



Statement of the week

"I belong in a community that includes my school."

Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation will now take place on Saturday 21st March at St Joseph's Church at 11.30.

The programme has begun in school with Mr Branscombe and the catechists at church have organised a number of events in school for the children.

Handball

I know how popular this activity was for KS2 children and I am keen to rekindle the interest shown before Christmas so I will be offering free Handball sessions for Years 3 & 4 after school on Thursdays 3.15-4.15. Any children who have paid for this activity will be refunded their payments to date by Total Sport. I will keep providing this activity free of charge until Easter and to Year 3 & 4 children if there are sufficient numbers.

Choir

Mr Darling will take choir again on Monday 2nd February and Year 3 children are more than welcome to attend.

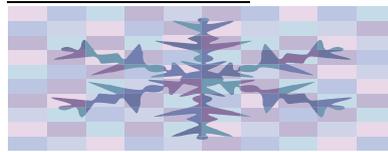
Singing lessons will commence after half term. Please could the parents of children who expressed an interest return their questionnaire forms back to school as soon as possible?

Wear Red Day

There have been a number of children in our school and parents who have been so grateful for the support that the British Heart Foundation has given to their

families. This year we would like to support our families in our support for the "Wear Red Day". It doesn't matter if you go all out or just wear a hint of red on 6 February. The main thing is that you get involved and wear red to beat heart disease. Could we ask for a small donation on the day please?

Weather conditions



Keeping the school open is our main priority. However, there are times when we have to close due to adverse weather. On occasions the decision is quite straightforward because the weather and the access to school is so dangerous. I will always attempt to get to school and I travel from the centre of Leeds each day. The main method for informing parents of a school closure will be via the Teachers2Parents text alert system that is used in school. I will also phone Leeds City Council and Radio Aire to inform them if school is to be closed.

FOSJ

Movie Night

The FOSJ will be hosting a Movie Night on Friday 6th February straight from school until 17:15.

The Movie will be "The Boxtrolls" (PG) which is a children's animation. Tickets are £2.50 each, which include; hotdog, snack and drink. Tickets can be purchased during school from Monday, so please send in monies with your children.

Tickets must be bought in advance

to ensure we have the correct numbers for catering.

Safeguarding

As you can appreciate we take safeguarding very seriously and we are always reviewing current procedures in order to ensure the safety of pupils and staff in our school. The new Reception/Entrance area is an indication of how we are always looking to address safeguarding issues. I am certain that new parents to the school, especially FS2 parents have noted the accident notifications that come home. On some occasions they are trivial but we believe that these should be communicated to parents I make no excuse for this as our staff at lunch times and break times are very vigilant and conscientious in their duties. I am also very proud of the older children as they look out for the younger children on the playground. The winter months also lead to more accidents as we are in a confined space as the grassed areas/adventure playground cannot be used. We are always looking to improve our resources and training in order deal with any issues that invariably occur. Most of our staff have received first aid training and lunchtime staff have communication devices for emergencies. If there are any concerns that you may have please discuss these with your child's class teacher as I will get to find out and then we can address any concerns that may exist.