



Statement of the Week

I know what humility means.

Mary's Meals

The sisters are again appealing for non-perishables to be able to share out with families in our community in need of food. The Mini Vinnies will be out on the playground tomorrow morning as well as afterschool on (Wednesday) morning collecting in any donations of tins or packets. If you would like to make a monetary donation as an alternative, Mrs Tate will take the Mini Vinnies down to Morrisons and take down a food hamper.

Mini Vinnies Sponsored Walk

The Mini Vinnies have also arranged a sponsored walk before school at 8am on Wednesday 29th March. All 13 children have set themselves the target of raising £13.90 which will feed a child for a year. If you are able to sponsor the Mini Vinnies, please send your money into the school office. The Mini Vinnies are next week presenting an assembly to the whole school around the work they are doing for Mary's Meals. Thank you to everyone for your continued support!

Vacancy

As you may be aware from previous newsletters, Mr Neilson has been off on long term sick. Mr Neilson is now no longer with us and we wish him well.

We currently have a vacancy on our school website for a School Superintendent.

Maternity Leave

Mrs Leadbeater will be leaving for maternity this Friday. We wish her and her family all the best as they prepare for the arrival of their new baby.

Attendance

Average Attendance Figure

6th March – 10th March 2017

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| FS2 | 94.7% |
| Y1 | 99.3% |
| Y2 | 98.1% |
| Y3 | 97.9% |
| Y4 | 98.7% |
| Y5 | 94.7% |
| Y6 | 96.6% |
| Total | 97.1% |

School Uniform

Please can I remind parents that we are currently in winter school uniform: long sleeved blue shirt, tie, grey cardigan/jumper. Please also ensure your child has black school shoes for outdoor use and black pumps for indoor use. Can I also ask that parents ensure that ALL items of uniform/PE kits/Pumps are named!

CAFOD Assembly

We had visitors from CAFOD in school this morning to present an assembly to all of our children. Deacon David and Maggie talked to us about the work of CAFOD and their Big Fish Campaign. Thank you to everyone who continues to send in loose change for the CAFOD boxes on the classroom prayer tables. £4 provides 100 fish for each pond! During Lent let's keep the people of Zambia in our prayers and continue to give what we can.

THIS Sunday 19th March 10am Family Mass: St Joseph's Day

All welcome! The children will be sat together, playing instruments, bringing forward the offertory and saying the readings at mass. We hope to see as many families there as possible. There will be



refreshments in the church hall after mass!

Year 3 children are encouraged to arrive at the church hall at 9:00am for a meeting with Deacon Charlie.

If you are able to bring a donation of buns/cakes/biscuits it would be very much appreciated!



The Good Shepherd Appeal

This year there will not be a collection from Catholic Care using the Smartie tubes but there will be a collection for The Good Shepherd Appeal in the final week of this half term.

Important Dates

Sunday 19th March 10am Family Mass: St Joseph's Day, 9am meeting for those children making their First Holy Communion this year (parents welcome to stay)

Saturday 25th March 11am Reconciliation

Sunday 7th May 11:30am First Holy Communion

FOSJ Upcoming Events

Thursday 16th March – KS1 Movie Night

Friday 17th March – KS2 Movie Night

Family Night Friday 12th May – Please look out for more information about the FOSJ Family Night! We are hoping that as many of our families can attend a night which is sure to be filled with fun and fundraising!!

Holiday Dates 2017/2018

Please find attached a letter from the Chair of Governors and the holiday calendar.