

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher's Newsletter 24th February 2016

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Statement of the week

"I try to co-operate with others in work and play."

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir will be singing at the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's RC Church, Wetherby on Saturday 27 February 2016. A rehearsal will take place in the Church before the Mass at 5.00 pm. All are welcome! If you would like to be on the circulation list for Youth Choir Masses, please contact Marie Holland (marieholland@btconnect.com) or Sue Streatfield (snstreatfield@hotmail.com).

Parent Evenings

Our parent evenings have been set for Monday 7th March 4-7.30 and Tuesday 8th March 3.30-5.30. The online appointment system will again be in operation for both evenings. The system went live on Tuesday 9th February at 10 a.m. thank you to those who have already booked. The system has been extended to Friday 26th February 3.30pm for those who have still to book appointments. www.schoolinterviews.co.uk Using event code 7YTF3.

Phase 2 Adventure Playground

Over the half term break Playdale completed Phase 2 of our Adventure Playground. The equipment will be ready for our children to use shortly once all our risk assessments are complete. The funding for this project was met jointly by the school and the FOSJ. It is worth remembering that the members work very hard for your children and the children will benefit from their fund raising activities. We have got

some excellent members of the FOSJ who willingly give of their time but they do need your support and I hope that when you see the adventure playground, outdoor classroom and many other projects completed by the FOSJ you will be encouraged to lend a hand.

Head Teacher Recruitment

The governors of St Joseph's advertised this week for the role of Head Teacher for September 2016. The advert was placed on the Leeds Website, Catholic Gazette and TES on-line. The closing date for the advert is Monday 7th March and shortlisting will take place on the 10th March. The interviews have been set for the 21st and 22nd March and hopefully an appointment will be made. Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Ellen Pearson will then communicate the outcome of the process as soon as possible after that time. Thank you for all your good wishes for my **EARLY** retirement and rest assured that until the 31st August I will continue to do my very best for the staff, parents, governors and especially the children of St Joseph's School.

Lent

Hopefully all children will have received their smarties and that tubes are being filled with 20p's for the Good Shepherd Appeal. These can come back to school at any time but please before the 18th March. All Key Stage 2 and the Year 2 class have received Lenten Diary booklets

and I hope that these are being completed at home.

We will be taking various Key Stage 2 classes down to the 9.15 Mass during Lent including the Year 3 Sacramental class.

Each Key Stage will be preparing and presenting to the school acts of worship during Lent as we prepare for Easter.

During Holy Week we will have a Stations of the Cross Liturgy at school and parents are welcome to attend and there will be an Easter Concert presented by KS2 children at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 21st March at 6.15.

Hopefully we can celebrate mass during Holy Week and once I have spoken to Canon Nunan I can give you a date.

School Choir

As this is such a short half term and we are having to have more rehearsals in school for the Easter concert there will be no school choir on Wednesday after school until after Easter. The choir will be involved in the concert and Mr Wall will work on melodies with the choir whilst Mrs Ward and I will prepare the other children for the concert.

Easter Holiday

Just a reminder that we are not following Leeds Holiday timetable but are following North Yorkshire's (John Fisher's) for Easter and will finish at 1.30 Easter Thursday 24th March and return to school Monday 11th April.

