

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher's Newsletter 8th February 2017

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Statement of the Week

'I know that it is ok for me to make mistakes'

Anti-Bullying Week

I am pleased that so many parents were able to attend the assemblies to see some of the activities that the children completed as part of anti-bullying week. Mrs. Reddix, our PSHE coordinator is sending out a second questionnaire to follow the first survey completed prior to anti-bullying week. Please return these to school by 24th February. A summary overview will be emailed out to parents in the coming weeks and added to our school website.

Wear Red – Heart Surgery Fund

Thank you to everyone who supported The Heart Surgery Fund last Friday. We raised £255.95.

School Disco

Thank you to everyone who attended the school disco on Friday. Amount raised to follow from FOSJ. Thank you to those parents and staff who stayed to support at the event.

Internet Safety Day

Yesterday we had a visit from Google Expeditions during Internet Safety Day. As part of the day, our KS2 children were given the opportunity to experience a VR (Virtual Reality) session using Google Expeditions and Google Cardboard VR headsets. This session was linked to our English curriculum and has provided a great stimulus for some creative writing. The children experienced several scenarios, e.g. Moon landings, Rainforest using the headsets.

Year 6 Bike Ability

This week our year 6 children are completing their bike ability sessions.

Wet Play Resources

Mrs Skillbeck, our senior lunchtime supervisor, has spent time with some of our pupils to find out how we can make improvements to lunchtimes. She is currently in the process of putting together an action plan which will include some long term planning and changes to make improvements to our lunchtime resources over the coming months. In the meantime, our pupils would really like to improve some of our wet play boxes and are appealing for the following should you have any at home that are no longer used: old board games, art and craft materials, lego etc that can be used on wet play days.

Invitation for All: Nightfever

Nightfever is a simple outreach initiative based on gentle invitation and prayer. It will take place at Leeds Cathedral on **Friday 17 February**, beginning with Mass at **5:30pm** and ending with Compline and Benediction at 10pm. Inside the Cathedral will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music, prayer, and a warm welcome. Volunteers will go out onto the streets to invite people into the Cathedral to light a candle, pray, or simply to soak up the atmosphere. Priests will be available for conversations and/or confession. For more information visit www.nightfever.org. To volunteer, find Nightfever Leeds on Facebook/Twitter or contact nightfeverleeds@outlook.com. Please keep the event in your prayers.

Important Dates

Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th March

Parents' Evening: online booking opens today at 10am

Wednesday 1st March 10:15am Ash

Wednesday: Mass in school – all welcome

Sunday 19th March 10am Family

Mass: St Joseph's Day

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

Holy Communion Children Meeting

On St Joseph's Day, prior to the family mass on **Sunday 19th March**, there is a meeting at **9am in the church hall** for those children making their First Holy Communion this year. Parents are welcome to stay should they wish.

Year 3 Retreat Day

Year 3 are looking forward to two retreat days with the Franciscan Sisters as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. We are looking for parent helpers to support the children with their activities in school on **Thursday 2nd March or Thursday 4th May**. Please see Mr Branscombe or contact the school office if you are able to offer your support on either of these days.

Attendance

I will regularly include our attendance figures on the weekly newsletter and will update these half termly onto our website.

Average Attendance Figure

30th January – 3rd February 2017

FS2	97.0%
Y1	97.1%
Y2	96.3%
Y3	95.0%
Y4	97.7%
Y5	96.3%
Y6	95.3%
Total	96.4%

