



"Grow together in Christ"

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Catholic Primary School Leeds



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Head Teacher's Newsletter 2 – 14.9.22

Virtue:
**Respect/
Courtesy**



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

We pay our respects for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As a Catholic school community, we feel the loss of someone so significant in all our lives and in the country. Queen Elizabeth represented such service, humility, respect, dignity and many more of our virtues that we try to live out each and every day.

On Monday 19th September, King Charles III has announced that this will be a Bank Holiday. This does include schools. This will be the day that Queen Elizabeth will be returned to her maker, and this marks a significant moment in history as well as a day to pray and offer our condolences.

We offer our prayers to the Royal family:

Almighty God,

You are the author and sustainer of all human life;

grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,

whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands

may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life

promised to all those born again

in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity

of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever, Amen.

Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord, And let Perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Hello again Lilibet ♥

Important days and dates for this half term

Thursday 15th September

Year 4 singing at the
Diocesan Head Teacher
Mass at St Anne's
Cathedral

Friday 23rd September

MacMillan Coffee Morning
after assembly

Monday 26th September

Book Fair Mon-Thurs in
school hall before and after
school

Wednesday 28th September

Mini Vinnie Mass St Anne's
Cathedral 10am

Thursday 6th / Friday 7th October

D:side Internet Safety for Y1-
Y6

Wednesday 12th October

Leeds United PSHE visit
9.30am

Friday 14th October

Harvest Festival
Liturgy/Assembly 9am

Wk/Beg Monday 17th October

Year 6 Bikeability

Monday 17th October & Tuesday 18th October

Parent Consultation
Evenings
3.30pm – 6.40pm

Friday 21st October

Break up – half term

Assemblies- Gold Book: Our first Gold Book will be this **Friday 16th**. 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.

MacMillan Coffee Morning: This will be next Friday after Gold Book Assembly. Please send cakes, buns in on Thursday. Everyone is welcome and we aim to allow all children to come and share in this. Each class will come in, in turn to buy a bun and return to their classes. It will be wonderful to share this occasion with as many as can make it. A truly meaningful charity – to me personally and to so many of you in our school community.



FOSM New Trustees required:

After 3 years in our current roles, we are resigning from our positions as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary for Friends of St Mary's.

It's been our pleasure serving on the PTA, leading the fundraising and contributing to the school. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank every volunteer that's supported us along the way, and we're going out on a high after the success of the Summer Fair.

We'll remain in our positions until the AGM in October, which will be held in the evening of October 19th, in school at 6.30pm. For FOSM to continue after that time we'll need volunteers to replace us in our positions.

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 last week. There are still places available should you you're your child to take part. Please contact the office to book a place.

Admissions-The admission round for **high schools** is now open so please make sure you have applied before October 31st2022.

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 17th and Tuesday 18th 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

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 31st October 2022.

Admission into Reception

This will officially open on 1st November and run until 15th January 2023. If your child will be 4 before 31st 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**

**Open Afternoons
Wednesday 9th Nov at
1.30pm**

**Wednesday 30th 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
this week.**

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.

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



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.

God Bless
Miss S Leonard –
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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!

