

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Statements to Live By

We have just introduced 'Statements to Live By' as part of our Catholic mission to nurture human wholeness within school. The aim is to promote a positive and caring Christian ethos that is shared and understood by everyone in our community. The statements are designed to bring the Gospel values into our lives both at home and in school. They will be explored during assemblies, class prayer, circle times and pastoral groups.

The statements will be published each week in the newsletter along with a 'Time to Talk' activity that you might choose to do with your child(ren) at home. Thank you for your support.

- For next week our **statement to live** by is: *'I can say how I feel and can laugh and have fun'*.
- **Time to talk:** Together you could explore why it is important to share how we feel and not bottle things up. You could talk about special memories – times when you experienced lots of fun and laughter as a family. What was it about the times that made those times so special?

### Mission Together

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012 we welcome Anne Dunphy to school to lead our annual Mission Together assembly to the whole school. Mission Together encourages children worldwide to care about mission through prayer, learning activities and fund-raising, and to become missionaries themselves. Its unique motto is 'children helping children'.



Mission Together supports both the spiritual and physical wellbeing of children. Through the financial contributions of children it carries out educational, medical and welfare projects overseas. **Mission Together is the Catholic Church's official overseas charity for children.** You can find out more via their website: [www.mission-together.co.uk](http://www.mission-together.co.uk). Collection boxes will be sent home in which loose change can be collected. These should be returned to school before Friday 19 October. Every penny collected will be put to good use by this important charity. Thank you for your support.

### Visit to the Jorvik Centre by Ciara Brady

*On Wednesday Year 4 went on a school trip. We went to school then we got on the coach. It took one hour and twenty minutes, me and Mia played cards. When we got there we got off the coach and walked to the Jorvik dig. Then we went in a room and we saw four digging pits. In them were Victorian, Roman, Viking and medieval areas.*

*Then we went on a ride. I was scared because I thought something would jump out at me! When we went home Ms Golland fell to sleep! A big thank you to all the teachers and everyone who came on the trip; Ms Golland, Ms Robinson, Miss Burt, Mr Hawley and Miss Hardman*

Thank you Ciara for the wonderful report!

### Boiler

Over the past twelve months my predecessor, Mrs Jeffery, and the Governing Body worked very hard to secure the funds to replace our boiler. I am delighted to be able to tell you that work will finally begin next week. During the works heating will be provided by a portable heater, so children and staff should be unaffected. I have met with the local authority and the contractors to cover all safeguarding issues. I would like to acknowledge and thank governors for their role in securing this necessary upgrade.

### Dates for your Diaries

Everyone should have received a copy of the Calendar for Terms 1 and 2. We are pleased to inform you of a few dates for the rest of the school year where you may need to either arrange alternative child care or time off work:

**Spring Term Parents' Evening** – Tuesday 12 February 4.00pm – 7.00pm

**Easter Performance (Y3,4,5)** – Tuesday 26 March (2.15pm) and Wednesday 27 March (7.00pm)

**Sports Day** – during National School Sports Week (usually in June) – exact date to be confirmed later

### **Bluebell Wood**

I would like to remind you that there is still time to support Bluebell Wood Hospice by buying a bulb (or bulbs), at a cost of £1 each. If you would like to support this worthy cause, all you need to do is send in your donation in an envelope marked clearly "Bluebell Wood". Representatives of our School Council will then join Ms Golland to plant the bulbs on behalf of our community, and your donations will be passed directly to the hospice. Thank you.

### **Parent Mail & Pupil Information**

I would be grateful if you would make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details, particularly mobile phone numbers and email addresses - could everyone make sure that they have registered with ParentMail2 before 26 September. Thank you. Also we still await the return of 30 Pupil Information forms!

### **Partnership**

Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's coffee meeting yesterday. A reminder that you are all welcome to engage with a range of events aimed at supporting and affirming you in your role as parents and carers. These sessions will take place on Thursday afternoons 2.15pm – 3.20pm in the Church Hall. A full list of dates and the proposed sessions can be found on the Parent Information Board. Please contact Mrs Asquith if you would like to be involved in any or all of the sessions.

### **Bobby & Bertie Bear & Attendance Awards**

The classes with the best attendance for week ending 14 September:

1. In joint first place - Y5 and F2 with a 100% attendance
2. In second place - Y4 with a 99.7% attendance
3. In third place - Y2 with a 99.3% attendance

Congratulations to the girls and boys of Y5 and F2 classes. Bobby will visit Y5 and Bertie will spend time in F2 next week. For the week ending 14 September the average attendance for the whole school was 98.9% which is well above our target of 96%.



### **Behaviour Initiative**

The lucky winner of the £20 cash for the end of the Summer Term was Matthew Ford. Well Done!

### **Autumn Term Parents' Evenings**

A letter will be sent home shortly providing more details about the Parents' Evenings and with a form for you to return to book an appointment with your child's teacher. Please note that appointments are for 5 minutes only to discuss your child's learning and academic progress. If you have any other issues you wish to discuss or you have any worries before or after Parents' Evening kindly make a separate appointment with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time.

### **SJF PTFA**

There will be a meeting at 3.30pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 for anyone interested in sharing ideas for the setting up of our new PTFA. Please pass your name to Mrs Battams if you have not done so already. The more people who get involved, the better, and it does not have to be a huge commitment. Thank you.

### **Achievements Outside of School**

- Niamh McGreal in Year 6 is a girl guide and attended an international camp at Ripon Racecourse recently. She has also achieved a number of different badges. Well done Niamh!
- Gabriel Pinto in Year 5 plays football for Sheffield United Junior Blades and received the 'Player of the Match' award recently for playing so well.
- Daniel Hoy in Year 6 who attends Karate lessons with the Sheffield Dragons in Woodhouse, has now achieved his Black Belt, just before his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. Well Done Daniel!
- William Swift in Year 6 who attends Martial Art lessons at the Excel Academy, also obtained his Blue Belt, Well Done William!

A reminder that if you would like to share details of your children's achievements outside of school, for example a swimming distance award, a martial art award, a Match Award, Dancing Certificate etc. please send the details into school, as they will be mentioned on the weekly Newsletter instead of waiting to be presented at the next assembly, thank you.

Have a great weekend.

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Headteacher

## **Researcher's Night at Sheffield University**

On the evening of Friday 28th September the University of Sheffield's laboratories and lecture theatres will be open to the public for "**Researchers' Night**", an annual European wide celebration of research. Researchers' night is set to happen simultaneously at 800 institutions across 32 European Countries and the University of Sheffield will be one of only a handful of UK institutions to take part.

Between 6pm and 9pm the University will be open for an evening of exhibitions, talks and hands on activities based around our research. Visitors will be able to wander around the University's historic buildings, taking part in experiments, lectures and debates as thousands of others do the same across the continent. In the 'pop in' lectures you can find out a how to build a quantum computer, learn about what the Romans ate, or quiz a panel of astronomers. Why not bring an object to scan in our MRI scanner, extract some DNA from strawberries or test your heart and lungs in our physiology lab?

Younger visitors can put on a lab coat and join in the fun at our kids' lab; and science demonstrators will freeze everyday objects to destruction in liquid nitrogen and turn marmite white. The little known Denny Museum will be open to the public for the first time in four decades displaying an amazing collection of zoological artefacts, including the enormous skull of an extinct man-size eagle and tiny fossilized dinosaurs.

If you're interested in the history of words and the Sheffield dialect, want find out if you have criminal ancestors through the Old Bailey online records, or see our collection archaeological artefacts then come along to Researchers night. These are just some of the events on offer.

Full listings at: [www.sheffield.ac.uk/researchersnight](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/researchersnight) . Everyone is very welcome and the event is completely **free**. Talks and mini lectures will be aimed at secondary school pupils and adults while the displays, demonstrations and hands on experiments will be suitable for those in KS2 and above, although younger children are welcome to attend.