



Statement of the week:

"I try to love others as I love myself."
There will be no golden book assembly this Friday as Mrs Watson and I are attending a Celebration of Catholic Education with the new Bishop at the Cathedral.

St John Fisher School Production of

Oliver! Tickets are now on sale for St John Fisher's School Production of Oliver! The show will take place from 7.30pm on 25, 26, 27, 28 November in the School Hall. Tickets are available at www.harrogateinternationalfestivals.com/whats-on.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who filled in a questionnaire sheet at the information evenings this week. We used the on line Schools Interviews company and the result was very positive. 220 applications were completed on line and that represented 141 families. We only had to complete a time slot for 10 families and 15 individual pupils. We did however support families who did not have access to the internet and completed their application. If you still have a questionnaire and want to hand it in to your class teacher then we will further analyse your responses.

Facebook

I am more than aware and concerned that some comments were posted on the FOSJ Facebook page last week regarding parking and the building works as well as children coming to school earlier and a staggered start to the day. I am very grateful to Mr Marrerro-Allen for deleting these comments and posting a response to parents as to future use of the Facebook page within FOSJ. I do not use or wish to use social media sites but I would have thought it easier to discuss any issues with me to see if we can address any concerns. I have to say though that

parking and parking spaces around school are out of my control. The other issues raised about children coming in to school earlier are met with the breakfast club and staggering the start times for different key stages would not be feasible and be very disruptive (families with children in more than one key stage). All my teaching staff are in by 7.30 and work extremely hard before school working with colleagues and setting up for the day.

Information about applying for primary places to start September 2015

The application process (including Admissions on-line system) opened on 1 November 2014 and runs until the deadline of 15 January 2015. Parents should have received a letter and 'quick guide' from admissions inviting them to apply. The letter and guide includes information about important dates, how to apply, types of schools, our admissions policy and waiting lists etc.

If any parents haven't received this letter from Admissions Team, please feel free to contact admissions on 0113 2224414 to confirm that they have your correct address details on their system.

Cycle/Scooter Storage

We are going to relocate the green shed but due to access and weather this will probably be in the New Year. Once it is relocated we will erect cycle/scooter storage on that site. Hopefully this will be a sheltered storage facility that will be safe and secure.

Year 3 parents

Just a reminder that the start of the First Holy Communion preparation will be an induction mass at St Joseph's Church. The mass will be this Sunday 16th November at 10 a.m. Please do your very best to attend. Canon will just welcome the children and introduce them and invite the parish to pray for them in this their special year.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair this year will be Friday 28th November straight after school 3.15 until 6.15. We were going to

trial this new time for the Fair but it was fortunate as we cannot get access to the school site at weekends now with building work due to Health and Safety regulations. Please support the event as this is one of our major fundraising projects for the year.

Non-uniform Day

This will take place this Friday 14th November and we are asking that FS1 & 2, Year 1 and Year 2 bring a chocolate donation for the chocolate tombola and Key Stage 2 children bring a tombola donation (ornament, toiletries, gifts, bottles etc.) for the staff tombola. The school staff will run the gift tombola and the chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair so all donations will be appreciated.

Handball

Up until Christmas and because of large numbers wishing to participate just Year 3 and Year 4 will be having handball each Thursday 3.15-4.15. Year 5 & 6 will have handball sessions together in January.

Dates for your diary

Induction mass for First Holy Communion children is this Sunday 16th November at 10 a.m.
Robinwood Year 5 Wednesday 19th November- Friday 21st November.
Year 6 SAT's evening Thursday 27th November @ 6 p.m.
Christmas Fair Friday 28th November 3.15-6.15
Crib Service for FS1 on Monday 1st December at 4 p.m. in Church.
Infant Nativity (FS2, Y1 & Y2) in St Joseph's Church Tuesday 16th December @ 6p.m.
Key Stage 2 Carol Concert Wednesday 17th December @ 6.30 p.m.
There will be a Celebration of Mass on Friday 19th December @ 10.30 a.m.
School finishes on Friday 19th December at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays.

