



Statement of the week

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

Celebration of Lent

Ash Wednesday starts the season of Lent but this year we are off school on the 18th February. The season of Lent is a very important time in our Catholic schools as we prepare ourselves for the greatest feast in our Church's year: Easter. It also marks the start of our annual charity fund raising events. Gospel readings remind us that the season of Lent calls us to fasting, almsgiving and prayer. In school almsgiving is linked to the traditional Lenten fund-raising, when our Diocesan schools are asked to support the work of Catholic Care, the Bishop's Good Shepherd Collection, which supports underprivileged children in the Diocese of Leeds.

When we return after half term we will issue each child with a full tube of smarties. All we ask in return is that each child will use their smartie tube to collect 20p coins over the next five weeks and return the tube before Wednesday 1st April.

The Key Stage 2 classes will also be going to mass at St Joseph's each Wednesday during Lent.

Lenten Retreat Day

Time and space for prayer and reflection

**Saturday 28th March 2015 at
The Briery Retreat Centre**

38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, LS29 9BW. (www.briery.org.uk)

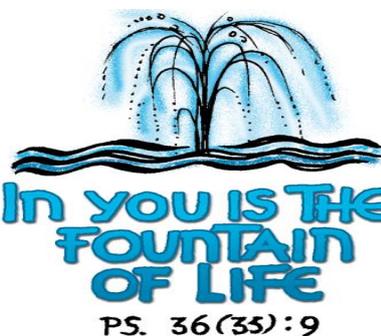
10.00 am - 4.00 pm
**Led by Sr. Pat Carney CP &
Mrs. Linda Pennington**

This retreat is open to anyone who would like the opportunity for a quiet day during Lent with the chance for prayer and reflection.

Cost: £26 (to include tea/coffee & lunch). Payment is required on booking to secure a place. Cheques are payable to 'Diocese of Leeds.'

Please book by Fri March 20th 2015

For more information or to book please contact Catherine or Angela on 0113 261 8040 or evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk



School Council Visit

Our school council have been invited to one of our Catholic Partnership schools St Anthony's in Beeston to share in their Art Week celebration. There will be a letter issued to the children in the school council shortly with all the details of the visit. The visit will take place on Tuesday 24th February (when we return from half term). We will be leaving

school at 9 a.m. and we will be travelling in the school mini-bus.

2015 Friends of St Joseph's (FOSJ) Events

Coffee Mornings

- Friday 6th March
- Friday 1st May
- Friday 5th June
- Friday 3rd July
- Friday 2nd October
- Friday 6th November
- Friday 4th December

This will be in the ICT suite where coffee or tea will be available for £1.00 and a great chance to catch up after the golden book assembly and keep up to date on what's going on in the Friends.

Movie Nights School Disco

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| Friday 6 th March | Friday 1 st May |
| Friday 5 th June | Friday 3 rd July |

Summer Fete

This will be held on the same day as Sports day and date will be confirmed shortly.

Summer Ball

Saturday 11th July Letter in **Book Bags this week!**

Bags 2 School

This scheme has started again and will be supported by the FOSJ. Bags and letters will be going out to families soon for you to collect old clothes etc. The first collection date will be **Friday 13th March 2015**, please leave your blue bags by the green shed ready for collection. Nicola Venn (Y3) Class Rep is your contact for this scheme



should you need any further information.

Movie Night

Last week's movie night went really well with over 110 children in attendance. We raised £276 in total.

The next movie night will be "**Disney's Frozen Sing Along**" (PG), held on **Friday 6th March**, this movie is a (PG) and more information and the trailer can be seen online.

First Holy Communion children- Youth Mass Saturday evening 28/02/15

As indicated previously, it is planned that the Year 3 children are involved in this Mass by helping out with welcoming, singing a hymn and taking up their 'stations of the cross' artwork for the offertory. Also the children are invited to bring a small item (e.g. small stone, shell or spring plant) for the church Easter garden. We would like the children to arrive at church at 5pm so that there is the necessary preparation time for this. Thank you.

School Building

Work will be completed this week on the new Reception area and the builder's compound will be removed during half term. We are very pleased with the extra space that we now have in the school. We have two rooms available to us now for parent meetings, music lessons, quiet learning spaces and booster classes for after school. The architects and builders have done an excellent job and we

have an entrance area that will truly reflect the changing school environment. We can now look to the next stage on our building development plan with the development and improvement of our foundation units.

Booster Classes

Thank you for the patience shown by parents of children in my mathematics booster classes after school. I am committed to two classes a week on Wednesdays and Thursdays but sometimes I have meetings to attend so days will have to change. I will also let parents know of any changes as soon as possible.

Half term

We break up after school at 3.15 on Friday 13th February and return to school on Tuesday 24th February.

Parent Evenings

We will set a date for parent evenings after half term and they will follow the same on line booking procedures as before. Questionnaires and feedback was very positive.