



### Statement of the week

"I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt."

This week is also anti-bullying week and this is a very relevant statement of the week. My assembly on Monday dealt with the bullying strategies and the teachers will through PSE lessons discuss concerns that children may have.

### FAITH GARDEN

The donation towards the faith garden was made from the estate of Marjorie Briggs, great aunt to Kate and Sam Briggs. Auntie Marjorie (as she was always known to us!) never married and devoted her life to a career in teaching. She was headmistress of Lady Royd School (junior school to Bradford Girls Grammar School) for 30 years, finally retiring in 1987. In retirement she travelled widely including India, Africa, Russia, Australasia and China; always long journeys with hiking and further learning as their purpose. She lived to the good age of 91. Marjorie herself went to school in the UK before attending finishing school in Switzerland. She had to dash back from Switzerland at the commencement of World War 2, finding a place on one of the last passenger ferries to leave the French channel ports for England. She then taught in Coventry during the war, a city which suffered heavy bombing during the Blitz. Her brother (Kate and Sam's grandfather) served as a wartime pilot in the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm. As well as her career in primary teaching, Marjorie was a keen amateur gardener and a committed Christian. The school faith garden will incorporate three important elements of her life and she would have been very pleased to be associated with its creation.

### Holy Year of Mercy

The Holy Year of Mercy starts on December 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 and ends on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.

A jubilee year is a special year called by the church to receive blessing and pardon from God for remission of sins. The children will be preparing and presenting assemblies on the theme of mercy throughout this special year.



### Christmas activities

Nativity Performance- FS2 & KS1 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a 2 p.m. performance and a 6 p.m. performance. Both performances will be in school and obviously space is limited. The Key Stage 2 children will be having a Carol Concert at St Joseph's Church on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.15 p.m. There will be a celebration of mass on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 (to be confirmed with Canon Nunan).

I have also arranged for the children to take part in Christmas workshops in school. On 15<sup>th</sup> December the FS2 and KS1 children will be taking part in a bauble making workshop and each child will bring home a special decorated bauble for your tree. Key Stage 2 on the 16<sup>th</sup> December will have Christmas Dance workshops with a performance for parents at the end of the day.

Christmas dinner this year will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. If your child usually brings a packed lunch and you would like them to have a Christmas dinner please send £2.25 in a sealed envelope with your child's name and

marked 'Christmas Dinner' by 9.30am Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the latest.

### Statue of St Joseph

The school are so grateful to the Hughes family for their kind donation of the statue of St Joseph for our new faith garden.

### Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair this year will be straight after school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 3.15-5.30. The Fair was very successful last year and we hope to repeat the success this year with your support. To ensure the success of the event and to raise the funds that will benefit all our children we are asking for your help in a number of ways.

- Non-uniform day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November with a donation of an item of chocolate for the chocolate tombola.
- Bring a bottle for the bottle stall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Members of the FOSJ will have a table on the path into school for you to drop off your bottles.
- Unwanted goods, ornaments, perfumes etc. for a fancy goods tombola stall.

There are a number of projects that the FOSJ are working on at the moment, but Phase 2 of the adventure Trail is one such project that will bring our children many hours of pleasure.

### Nut Allergies - Reminder

We have some children with severe nut allergies and request that you do not send your child with any nuts or foods containing nuts in lunch boxes, thank you for your cooperation.