



Statement of the week:

"I try and stand up for myself and others without hurting others."

Harvest Assembly

We will celebrate Harvest Festival this Friday 24th October at 9.10. The children of Year 6 will be taking the assembly and parents are most welcome to attend. As a school we support CAFOD's work throughout the world and it is important that our children are aware of children in the world not as fortunate as us.

This year we would like donations of fruit, vegetables, tins, packets etc. from FS1, FS2 & Y1 and these will be used by the SVP. Please could you bring in to school in the week beginning 20th October?

Years 2,3,4,5 & 6 will be asked for a small cash donation so that we can support CAFOD's work.

Building Work

Thank you for your patience and understanding this week as we moved to our new pathway and gate. I appreciate that a few people must have been confused as building work has not started yet. It was important that we had a week before the work started to get children and parents used to new arrangements and identify any health and safety issues. There have been a few issues that we have addressed

- Year 1 & 2 door will be shut and only used as a fire exit and we will use the door near the medical area.
- Year 1 & 2 will line up further back so that parents have space to move in to the yard and out of the gate.
- We have also removed a layer of slabs to make the

pathway wider near the green shed.

- Arrangements made for the green shed to be moved on to the field.

I will deal with any health and safety issues if any more occur to us this week or any parent who respectfully points anything out. Unfortunately a few of my staff received very negative and aggressive language on Tuesday after school which I will not accept. We are all striving to make the school environment safer and more attractive for our children, an outstanding working environment for our staff and a school to be proud of for our parents.

The work will start on the 27th October and the office area will be closed to everyone including staff. A temporary office will be set up in the ICT suite from 8.45a.m. for any queries and late comers that need to be dealt with by office staff.

Parking

On a daily basis I get complaints from residents in the local area about parking from parents. I can only ask parents that they are considerate to the owners of property around school and do not park in front of drives. My concern is for the welfare of our children and there has been parking in the past where children's lives have been put at risk. Cars are parked at the end of the road causing obstruction to a clear view of the road for pedestrians and car users. I appreciate that parking is limited but most schools are in the same position as us in that parking is not available at the school site. If there is a possibility that you could park further away and walk safely with your child to school please could you consider this option.

Dates for the diary

24th October Harvest Festival

School closes for half term

School disco 6.30-8 p.m.

4th November School re-opens

10th/11th November- Parents Evening

16th November- First Holy Communion Induction Mass for Year 3 children at St Joseph's Church at 10 a.m.

19th-21st November- Year 5 children go to Dobroyd Castle for residential.

16th December- Nativity Play for FS2, Year 1 & Year 2 at St Joseph's Church at 6 p.m.

17th December- Carol Service for Key Stage 2 children at St Joseph's Church 6.30 p.m.

19th December – Celebration of mass at school 10.30(to be confirmed)

19th December – break up for Christmas holidays at 1.30 p.m.

Robinwood

I am aware that due to price and duplication of venue for Years 5 & 6 some parents would like me to re-evaluate the residential activity next year.

I will send a questionnaire out to parents to gauge opinion. Trips have to be booked at the earliest opportunity as there are schools waiting for a slot in a very busy calendar for Robinwood.

I would welcome the opportunity to talk face to face with any parent wishing to discuss Robinwood trips or any other issue that appears to be a concern.

I would like to thank Mr Neilson for his hard work above and beyond the call of duty as he has made the fence, built additional parking on the field and moved the slabs by the green shed

Handball Sessions

Year 3 October 23rd/November 6th