

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Head Teacher's Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

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Head Teacher: Miss L. Milivojevic



*After a very disruptive week due to the snow and ice I would like to thank*

*all of our parents, pupils and staff for their cooperation and understanding. It is always a difficult decision to close school but health and safety is always our first concern and will continue to drive any decisions that are made. We have been in regular contact with the highways at Leeds City Council and we are hoping that they can find the capacity to treat the side roads that lead up to school.*

*Thank you to Mr Frost, the school site superintendent, who has regularly checked the school heating system throughout the last three days!*

*Please ensure you keep your contact details up to date and always check the school website ticker which can be viewed on the home page as school updates will continue to be uploaded here.*

### **Statement of the Week**

I know that it is OK for me to make mistakes.

### **Well-being Week**

Next week is our Well-being Week in school! It is a very exciting week across school which is being led by Mrs Reddiex, Miss Clilverd and Mrs Holmes. We have a huge amount of exciting activities planned for the children next week, but it is also the start of something even bigger. Next week, during Well-being Week, we are launching our Growth Mindset Approach across school. A letter from Mrs Reddiex is being sent out with

this newsletter to give you more information about this!

### **Welcome Back**

Next week (12<sup>th</sup> March) we welcome back Mrs Hemming and Mrs Leadbeater who return to school after their maternity leave. Mrs Hemming will teach Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Y2 with Mrs Leadbeater teaching in Y2 on Thursday and Friday. Miss Costello will be with us until we break up for Easter which will provide a smooth transition for our year 2 pupils. On a Wednesday Mrs Leadbeater will be working in KS2 supporting small groups of children.

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day has been rescheduled in school and we will now hold our own Book Day on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Please send your child to school in their World Book Day outfit. The activities that the staff have planned will now be carried out WC 12<sup>th</sup> March. Why not have a think about how you will get involved in Book Day – will you join a library? Read a new book? Readers are achievers!

### **Y6 Trip to Alhambra – War Horse**

Our Y6 trip was cancelled on Wednesday due to the school closure. Mrs Ward has managed to reschedule this and a letter has been sent out to Y6 parents. Thank you in advance to those parents who have rearranged their pre-planned parents meetings with Mrs Ward to allow this trip to go ahead at short notice.

### **FS2 Trip – Sundown Adventure**

Our FS2 trip to Sundown Adventure was cancelled earlier in the week due to the forecasted severe weather. This will be rescheduled and a letter

will be sent out to parents from Miss Collier.

### **Teaching & Learning Day in School**

Last week we had a Teaching and Learning Day in school. We were visited by 4 Headteachers of schools within the Catholic Compass Partnership. Each class from nursery to year 6 was visited throughout the day. This was very positive experience for staff and pupils and one which highlighted the fantastic things that our staff and pupils do each and every day in school. We thank the Headteachers who came into school and gave us such valuable feedback.

### **Show and Share**

Thank you to the parents/carers in year 2 who were able to join us on Tuesday for our show and share this week. The Thursday session that did not go ahead due to the school closure will be rescheduled. More information will follow from Miss Costello. Show and Share session information for year 6 has been sent to parents and FS2 & year 5 Show and Share sessions are currently being planned. More information for FS2 & year 5 parents will follow shortly.

### **Walk To School**

We would like to remind parents that some of our parents are meeting at The Station Car Park at 8:30am to walk to school together! We would really like to see this grow in numbers! It is a great way to meet new parents and make new friends, whilst making an active start to the day and helping to ease congestion around school. As a school we are also trying to live more sustainably and live in solidarity with the poor – why not show your support maybe even one day a week? What a great way to start the day!



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### Confirmation

There will be an information Evening for parents on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm** in the school hall. This is beneficial for parents with children in year 5 and 6 whose children will start their Confirmation Preparation this summer but all parents are welcome to attend for general information about the changes to the Sacramental Programme.

### Parents' Evening

Next week our parents' evening sessions will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please enter school via the computer suite.

The Afterschool Club will be held in the Nursery during Parents Evenings next week. Please collect your child from the main nursery door at the front entrance of the school if your child attends the Afterschool club. Thank you.

### Mass in School

We will have Mass in School on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am.

### Y3 Reconciliation

Our year 3 pupils are currently preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. The year 3 team along with some of our parents are currently also planning a series of additional activities to support their children on this journey. The Reconciliation Mass will be held in St Joseph's Church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11:30am.

### Important Dates:

**WC 5<sup>th</sup> March** Wellbeing Week – a range of visitors and workshops in school.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** Parents' Evening

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 9am** – ICT suite FOSJ meeting: all welcome

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Book Day in school

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Confirmation Information Evening for Parents 5pm in the school hall

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Y3 Reconciliation Mass in church 11:30am

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Mass in school 9:15am

**WC 26<sup>th</sup> March** – FOSJ Easter Egg Hunt in school

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Break up for the Easter Holidays 1:30pm  
Please continue to visit the school calendar for dates of important events as these are, where possible, uploaded with plenty of notice.

### VCS

Thank you to our parents who have signed up to the contribution scheme. This can be set up directly from your online banking system for any family who has not yet set this up. We are lucky to have such an amazing building, which is safe, fun and so beautifully kept. Please allow us to continue to carry out maintenance and building work.

### FOSJ

#### Appeal from the School Council

Last week our school council sent out an appeal to parents/carers, asking for your help! They are appealing for class reps to come forward to try and reduce the work load of planning and organising school events. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are interested or alternatively please make contact with the school office or Mrs Dibdin to express your interest. We are hoping to share out the roles and jobs so that everyone has much less to do over the year! 'Many hands make light work!'



This week's Winner of School Lottery is Georgina Convery.

Last week's winner was Mrs Venn who kindly donated her winnings back to the FOSJ funds for school. Thank you!

We hope you had chance to visit the FOSJ information stall last week. There are some great new fundraising ideas. If you would like more information, please see the latest FOSJ Newsletter. You can still join up to the School Lottery!

We have a new event being launched by the FOSJ: Games Nights are coming up! FS2/KS1 will be held afterschool on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March and KS2 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets for these events will go on sale very soon! This is sure to be a fun event for our pupils!

We are also giving parents advance notice about the Easter Egg Hunt which will be held in school WC 26<sup>th</sup> March. We will be asking for Easter Egg donations shortly for the Easter Egg hunt prizes. The hunt will include searching for clues with prizes of Easter Eggs given at the end. Some of the Easter Egg donations will be used for the Annual Easter Raffle which will be drawn on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March in school.

Please visit the new revamped FOSJ Webpage on the school website. Thank you to Mrs Waterhouse and Mrs Dibdin who are working together to keep the FOSJ page up to date. Please visit the school website for more details about the exciting new ideas of the FOSJ and to view the FOSJ Newsletters. There are many events planned in and we hope with lots of notice, our families can come along and support their school!

