



Statement of the Week

I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings.

On Monday of this week we celebrated St George's Day. We

listened to the story of St George and



remembered how courageous and braver he was when he spoke out for Christians far and wide.

This Week's Reading

The Good Shepherd – this week we are reminded to listen carefully to God and follow Him. We think about those people around us who try to offer us help and support.

Upcoming Mass Dates

Sunday 13th May 10am Family Mass in church

Saturday 23rd June 6pm Family Mass in Church

Friday 20th July 10am End of Year Mass in School

Attendance

St Joseph's School Attendance Last Week 16.04.18 – 20.04.18

FS2	96.7%
Y1	95.7%
Y2	96.3%
Y3	99.7%
Y4	98.6%
Y5	95.5%
Y6	99.3%
Total	97.4%

Well done to Year 3 and Year 6 on high attendance last week. We continue to work closely with the school attendance officer and ensure that we inform parents of absences that fall below the persistent absentee threshold. We recognise that there are unavoidable times when children may be absent from school. However, under safeguarding procedures we ensure that parents are made aware of persistent absent figures (which is below 90%) if this affects their child and offer any support to our families. Overall school attendance (4 Sept – 20 April) 96.6% (national expectation is 96%).

Summer Uniform

We are now in summer uniform. Please see the school website for the list of Summer Uniform. Please also ensure your child wears their **black school shoes** to school.

Franciscan Sisters

Last week the sisters visited us in school and delivered an assembly to KS2. They then spent the morning with Y3 and joined us in the hall for a hot lunch. Thank you to everyone who donated food to the food bank last week!

Mini Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies are launching a new appeal to our families in the coming weeks. As the weather changes and we start to think

about putting away some of our warmer clothes, they are asking that if you are considering donating any of these items of warm clothing, could these please be sent into school. These will be collected and sent over to refugees. Thank you to Mrs Atkinson (a parent of one of our year 5 children) who shared the idea with us.

Bun Sale – Good Shepherd Appeal

This week we will hold our second fund raiser for the Good Shepherd Appeal. We are asking for donations of buns/cakes for a bun sale in school on Thursday. Monetary donations are most welcome and buns will be sold to children during the school day. Any left overs will be sold afterschool.

FS2 New Mud Kitchen-Thank you!

Over the Easter break we have had a new Mud Kitchen built in the FS outdoor area. The kitchen is fantastic and has already been the focal point of a range of new fantastic learning opportunities. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Welborn and his apprentice, Callum.

Lego Donations – Can You Help?

Mrs Holmes would really appreciate any donations of Lego to help her get a Lego Initiative underway in school. If you have any old models/kits that you would be prepared to donate of



any mixture of bricks for free style building please let Mrs Holmes know or bring them into the school office. Many thanks in advance!

GDPR

As you may be aware new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) will come into force on May 25th 2018. In short this covers changes across Europe to the way in which data can be handled and stored. The current data protection and confidentiality laws mean that we are already very careful with the way in which we handle and store sensitive data but there will now be additional levels in place. An email will be sent out with additional information for parents shortly and this information will also be uploaded to our school website.

Important Dates

Thursday 26th April – Bun Sale (Good Shepherd Appeal)

Thursday 26th April - Y6 Open Museum. All classes visiting and parents welcome to visit at the end of the school day

Wednesday 2nd May – 9am Y1 phonics parents' information session

Sunday 13th May – Family Mass 10am

WC 14th May – Y6 SATs week (Y6 invited to breakfast club in the hall 8am)

Wednesday 16th May – RSE Information evening for Y5 & Y6

Parents followed by information for Y6 parents (RobinWood)

Tuesday 22nd May – Music performance Y1-Y6 (Parent welcome!)

Friday 25th May – break up for half term

Important Dates next half term

Saturday 23rd June 6pm Family Mass

Friday 6th July - sports day and summer fair

Friday 13th July - (sports day reserve)

Thursday 19th July 1:45pm - Y6 Leavers' production

Friday 20th July – Mass in school 10am (Break up for summer 1:30pm)

FOSJ

The money raised this year has already been spent on some fabulous events and incredible equipment for our children! Our children have experienced a range of themed weeks, visitors into school, enhanced reading areas, Improved Y1 provision and FS2 now have a fabulous new mud kitchen with the decking donated by the friends. Thank you to Mr Frost for fitting this!

There was a great turn out at the coffee morning last week! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend!

Please see the FOSJ newsletter this week for more information!

Ladies Night

Friday 18th May – ladies' night, Kirk Deighton Village Hall 7:30-

10:30. **There are only 8 tickets left!** Tickets £5 and can be booked by emailing friendsofsj@outlook.com

Sunflower Competition

This week your child will come home with information for the Sunflower Competition organised by Aquascapes & Landscaping Ltd. All details are on the flyer sent home with the pot should you wish to enter.

Donate a Book

This week the FOSJ have launched the 'Donate a Book Appeal'. A letter with all the details has been emailed out. We hope many of our families will be able to help with this fabulous idea! Thank you to the friends for sharing and launching this! I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who have already purchased a number of books!

Lottery Winners

Well done to our most recent lottery winners: Georgina Convery, Alison Thornton and Jody Corcoran!