



"Grow together in Christ"

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Catholic Primary School Leeds



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## Head Teacher's Newsletter 1 – 7.9.22

**Virtue:**  
**Respect/  
Courtesy**



**Living the Virtue:**  
**I respect myself and  
know I deserve  
respect from others.**

**Welcome back-** Firstly, welcome back to everyone from what has been a well-deserved summer break for everyone. We were blessed by beautiful weather too. I would like to welcome our new families to school and all our new Reception Children. I would also like to thank the staff for the preparation they have done to make sure everything is ready for September for their new classes. It really does take lots of hours to plan and prepare for the return – it is not all play and no work unfortunately! Thank you to Mr Williams and his team for the thorough clean the school has had – it is gleaming!

This year we welcome Mrs Poole to our teaching team. She will be teaching Year 4 this year and I know that many of you met her during transition week. Please pop in and say hello and introduce yourself. I wish her good luck and I know that she will make a positive difference to all the families in our school.

As a team, we hope that the year ahead will be smooth and that we will work together in partnership to ensure that every child has the opportunity to be the best person they can be. We hope that they will be happy, achieve personally, socially, emotionally, academically and in faith. By working in partnership with you, as the first parents of your child we know that there are endless possibilities.

**Mass of welcome:** We will have our Mass of welcome on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 9am in the school hall. This is a wonderful time to come together as one family, united as members of Rothwell St Mary's. If you or a family member can spare the time to come along you will be very welcome.

**Assemblies- Gold Book:** This is on a Friday morning at 9am. Parents are very welcome to attend. Please enter via the main entrance and sign into the file. Children are welcome to bring awards from sports that they do out of school. Please ensure that they have a certificate or trophy with them to be able to come out to the front. We will have some new awards for children in school this year for handwriting and good attitude to learning each week. They will be allowed to take the trophy home and it must be returned the following Wednesday so that it is ready for the next person to be awarded.

**School Uniform:** All our parents and children take pride to uphold the school's name and reputation – this has been seen this week in how well all our children have returned to school and how smart they all look. Please keep this up and check our uniform list if you are unsure of what colour or clothes your child should be wearing. (Please also check our badge colour!) Please also remember to put names in all items of clothing – it is much easier to return if names are available! Girls should only wear school colours in their hair and large headbands and bows are not part of our uniform – please save them for the weekends! I will be ensuring that uniform is worn with pride and checking that the correct uniform is being worn on both uniform and PE days. Smart uniform = smart working!

### Important days and dates for this half term

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September**  
Welcome Mass at 9am

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September**  
WOW Assembly – Walking  
on Wednesday's

**Little Wandle Information  
Session**  
5.30pm Rec, Y1 & Y2  
Parents

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
Rothwell Record to take  
Reception class photo 9am

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 4 singing at the  
Diocesan Head Teacher  
Mass at St Anne's  
Cathedral

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**  
MacMillan Coffee Morning  
after assembly

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September**  
Book Fair Mon-Thurs in  
school hall before and after  
school

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
Mini Vinnie Mass St Anne's  
Cathedral 10am

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> / Friday 7<sup>th</sup>  
October**  
D:side Internet Safety for Y1-  
Y6

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
Leeds United PSHE visit  
9.30am

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
Harvest Festival  
Liturgy/Assembly 9am

**Wk/Beg Monday 17<sup>th</sup>  
October**  
Year 6 Bikeability

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**  
Break up – half term

**Building fund contributions:** Our voluntary contributions have been used very effectively for building works in the past including our extension last year. Of course, this contribution is annual. We ideally expect that each child contributes £45 for the school year towards the upkeep of the school buildings. This is less than £1.20p a week. This should be paid on our school money system.

As a Catholic school we have to pay 10% of all our building costs. Our building work for this year will be about 30K. The works will include the installation of having new drainage on the side path (many of you will remember the flooding of last year!). We are also hoping to install a new disabled access up onto the field near the main side gate. This therefore means that we must pay £3,000 to the diocese. With your support I am sure that we can do this! Many thanks to all the parents who have already paid their annual contribution.

#### **After School Clubs:**

**Sports:**—These begin this week. Please check with the office for places on sports clubs or on School Money.

**Choir:** We will be resuming Choir on a Tuesday evening. I thank Dionne in advance for giving her time to this. Choir will be for Y4, Y5 and Y6 only this year. You can be pay in advance on the School Money site. Tickets for Young Voices can now be purchased – first come first served schools get the best seats!! Any new members need to join next Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September to be on the list for the concert on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022!

**Admissions:**—The admission round for **high schools** is now open so please make sure you have applied before October 31<sup>st</sup>2022.

**Reminders- PE Kit days and Year Groups** – come dressed in PE kits for the whole day. School shoes must be worn other days with school uniform.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday Wednesday	Monday Thursday	Wednesday Thursday (Swimming)	Tuesday Thursday	Tuesday Friday	Tuesday Friday

**PE kits** – please ensure waterproofs and spare socks are in PE bags.

**Parent Consultation Evenings:** We will be holding these before half term on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. These will run from 3.30pm – 6.30pm. School operates an online booking system. This will go live the week before and you will receive a text to notify you to book. Please add these dates to your diary.

**Data Collection -** If you have had any changes in numbers or addresses over the holidays, please let the office know. Also, if your child has any additional medical needs, please let the office know. Plasters are sometimes administered in school; please let the office know if your child has any allergies to them.

**School website-** Our school website holds lots of information about our school and the website address in on the top of this letter. It has newsletters and key dates for the year. It also has copies of our inspection reports, and admission forms, as well as photos. Why not take a look? We will also see the website updated by the end of the first half term so keep an eye out!

**Class Pages:** On each class page you will find the teacher's planning for each half term, your class newsletter, up to date photographs and any additional information that teachers may post. Please keep a regular eye on here.

**Twitter:** Mrs Sweeney keeps our Twitter page updated. Please follow us @rothwellstmarys



#### **Admissions to High School**

**This round is now open, and you will see information regarding open days on the newsletter. Please ensure that you have applied before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.**

#### **Admission into Reception**

This will officially open on 1<sup>st</sup> November and run until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. If your child will be 4 before 31<sup>st</sup> August, then you need to apply during this round. **Please apply online AND come and ask for a supplementary information form at school or download from our school website [www.rothwellstmarys.co.uk](http://www.rothwellstmarys.co.uk)**

**Open Afternoons  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov at  
1.30pm**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
at 1.30pm**

**Please contact school to  
book onto an afternoon.  
0113 2828182**

**Collective Worship Times  
Parents are invited to attend  
in person. These will start  
second week back – wk/bk  
12<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 6 – Tuesday 8.30am  
Year 5 – Thursday 2.40pm  
Year 4 – Wednesday  
8.30am  
Year 3- Tuesday 2.40pm  
Year 2 – Thursday 2.40pm  
Year 1 – Tuesday 2.40pm  
Reception – Thursday  
2.45pm

Reception will welcome parents during the first half day to join in a song and end of day prayers.

**Holiday forms-** Please remember that I expect full attendance wherever possible. Due to Government law, holidays are no longer authorised. Children need to be in school on time, every day to reach their full potential. Exceptional leave forms must be completed if any absence is required for exceptional circumstances. Medical appointments need to be taken outside school time unless in emergencies. Thank you for your co-operation. As you know these are not my rules!

Always remember that the door is open, and your first port of call should be your child's class teacher. If you need to speak further, then please see Mrs Sweeney or failing that myself. It is always better to nip things in the bud and get a resolution quickly with your child's teacher.

**Safeguarding:** Our new safeguarding policy is available on the school website. Our safeguarding team is below.

Miss Leonard, Mrs Sweeney, Ms MacPherson, Mrs Sheldon-Price and Mrs Martin (Mat leave). Should you wish to contact us, please use the usual address. We have a duty of care to protect all our children and families.

**Thank you, parents, -** On behalf of all the staff, could I thank our parents who support the school and its staff so well. I am certain that you will remember to arrive at our new time of 8.30am and that the children will value the extra learning time. Have your camera ready for that first day back photo when your child will look so smart! I wish each family a wonderful year at St Mary's this year. I intend to lead the school forwards to continued success this year for you all.

God Bless  
Miss S Leonard –  
Head teacher [head@rothwellstmarys.org.uk](mailto:head@rothwellstmarys.org.uk)

I want to wish each and every child a year full of hopes and possibilities. Good luck to you all. Remember that you can be anything you want if you just try each day!

