



Statement of the Week

'I can work, play, rest and play each day.'

Advent

During our whole school assembly on Monday we marked the start of advent by lighting the first purple candle on our Advent Wreath just as Canon did at church on Sunday. Please encourage your child to share their advent booklet with you as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.



Mini Vinnies

During the weeks of advent, the Mini Vinnies have decided that they would like to collect gifts to create mini hampers/gifted advent calendars to send to the SVP centre for disadvantaged families in Leeds. They are asking that the following year groups send in gifts to school as outlined below. We appreciate that parents have donated an awful



lot over the past few months: CAFOD, MacMillan, Christmas Fair... and the Mini Vinnies are requesting donations if you are able to do so – thank you in advance on behalf of our Mini Vinnies and the SVP.

THIS WEEK: WC 28th Nov FS/ Y1, Y2

WC 5th Dec Y3/Y4

WC 12th Dec Y5/6

Ideas: toys, books, board games.

Crib Service

The crib service in church on Monday after school was fantastic. All of our Foundation Stage children had clearly put a lot of time and effort into designing and making their cribs which were blessed by Deacon

Charlie. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents for their support. Our children can now begin their preparations for the birth of Jesus as they add the hay to their cribs each day throughout advent. I would also like to thank the Mini Vinnies for all of their help at the service. Their collection for the SVP raised £143.96. Thank you to everyone for their donations.

Year 6 SATS Information Evening for Parents

This Thursday (1st December) there will be an Information Evening for year 6 parents in the school hall. This evening will provide you with information about the end of KS2 SATs tests. Please return your reply slip if you haven't already done so.

First Holy Communion & Reconciliation

Our Year 3 children will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion this academic year. The dates are as follows: Saturday 25th March 2017 at 11am (Reconciliation) and Sunday 7th May 2017 at 11:30am (First Holy Communion). There will be a Parents' Information Evening for year 3 parents in school on Wednesday 7th December at 6pm. Letters have been sent out to year 3 parents regarding this.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the school Christmas Fair on Friday. A very successful £1600 was raised! Thank you to everyone who helped set up, run a stall, donated and helped tidy away afterwards.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 1st December 5:30pm

Year 6 Parents' SATS Information Evening – school hall

Wednesday 7th December 6pm

Year 3 Parents' First Holy Communion Information Evening – school hall

Wednesday 14th December

KS2 Christmas Production 6pm Church

Thursday 15th December

FS2&KS1 Christmas Production 2pm & 6pm School hall

Friday 16th December

Mass in school 9:15am

School Closes at 1.30pm

Vacancy

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant 6.25 hours per week Monday-Friday, term time only. Please contact the school office for an application form if you are interested. This successful applicant will be required to obtain an enhanced DBS check.

EPOSS Activities

EPOSS is the Elmet Partnership of Schools and Services that works in partnership to provide activities for young people across all schools within our Cluster. They provide an activity programme for our pupils to access. The programme is now available to view on twitter. In previous years this information has been sent out via a leaflet/booklet. The twitter page will replace this and can now give live updates and information of places available for each activity. To be able to see all of the updates, please go to https://twitter.com/EPOSS_activity and follow them on twitter.

School Bus

Our school bus service W21 serves children coming from the outer area of our Parish, starting at the Dexter Pub (Wigton Lane) then Scarcroft, Bardsey, East Keswick and Collingham, and arriving at St Joseph's and the reverse at home time. Since September 2016 the W21 has operated as a Mybus, fares are 70p for a single journey or £5.50 for a weekly ticket. If you are interested in this service you will need to register one week in advance by completing an online Mybus application form and parents must inform the bus company if their child is not going on the bus on their registered day. Go to <http://www.generationm.co.uk/your-school/schoolfinder/S/StJosephsRCIandISchoolWetherby/#school>