



### Statement of the week

"I know that it is okay to make mistakes."

There will be no golden book this Friday as the school council is hosting the councils of St Mary's and St Anthony's. All classes will be having collective worship in their classrooms.

### School Council

This Friday we are again joined by the school councils of St Anthony's and St Mary's. Mr Branscombe has arranged an action packed day for the children and they will be taking part in workshops throughout the day. We will have African Dance, African mask making, forensic science and even cookery lessons. The school council were originally asked to plan a day and come up with some good ideas.

I will be picking up both schools in the mini-bus and we look to start about 9.30.

A bonus of having such an exciting day of activities puts the pressure on both schools to provide an even more exciting couple of days for our children at their schools.

### Parent Evenings

Our parent evenings have been set for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 4.00-7.30 and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-5.30.

### 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.

In order to fully supervise the new equipment the children who win the weekly house points and attendance

awards will try out the new facility and teachers will observe the children at play in order to produce a risk assessment.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is celebrated this Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. As it is our P.E day we are going to celebrate on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March and the children will be having a pyjama day in school.

### Head Teacher Recruitment

The Governors of St Joseph's advertised last 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 7<sup>th</sup> March and shortlisting will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. The interviews have been set for the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Lent

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. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March the Year 4 class will be presenting the March Year of Mercy liturgy alongside a small Easter presentation.

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

### Easter Holiday

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

### 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.

### Sports Day

A date for your diary Sports Day is planned for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July with a reserve date of 15<sup>th</sup> July.

