



"Grow together in Christ"

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Catholic Primary School Leeds



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Head Teacher's Newsletter 3 – 21.9.22

Virtue:
**Respect/
Courtesy**



Living the Virtue:
**I respect and follow school
and classroom rules.
I speak politely to
everyone.**

Attendance: Each week we celebrate the class with the best attendance. Attendance is key to a good education and to future life chances. Our school attendance target is always between 97% and 98%. Each week you will find here, the class with the best attendance.



Last week the class with the best attendance was **Year 6 with 99.93%**. This is an excellent start to the year – long may it continue. Well done!

Behaviour: Each week Max and Max from Year 6 collect how many pupils have ended the week on Gold. This is the ultimate place to be on our class traffic light behaviour system. The class with the most children on gold, are our weekly winners. If the whole class end on gold, then they earn some free time in the following week. Excellent behaviour in our school is an expectation and we do expect all pupils to have impeccable manners and a positive attitude to learning. This is one of the key reasons you chose St Mary's for your child.



*Please encourage your child to use the term pardon instead of what.
Please encourage your child to show respect at all times.
Please encourage your child to say good morning and how are you.
Please work in partnership with school to ensure that our young people grow into respectful adults.*

Our winning class last week was **Reception**. All 30 pupils ended the week on gold. What a great start to life at St Mary's – WELL DONE!

MacMillan Coffee Morning: This will be on 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 (if we get enough to share!). 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.



Book Fair: Our Book Fair will be from Monday 26th September- Thursday 29th September. You can come and visit the book fair with your child to buy a book before school from 8am and on collection. Purchases can be made via card by scanning a QR code. The



Important days and dates for this half term

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

more books sold, the higher the commission for school. This allows us to buy more books. We are hoping to buy books to set up a book club with Mrs Hallos.

Uniform: Please can I remind all parents that if a child is wearing a shirt and jumper/cardigan, then they must have a school tie on. All pupils must also have school shoes and a pair of pumps for indoors. We take pride in our school, and I am certain that the wearing of shoes is not allowed inside your own house.

Assemblies- Gold Book: 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.

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. Please contact FOSM via email yourfosm@gmail.com

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.

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 2nd Nov at
1.30pm (please note this
new date)**

**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.

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 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 is 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



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 –
Head teacher head@rothwellstmarys.org.uk

Just for today, help me, God, to remember that my life is a gift,
that my health is a blessing,
that this new day is filled with awesome potential,
that I have the capacity to bring something wholly new and
unique and good into this world.

Just for today, help me, God, to remember to be kind and
patient to the people who love me, and to those who work with
me too.

Teach me to see all the beauty that I so often ignore, and to
listen to the silent longing of my own soul.

Just for today, help me, God, to remember You.
Let this be a good day, God, full of joy and love.
Amen

