



**Statement of the week**

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

**Real Easter Egg**

Bishop Marcus has called for all diocesan priests to support the 'Real Easter Egg Campaign 2015' and the Diocese of Leeds ask schools to do the same. Many of you will have supported this initiative in the past five years. Introduced in 2010, The Real Easter Egg was initially turned down by supermarkets as they were unsure that a 'faith egg' would sell. How wrong they were. Last year, in a national poll, the Real Easter Egg was voted the UK's favourite Fairtrade egg and more than a million Real Easter Eggs have been sold! The Real Easter Egg is still the only Fairtrade Easter Egg with a copy of the Easter story in each box. There is also a charitable donation for every 150g egg sold. More than £140,000 has been donated from sales. It also supports farmers and producers in the developing world by using Fairtrade chocolate. The Easter Eggs are available from the following supermarkets: Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose or can be ordered online from:

[www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk)

**Youth Mass**

Well done and thank-you to all the First Holy Communion children who participated in the Youth Mass on Saturday, also for their contributions to the Easter garden and their fabulous 'stations of the cross' artwork which is displayed in the narthex at church. You should all be very proud of yourselves!

**Parent Evenings**

The consultation evenings have been planned for Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 4-7.30 p.m. and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-5.30 p.m. We will follow the same on line booking procedure as last year. Mrs Goodby has sent out a letter with the procedures and codes required. The on line booking

system was very successful last year and parent responses endorsed the new system. One issue the school had were the large number of gaps in meeting times and we have hopefully addressed this with our time slots. Any parents without access to the internet or requiring support please will you contact the office?

**Easter Performance**

Key Stage 2 will be presenting an Easter story of readings and hymns at St Joseph's Church during Holy Week on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 6 p.m.

The children will be rehearsing in school and Mr Birch will be assisting me on two Wednesdays prior to the concert and playing the piano in the performance.

More details will follow but I am looking at the moment of children being in the Church Hall for 5.30 p.m.

**Masses during Lent**

Last Wednesday Year 6 and Year 3 went to mass and benediction at St Joseph's Church. We were to continue this for Year 4 and Year 5 this week but with Canon due to go into hospital we are going to wait until he is fully fit after his operation. As a result of Canon going into hospital we will not have a mass for St Joseph as our patron saint day on March 19<sup>th</sup> but I will have a liturgy for the children in school.

I had scheduled a mass in school on Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and we are still trying to find a priest to celebrate mass for us.

As a school we are holding Stations of the Cross assemblies for all children every Monday during Lent.

**Singing Lessons**

Mr Darling started his individual singing lessons last Friday. Next Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March he will do the group lessons between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. to be followed by choir practice for all members of the choir.

**Movie Night**

This Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March will be Movie Night showing "Disney's Frozen Sing a long" (PG).

Start time is 3:15 and finishes at 5:15. Tickets are on sale from Year 6 children during the school day and the last day to purchase tickets will be Thursday.

Please ensure you send in **£2.50** with your children if you wish to purchase a ticket.

**Mother's Day Gift's**

All children will be able to purchase a small handmade gift from Monday to Wednesday next week, which will be wrapped for them by volunteers.

The following classes will be visiting the gift table on the below days;

- Monday** - Foundation 2  
Year 1
- Tuesday** - Year 2  
Year 3
- Wednesday** - Year 4  
Year 5  
Year 6

Children will need **£2.00** with them if they wish to buy a gift for Mother's Day.

**Bags 2 School**

The collection day for the "Bags 2 School" is **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. Please can all bags be returned to the large metal container, which is located just as you enter the playground gate?

Bags can be left outside of the container and these will be stored waiting for collection.

We would like to thank all families for their continued support.

**World Book Day**

This Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March the whole school will be celebrating World Book Day. All the children are encouraged to dress up for the day as their favourite book character. This is a very popular event and enjoyed by children and staff!

