



Statement of the week

"I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help."

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Year 3 children will take place on Saturday 23rd April after the 11 a.m. mass.

The format will be the same as last year in that all the Year 3 children will sit together with the teachers on the benches at the side of the altar. There will be a short liturgy and a hymn presented by the children before the service begins. Two children will come up at a time to receive the Sacrament from either Canon Nunan or Father Barry on the altar. If either mum, dad, Godparent, friend or relative could take their child on to the altar to be presented to either Canon Nunan or Father Barry please?

After your child has received the Sacrament they will light a candle with a teacher at the side altar and say a prayer. The child will then return to your bench and you are then free to leave.

I am trying to ensure that every child has a small part to play at either Reconciliation or First Holy Communion.

I have been asked if boys are to wear shorts or long trousers on May 8th for First Holy Communion whilst it is preferable for shorts to be worn if long trousers are worn to school and no shorts are available then it is up to you.

We will be going to St Joseph's Church this Wednesday for a

rehearsal and next Wednesday 20th for the 9.15 mass. Canon Nunan will then reassure the children about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and explain to them what they have to say on the day. Please if you have any concerns ask me in the morning whilst I am on the car park or phone school.

Parking

I know that it is only the second day back but I have already had several complaints from residents next to the school. They have complained that our parents are using resident's driveways as public property and reversing their cars onto what is private land. I am certain that you would be just as angry if the same was happening at your home. It is however Mrs Goodby, Mrs Burrows and I that are getting the phone calls. I am even getting photographs of the inconsiderate parking. Please try and help.

Year 4

The Year 4 class have been invited to St John Fishers on Monday 18th April for some work on orienteering. SJF have organised activities for every class in our school. The children will need to wear warm clothes and outdoor shoes and bring a packed lunch as we are leaving about 11 and returning to school for about 1.30.

There will be a coach taking the children and I will be taking a few children in either the school mini-van or in my car.

A request for support

Ciara Streatfield's (Year 6) dad Nic is running the 2016 London Marathon in memory of his younger sister Lara and is raising money for the [Willow Foundation](http://www.willowfoundation.org) a charity that helped Lara when she was dying. Please help him raise money so other young people with debilitating and terminal illnesses can also have a special day where they can live again and not be defined by their illness. <https://www.justgiving.com/NicStreatfield> don't forget to make sure you have many special days too!

Football Tournament

The school is taking part again this year in the Kirk Deighton Rangers JFC on Saturday 14th May. Mr Branscombe is coordinating the event. Mr Streatfield and Mrs McKendrick have kindly volunteered to manage the girl's teams. If you would like to help please contact Mr Branscombe. (See attached for more information). If you would like your child to take part please complete the attached and return the form to school.

School Ball FOSJ

To be held Saturday 11th June at The Bridge Hotel Wetherby. More information and ticket details to follow from the FOSJ