



"Grow together in Christ"

Rothwell St. Mary's
Catholic Primary School Leeds



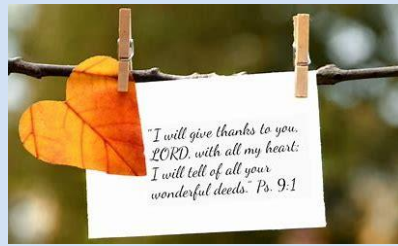
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Head Teacher's Newsletter 4 – 28.9.22

Virtue: THANKFULNESS

Living the Virtue:

**I am grateful for all I have
and praise God for all he
has given me.**



Attendance: Last week the class with the best attendance was **Year 3 with 98%**. This is an excellent start to the year – long may it continue. Well done!

Behaviour:

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 **Year 2**. All 30 pupils ended the week on gold. What a great start to life at St Mary's – WELL DONE!

MacMillan Coffee Morning: Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and buns, came to join us on the day or came after school. It was a wonderful community occasion. We raised a total of £421.



Book Fair: Our Book Fair will be open until tomorrow - 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 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.



Assemblies- Class Assemblies for the year were sent out last week. Here they are again for anyone who missed the email:

Term	Aut 1	Aut 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Sum 1	Sum 2	Sum 2
Year	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Year 6	Rec
Date	23/9/22	18/11/22	20/1/23	10/3/23	5/5/23	16/6/23	14/7/23

Harvest Assembly/Liturgy: We host an annual Harvest liturgy where children donate food hampers, tins, non-perishables that we can pass to the SVP to take to those in more need than ourselves. This will take place on Friday 14th October at 9am. If food items can come to school by Thursday 13th so that I can set the hall up the night before. You are welcome to attend. The liturgy will be led by our own Mini Vinnies – these are the youth part of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP).



Important days and dates for this half term

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

Friday 30th September

Year 1 trip to Temple Newsam

Thursday 6th October

National Poetry Day

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

Monday 31st October

Training Day Staff completing PE CPD

Tuesday 1st November

Open to pupils

Thursday 3rd November

Individual photographs

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.

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

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

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.

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

Wednesday 9th November

Poetry and Poppies
Y1-Y6

Poetry Workshops from external provider

**Monday- Wednesday
14th – 16th November
Year 6 Robinwood**

Friday 18th November
Year 4 Class Assembly

Wednesday 23rd November

Nurse Visits
Reception am
Year 6 pm

Thursday 24th November

Flu immunisation nasal spray
Please ensure that you have booked your child for this

Confirmation

Thursday 24th November
Year 6 will make the sacrament of Confirmation at 7pm at St Mary's Church

**Monday 28th November @
9am**

Mini Vinnie
Advent Liturgy – parents welcome

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.

**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

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

Heavenly Father, I ask that you place your angels around our children. Protect them wherever they go. Please help them make the right choices about things they should and shouldn't do. May they find comfort in knowing that your angels are with them to guide and protect them.
Amen.