



### **Statement of the Week**

I can say one good thing about myself.

### **Stardome Visit**

This week all classes visited the stardome which came into school on Monday. The children (& adults) thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained so much from the sessions. It was lovely to see some starry artwork completed by our nursery children this week and some sparkling extended writing from our older children. Thank you to those parents who supported this event by sending in their contributions. Experiences like this allow us to continue to be able to deliver a rich and varied curriculum to our children.

### **Music Lessons across School**

We now have music lessons throughout school on a Tuesday and Thursday. Every class will get the chance to study a range of music as well as perform and access a range of instruments within their whole class sessions.

### **Individual Music Lessons**

If your child has signed up to individual music lessons lead by artforms in school, a letter will be sent out to parents directly from artforms to inform you of the day on which your child will have their lesson, the name of their teacher and also payment information. They have this week organised all of their lessons as we now have a number of

different music specialists delivering a wide range of music for individuals from year 2 to year 6.

### **SVP – Mini Vinnies - Make the Magazine!**

This season's edition of the SVP magazine arrived into school this week and we were very excited to see our Mini Vinnies as one of the features! Their hard work towards helping our neighbour last year has been shared! We are very proud of all of their hard work last year and have no doubt this year's Mini Vinnies will continue the great work to help others!

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

We will again, be getting involved in the MacMillan coffee morning this year which will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Donations of buns and cakes will be most welcome!

### **Personnel Data**

A form for updated information was sent home last week. Please return this back to school ASAP. It is important that we have up to date contact information for ALL parents held on file. This includes email address, emergency contact numbers and current home address.

### **Parent Mail**

All parents should have received an email directing them to our new parent mail app. Please sign up to this at the earliest point

possible. We have documents waiting to send out and would like to be able to do this with immediate effect. Parent mail will be used for booking parents evening slots this year and it will also be used to send out important documentation with the facility for parents to reply. Thank you to those parents who have registered with parent mail promptly.

### **Golden Book Celebration Assembly**

This Thursday will be our first Golden Book Assembly of the school year. Due to the increasing number of certificates and awards that children are bringing in from home, we are having to extend the timing for Golden Book which will now start at 2:35 prompt. Doors will open at 2:30pm – via the ICT suite. Celebrating effort and achievement is something we regard very highly and continue to promote across school and we are very grateful to all those children who bring in their achievements to celebrate in school. Parents are most welcome to attend!

### **Parents Evening**

Parents evening will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Booking will open online on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October via **parent mail**. More details to follow nearer the time.



### School Office Opening Hours

Please note the school office opening hours are 8:30am-4pm. The school answer phone service is in place as normal.

### School Meals – Payment in Advance

Please ensure that school meals are paid for in advance for the half term or in advance for the week.

### School Uniform

Please note that school ties are part of the winter uniform. Please ensure that long sleeved shirts and school jumpers are worn with a school tie. Please ensure that your child is arriving at school with black school shoes and that they have a pair of black pumps to change into for indoor use.

### School Opening Times

The school gate will open at 8:45am and the school bell will ring at 8:50am. This will allow children time to line up and enter school in enough time for registration to commence at 8:55am prompt. Please ensure your child is in school on time.

### Peanut Allergy Request

We currently have children in our school that have nut allergies. We ask for your cooperation in not bringing nuts into school. We have staff who are trained to use the epi-pens, but would prefer

not to react to any incident relating to severe nut allergies.

### Friends of St Joseph's

The FOSJ have a number of events in the diary for this academic year. Last year we had a very successful year, with a fantastic amount of funds raised! We have already purchased a huge amount of outdoor and indoor playtime equipment as well as brand new equipment for the foundation stage. With your support at these events we can continue to provide the very best for our children at St Joseph's so please do all you can to support your school and attend as many of these events as you can! The Friends are always looking for new members or parents who can give a little bit of their time to help organise, set up or clear away at events. Up and coming FOSJ events for your diary...

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – family bike ride from Millennium fiend to Thorp Arch**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – family bingo night**

### Christmas card project

Please see the FOSJ newsletter for more information! This will be emailed out next week.

### Confirmation Group

A reminder to those parents with children currently in years 7 and 8 who wish to join the

confirmation programme in order to receive the sacrament on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The introductory meeting, Mass of Rite of Enrolment and a retreat afternoon will take place on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 10am mass. (Please note the change of date)** If children miss this date, they will need to enrol on the programme beginning June 2018. If you wish to enrol please contact the parish secretary as soon as possible on [b\\_oram@icloud.com](mailto:b_oram@icloud.com) with baptismal details and a contact email so the catechists can be in touch with the Confirmation programme details.

### School Important Dates

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – (This is a change to the original date)**  
10am Mass of Enrolment St Joseph's Church, confirmation Y7 & Y8.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**  
MacMillan Coffee Morning  
8:55am – ICT suite

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October** 6pm  
Family Mass St Joseph's Church

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – school closes for half term

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – training day

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – school reopens

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** – Mass in school  
9am (All Saints)

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents evening