



**Statement of the week:**

"I try to use words that make the world a better place."  
Golden Book will be taking place as usual tomorrow.  
Parents are very welcome to attend.

**Youth and Family Mass**

The first Youth and Family Mass of the year will take place at St Joseph's Church on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m.

Mrs Hodgkinson (07964185050) would like to know if your child would like to be involved in:

- The Youth Choir (Year 3 upwards)
- The band if they play an instrument ( if your child plays saxophone, flute, clarinets etc. there is to be a hymn especially for woodwind)
- Helping at mass as greeters, readers or in the offertory.

There will be a rehearsal on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. and an hour before mass on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> in the church hall.

**Bun Sales**

Mrs Chernenko has organised a bun sale tomorrow to raise funds for our book week that is taking place after half term. We are asking Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2 to bring in cakes to sell in school at 2 p.m. I would like to thank you in advance for your fantastic support.

**Mrs Velvick**

It is with regret that I have to inform you that Mrs Velvick is going to retire this July. She has been at St Joseph's for over 20 years and will be ever so hard to replace. She is such a lovely, caring person who is so enthusiastic about teaching and especially about the Early Years. She has been a role model to all the teachers in the school and has helped me so much since I joined the school. Mrs Velvick cares so much about every child in her care and works so hard to give everyone the best possible start to their education. She

is passionate about the Nursery and is well thought of throughout the Education Authority and the Diocese of Leeds. Mrs Velvick with a heavy heart and grandmother duties is ready to move on to the next stage of her life and enjoy time with her family. I know that she has been an inspiration to many people and she will be sorely missed but I know that you would join me and wish her the very best of luck for the future.

**Model Making Day**

Last Friday's model making day was a great success and some fantastic models were made by the children. The day certainly emphasised our statement of the week, "I co-operate with others in work and play". We are showing the models to companies that we have invited in to school to design our new adventure playground. Many thanks must go to Mr Harman and Mrs Marrerro-Allen who organised and supervised the day and to the many volunteer parents who came in to school to support the children.

The project will be a joint venture between the school and the FOSJ and we hope that the project will be started before the Easter break. We will keep you informed about any new developments.

**Kitchen Assistant**

General kitchen assistant required for school to start ASAP. Seven and a half hours per week (11.45-1.15). If you are interested please contact the school office.

**FOSJ**

The FOSJ meeting unfortunately had to be cancelled last night. A new date will be issued soon for a meeting after half term.

**Half term**

We will finish after school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and return to school on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**Miss Milivojevic**

Miss Milivojevic will return to school mornings only next week as part of a phased return to work after her operation. She will continue mornings only until after half term. Mr Nicholson, Miss Dean and Mrs Hemming will take the afternoon sessions.

I would like to thank Mrs Schlegel who has taken the Year 6 class and provided a familiar face and continuity for the past four weeks.