as part of a project or curriculum area to be covered in school. I have asked staff to be careful not to organise too many trips and to spread them out over the year. I am conscious of the cost to parents but unfortunately it is the coach travel rather than the venue or activity that costs more. I do try to subsidise trips from the budget and even it out for all classes in the school. For a trip to go ahead we have to ask for voluntary contributions from all children. The benefit of educational visits, working with professionals or visiting places of interest is so beneficial to our children that I once again ask for your support so that these trips may continue. Many thanks!



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