



Happy New Year

On behalf of all the teachers and governors could I wish all parents and their families a very happy and hopefully a very successful 2016?

Statement of the week

"I try to love others as I love myself."
Golden Book assembly resumes this week and parents are welcome to attend. We will continue to let parents know if their child is in the golden book for the Friday by text when the teachers let me know on Thursday.

St Joseph's Church Choir

Open to every child age 9-14. The choir is open to anybody regardless of their experience and availability. However, in order to choose the correct songs and get to know the children there will be an audition this Saturday 9th January between 4.30pm and 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church. For More information please email Chris Ransome on office@orchardhouse-uk.com

Don Bosco – A Magic Saint performed by RISE theatre

In this exciting short play by RISE Theatre, Don Bosco narrates the story of his fascinating life, sharing first-hand the difficulties of growing up in poverty in 19th century Italy, and overcoming many obstacles to fulfil his dream. Ultimately, we see the life-changing impact of a man dedicated to helping thousands of abandoned and misunderstood young people and whose legacy still influences millions of people 200 years later. For more info <http://www.risetheatre.co.uk>. RISE theatre will be performing in Wetherby on Friday 22 January at 7.00pm. Tickets are just £4.00 and are available from Ana Hodgkinson on 07964185050. For Family Tickets please ask.

Application Forms

The window for **applications for primary school places opened on 1 November and will run until 15 January 2016**. Please can you apply as soon as possible if your child requires a reception place in September 2016?

Nursery

Artificial grass has been laid in the garden as you come in to school. We are also going to have a small outside classroom space installed on the new artificial grass. This will enable the Nursery children to have an additional, secure outside space to use for stories and outdoor play.

Holy Year of Mercy

The children are going to prepare and plan liturgies to celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy. These will take place each month and will be presented by the children before the Golden Book assembly. The month of January liturgy will be presented by the Year 6 class on Friday 29th January and is entitled God is Merciful.

Mrs Doran who creates, designs and puts up all our wonderful displays around school has created a special door entrance into the hall. She is also working with all classes to create a Year of Mercy display in the passageway leading into the hall.

Year 3 Sacramental class

We are going to start our preparations for the two Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist in school this week. Canon Nunan will be coming into school this Friday to start our preparations. All children should have or have ordered their "I Belong" book. We will let you know which day the lesson will take place and all books should be in school on that day. There is a "Family Time"

page at the end of each chapter and this is your opportunity to say a prayer together; to do something together and to chat about the journey to the child's First Communion so far.

Young Voices

The concert for Young Voices takes place at the Sheffield Motorpoint Arena on Monday 18th January. I know that a letter was sent out on the 5th October with all the details but I will just remind you again of the main points.

- Children can wear their Young Voices t shirts/white t shirts to school.
- We will have dinner in school before we leave at 12.15.
- We arrive at the Arena at 1.30.
- The children will require a pack-up with them as we have our tea in the Arena after final rehearsal about 5.30 p.m.
- Concert starts at 7 p.m. and finishes at 9.15 p.m.
- All the children will return to school on the coach and be met by their parents at approximately 10.30 p.m.

If there is any more information that you require please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Armley Mills

Unfortunately the Year 3 trip for next Tuesday 12th has had to be cancelled due to floods at Armley Mills. The trip will be arranged for a later date.

Parental Contact Details

If you have had any changes to your telephone, email or address please let the office know.