



**Statement of the week**

"I can learn from my mistakes and failures."

**Golden Book**



There is no golden book assembly this week as I am moving assembly to Thursday to celebrate St George's Day. We have celebrated the great St David and St Patrick so it is only fair that we should set aside a special day to celebrate England's patron saint.

**Mass of the Good Shepherd**

I will be attending a special mass at the Cathedral next Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 10 a.m. where we will offer up our Good Shepherd collection to the Bishop of Leeds. I will be taking a couple of children with me to present our gift but I am waiting on our allocated number.

If you have any donations for this special charity or you have not returned your smartie box collection could you do so by next Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April please?

**Fun Run**

All the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Leeds are going to take part in a fun run as part of ongoing fundraising for one of our

Catholic teachers Ann Maguire who died so tragically last year. The event will be held at St. Theresa's School in Leeds and our Year 4 & 5 classes will be taking part. The school will pay for the coach but we are asking for a contribution of at least £1 per competitor for the Ann Maguire Fund. Each child in Y4 & Y5 will receive a t shirt for the event and we are expecting several thousand children taking part. The event will take place in the afternoon of April 24<sup>th</sup> and we will be leaving school after lunch at 12.30 and returning to school before the end of the school day.

**Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation takes place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at St Joseph's Church at 11.30. All children will sit with the teachers for the short service before the Sacrament and when they have received the Sacrament the family are free to leave.

As I thought some children have taken the wrong message home about seating. I have told the children that I will draw family names out of a hat for the First Communion Sunday on the 10<sup>th</sup> May and allocate a reserved family bench. There is no allocated seating for this Saturday as I do not expect there to be large numbers of parents attending Reconciliation.

**First Holy Communion**

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place at St Joseph's Church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30. All children will meet in the hall at 11.15 and we will process to the altar with

Canon Nunan before mass. All benches will be marked with the family name and a space should be left for your child at the end of the row when they return after the procession.

**Summer Fair**

Last year's Summer Fair had poor numbers attending due to a number of sporting events, beer festivals and other events taking place in Wetherby and District. This year we are going to trial the Summer Fair to coincide with our Sports Day with a BBQ to start instead of a picnic, the sports events and then the Summer Fair at the end of the day. Hopefully this will prove to be as successful as the Christmas Fair and give parents an opportunity to spend weekends as a family plus we have a captive audience with the sports day!

I will confirm with the FOSJ but I am looking at Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June or Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July as a reserve date.

**SAT's Week**

I don't think that Year 6 needs reminding but the tests are in the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May. Booster classes will continue until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May so please ensure that your child attends these classes. To date the children have been fantastic and the classes are a pleasure to take. During SAT's week we will be having breakfasts Monday to Thursday for all the Year 6 children and more details will follow closer to the time.

