St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Head Teacher's Newsletter 8th October 2015

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Statement of the week

"I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt."

Holy Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. This Holy Year will commence on the next Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy.

Harvest Assembly

We will celebrate Harvest Festival on Friday 23th October at 9.10. The children of Year 6 will be taking the assembly and parents are most welcome to attend. As a school we support CAFOD's work throughout the world and it is important that our children are aware of children in the world not as fortunate as us. This year the Mini-Vinnies are going to take the lead on collections and they have been so impressed with the work of the SVP in supplying food parcels to those in need in Leeds. They would like to support the SVP and help build up supplies for distribution and personally take our donations to the food bank in Leeds.

This year we would like donations of fruit and vegetables from FS1&FS2 to create our display. Years 1, 2,3,4,5 & 6 will be asked for a donation of tins, cans, packets etc. to support the good work of the SVP in Leeds. Donations can be brought into school in the week beginning 19th October and taken into class. Many thanks for your support!

Rotary Shoebox Appeal

The shoeboxes have now arrived in school for those parents who are supporting this intiative. A reminder that there are three different types of box that you can fill:

- Toys for younger children
- Teenage items for boys and girls up to 18 years old
- Household items for families

The parents who paid a £1 contribution towards transport costs to Eastern Europe and requested a box will be getting one shortly. The Rotary Club hope to target children in the many Refugee Camps throughout the E.U.

Monday's assembly reminded the children 'Truly I tell **you**, **whatever you** did for one of the **least** of these **brothers** and sisters of mine, **you** did for me.'

Cycle Shelter

I am really pleased that the cycle shelter is being used and that our children are being active and cycling to school. As space is limited in the cycle shelter please could all scooters be parked in the old green cycle storage near Nursery?

School Disco

Our disco for this half term is on Friday 16th October 6.30-8 p.m. in the school hall. Tickets are being sold at the moment and the FOSJ are still looking for volunteers to assist on the night. If you can help please let a member of the FOSJ know.

First Communion

The children and parents of children in Year 3 are invited this Sunday11th October to a mass of enrolment at the 10a.m. mass at St Joseph's. Your children will be invited on to the altar and introduced to the parish who will be encouraged to pray for our children as they prepare to receive this very special sacrament.

Mini-Vinnies

Bishop Marcus has confirmed he will be presiding a mass for all the commissioned Mini Vinnie groups in the Leeds Diocese at the Cathedral. The Bishop's secretary has confirmed it will be a week day in late November or December and he will confirm the date and time next week.

Bishop Marcus is fully aware of all the commissioned schools and the wonderful work which is happening in the schools and did make special reference to the 'mini vinnie' song which he has heard so much about!! and looks forward to hearing it.

Parents Evenings

Monday 9th November 4pm-7.30pm and Tuesday 10th November 3.30-5.30pm please book your appointment at www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using event code 8Z23X **bookings close on the 16th October**