



Statement of the week

"I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up hope." This is a particularly good statement especially with the earthquake in Nepal this week. The assembly on Monday focused on helping other people and working together when disasters occur.

Education for Personal Relationships

The governors aided by Mrs Ward have worked very hard to produce an EPR Policy and scheme of work for the Year 6 children.

The Education for Personal Relationships Policy has the following aims:

To provide a Catholic framework within which children can grow in their understanding of human development.

To give children a full understanding of their own physical and emotional development. To foster self-esteem and a sense of moral responsibility. To recognise the sanctity of family life. The governors and Mrs Ward will present the scheme of work on Thursday 21st May at 6.30 in the school hall. Parents of children in Year 6 and any other interested parents are warmly invited to attend.

Congratulations Just before Easter the Personnel Committee

of the Governing Body met to interview Mrs Ward for the position of Assistant Head teacher at St Joseph's and Miss Fiona Clilverd for the position of Year 4 class teacher. I am pleased to tell you that both were successful and became permanent in their new roles from April 1st 2015.

Reconciliation

Thank you ever so much for the respectful way everyone observed during the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Saturday. The children read and behaved impeccably and their preparation for their First Holy Communion is now almost complete. I will be taking the children down to church this week and we will allocate family benches and practise readings and offertory processions. The date for First Holy Communion is Sunday 10th May at St Joseph's Church at 11.30am.

Many thanks also go to Mrs Kusinska and Mrs Salomon in preparing the children.

Sports Day

A number of parents have informed me that our reserve date for Sports Day 10th July is also the date for a big dance competition for a number of our girls. There are no other free Fridays in July so we will put all our eggs in one basket and pray for good weather on Friday 26th

June for our joint Sports Day/Summer Fair.

Year 6 end of term celebrations.

A number of parents have asked for details of the end of year celebrations for Year 6. We are going to have the Y6 play on Thursday 16th July at 2 p.m. for parents. There will be a mass on Friday 17th July but I have yet to confirm a time with Canon Nunan.

SAT's Week

As mentioned in a previous newsletter we are going to invite all Year 6 children to a free breakfast during SAT's which will start at 8 a.m. This will give the children an opportunity to have a healthy breakfast with their friends and be prepared for the tests of the day. It also gives us an opportunity to be less stressed knowing that all the children are in school and that we are ready to start on time. The children are an absolute credit for their hard work, commitment and perseverance.

Disco

The FOSJ will be running a disco on Friday 1st May 6.30-8.00. Tickets will be on sale throughout the week.

Good Shepherd Mass

Charles Thompson, James Campbell and Joseph Taylor will be presenting our cheque to the Bishop.