



Happy St George's Day



### **Statement of the week:**

"I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings."

### **Reconciliation**

The sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at St Joseph's Church on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 11.30 a.m. The Year 3 class and children from the Parish not attending our school will make the Sacrament on that day. We will share the readings with the Parish children and children from St Joseph's with no reading on May 3<sup>rd</sup> will have a role at the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. If parents cannot attend the Service on that date we will make sure that children who miss will have the opportunity at a school mass to receive the Sacrament (Parents will be informed of the date and time). The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (First Communion) will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30.

### **Resurrection Rock**

All the children (FS2-Year 6) will take part in a small performance on Thursday afternoon 2.45 in school. As we were not in school during Holy Week we had arranged for this performance to be as close to Easter Sunday as possible. Mr Birch has been working with the children and the story of Easter is told through words and music. The performance lasts for about 20 minutes and you can then pick up your children as usual from the playground. We do hope as many parents as possible can attend.

### **Choir**

As Mr Birch is in school preparing the children for the performance all day Thursday there will be no choir this week (24<sup>th</sup> April)

### **Friends of St Joseph's**

We have been really fortunate to have such a hardworking and committed group of parents who are on the committee of FOSJ. They have given up their time willingly and unselfishly for all the children of the school. In my time at the school they have been coordinated by three excellent chairs in Mr Shepherd, Mrs Page and Mr Marrerro-Allen. The committee has been made up of the same group of volunteers for a number of years now and the same faces support, organise and run many events that benefit your children. This year we have benefitted from new chairs in the hall, drama workshops for every class, new planters at the front of the outdoor classroom and a new adventure playground jointly funded with school. Our school would not have had these resources without the support of the FOSJ and the excellent music/drama workshops funded by them have saved parents at least £10 per child. Although we are situated in a lovely environment we are not in a position to access many grants available to schools in more deprived areas and so are reliant on the fund raising activities of FOSJ. In September a number of the committee are stepping down from their roles, including Mr Marrerro-Allen and we are looking for volunteers to support our school. If there are no volunteers then the FOSJ will cease to be and the fundraising activities so important for our school will be lost. On behalf of the FOSJ I am asking for volunteers to take up the roles on the committee and continue the valuable work that has taken place for the benefit of all our children for many years. Thank you.

The Tuck Shop ran by Mrs Mee raised £200 which £100 was donated to SVP plus a big box of sweets and £100 to FOSJ to go towards the Climbing Wall.

### **Annapurna Indian Dance**

We are very fortunate that one of our parents Mrs O'Duchon and her daughters, Alannah and Sara have sponsored an Indian dance workshop for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. This workshop will be for all Year 1, 2 and 3 children. Many thanks for a lovely gesture from the family.

