



Statements to Live By

W.B. 26.9.16: I can laugh and have fun

W.B. 3.10.16: I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt

School Mass: Thank you to everyone who came to the 9.15 Mass last Sunday. It was lovely to have so many of our school family together with the parish. A number of the older parishioners commented on how much they love to see the children at Mass and were delighted to hear the children themselves say that they would like to be there every week! Congratulations to Olivia Bell who received the Joseph Mercer Remembrance Shield and to Imogen Tate who was presented with the Jack Hunter & Paula Kelly Remembrance Shield. Special thanks to all those who took part in the ministries such as welcoming and reading. We will be continuing our 'Learning to Lead at Mass' programme this year and letters will be sent home about this very soon.

Reception Liturgy - Friday 30th September 2.30pm. Father Seamus will be joining Reception Class and their parents in school to celebrate them joining our school community. This will also be an opportunity to discuss the ways in which families can become involved in different aspects of parish and school life.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Fri 30th Sept 9.15am

Year 4 & Miss Nathan will be organising Coffee and cakes next Friday morning (30th Sept).

Everyone is very welcome to attend this event and donations of cakes and biscuits will be greatly appreciated. Edible donations can be brought into school on Thursday (29th Sept) or first thing Friday morning (30th Sept).

CAFOD Fast Day/Harvest Celebration

Pupils are invited to bring donations for our Harvest Parcels which will be distributed to the elderly and the housebound. Letters have been sent home today with details of the items we will be collecting along with a slip for you to complete if you would like to nominate someone to receive a harvest parcel.

FRI 7th October 2016 - the theme for this Fast Day is 'Brighten Up' and monies raised will be used to support food projects in Bolivia. Pupils are invited to wear their own very bright clothes on this day for a small donation to CAFOD.

Please join us for a Fast Day liturgy at 2.45 p.m. on that day. This will be led by Year 5.

Harvest parcels to be collected afterwards.

Can you help? Harvest parcels will be made up on Thursday afternoon (6th Oct). Please let the office know if you are free from 1.15 p.m. to help with this task.

Y6 Residential Visit. The children arrived back looking happy but tired, having had a wonderful time at Dukeshouse Wood. Their behaviour, attitudes and care for each other made them a credit to their families, teachers and our school. Thank you to Mr McGeeney, Mrs Doyle and Mrs Stelling for providing 24 hour care and supervision ensuring the children had the best possible experience. We hope to be able to invite Y5 parents to a meeting this term to see what is in store for their children next September!

Parents Evening (Y1 to Y6) Tuesday 27th September. Letters for Appointment times have been sent home; please check that you have received yours. Reception Class parents will have meetings with Miss Fairhurst later in the term, after the children have had more time to settle in.

Tempest Photography - All the pupils had their photograph taken yesterday and those with siblings in school had their photograph taken together. Please ensure you return your order to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Free School Meals - Although all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free meal each day, some families are still entitled to claim **Free School Meals** because of income/benefits. Pupils who are entitled to this bring extra funding to the school which can help in so many different ways to support their learning and progress. **It is very important that families who are entitled to free school meals still register so that school receives the Pupil Premium.** If you feel your child may qualify for Pupil Premium then please contact the School Office for more details. Please be assured that all matters are dealt with in the strictest confidence. There is information on the school website about how we use Pupil Premium money.

Reminders

Bikeability

This is part of the curriculum for Year 5 during the Autumn term and is not an extra / optional activity. Separate information has been sent to Year 5 parents / carers so that children can arrive on Wednesday with all the right equipment (especially their bikes!!). **Please note** that the session due to take place on Thursday 6th October has been cancelled due to Y5 /Y6 visit to Holy Island. There will be an extra bikeability session on Thursday 3rd November to compensate for this.

School Clubs this Term

Day	Club
Monday	Y6 Cookery Club
Tuesday	Sporting Futures Y1 & Y2 Basketball Club
Thursdays	Football Training
Thursdays	Sporting Futures Y5 & Y6 Netball Club

- **PACKED LUNCHES:** Please ensure these contain a balance of healthy foods for your child and not too much food! Think about how much they would eat for a sandwich based lunch at home. Children should not bring chocolate bars or sweets in packed lunches. **Key Stage 2** snacks must also be **healthy snacks** - 2 PLAIN biscuits/a cereal bar/fresh or dried fruit. **No drinks (water is available all day), sweets or chocolate. Please also remember that we are a Nut-Free School.**
- The weather is very changeable at the moment so it is important that every child has a coat with them every day.
- **P.E KIT**
Yellow/gold t-shirt & dark green shorts. No leggings, skirts or skorts.
Plimsolls - not trainers, unless a hospital or GP letter supports this or trainers have been requested for a particular activity.
- **Head lice** - We currently have several classes affected by head lice. Please check your child's head regularly for any sign of nits or lice and treat accordingly if they are found. Further information and appropriate treatments are available from the pharmacy / chemists.
Communication. Whilst it is lovely when parents leave positive messages on Class dojos, queries and concerns are not dealt with via that system.
You can leave a message for your child's teacher with the staff on gate duty each morning. Notes in home books and reading records are also a good way to pass on information. If you have a concern you can often catch teachers at the end of the day or make an appointment via the school office.
- **Parking.** Please do not park in residents bays on Beechwood Avenue and Southend Avenue. The school car park is for staff, official visitors and disability access. Parents/carers should not park there without school's permission.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The majority of our parents/carers do park safely and legally. Many choose to 'park and stride' or walk/cycle/scoot to school. Your fantastic support for healthy, safe and sustainable travel, along with the hard work of our Traffic Detectives, led by Mrs Doyle & Mr Raper, has earned our school the **Gold Modeshift Stars Award**. Some staff and Y6 pupils will be attending a celebration event in Leeds later in the term. It is important that we keep supporting the aims of this award and also that we show consideration for the school's neighbours.

Please find attached a list of key dates for the remainder of the year.

We try our best to keep to the dates provided but sometimes changes are unavoidable.

Our texting service is proving very useful. If you have not yet signed up and would like to receive messages via text, please contact the school office.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the parents evening for years 1 - 6 on Tuesday.

Very best wishes
Mrs M McCollom
Headteacher