



“Grow together in Christ”

Rothwell St. Mary's
Catholic Primary School Leeds



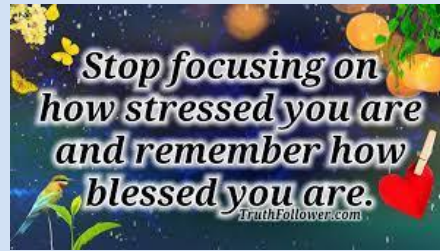
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Head Teacher's Newsletter 7 – 19.10.22

Virtue: **THANKFULNESS**

Living the Virtue:

I show God I am thankful to Him by cherishing the gifts of His creation



End of the first half term: We have come to the end of the first half term! Thank you for your partnership and all your positive comments during parents' evenings. Mr Williams has had his operation, and all has gone well. I am sure you all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. Mrs Mace has also had surgery and we send our love and prayers to her too.

The children have made huge improvements over the half term. Their attitude to learning has improved and their behaviour overall has improved. They have evaluated our behaviour system and tell us that they like it, it is working, and it is fair! Long may this last.

Please remember that we have a training day on Monday 31st October. The staff will be receiving training on PE and SEMH.

I wish you all a happy and safe half term.

Attendance: Last week the classes with the best attendance were Reception and Year 1 This is amazing attendance. Keep this up Year 5 and everyone else will follow!



Behaviour: There has been a huge improvement in behaviour this week. Even our head teacher visitors from Essex were blown away by the children's behaviour. Thank you for your partnership and support.

SEND Coffee Morning: This will be tomorrow, Thursday 20th October first thing. You are very welcome to come along for a chat, advice or simply to meet up with other parents who have lots of advice to share about being a parent of a child with SEND needs.



Secondary Admissions: The admission round for **high schools** is still open so please make sure you have applied before October 31st 2022. Please ensure that this is completed over half term, if not already done. You will also need to submit your Supplementary Information Form directly to the Catholic High school. We do not supply these for you.

Harvest Assembly/Liturgy:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Liturgy. The SVP were blown away with the number of items they were able to take to share to those less fortunate than ourselves. Well done to our Mini Vinnies who led our liturgy and organised the morning. They are a credit to themselves, their parents, and our school.

We received the following from Centre Manager at the SVP Leeds:

Important days and dates for this half term

Wk/Beg Monday 17th October
Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 21st October
Break up – half term

Monday 31st October
Training Day
Staff completing PE / SEMH CPD

Tuesday 1st November
Open to pupils

Wednesday 2nd November
Open Afternoon 1 1.30pm

Thursday 3rd November
Individual photographs

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

Year 2 Trip to Yorkshire Coal Mining Museum

Monday 21st November
Year 4 trip to Murton Park

Wednesday 23rd November
Nurse Visits
Reception am
Year 6 pm

Thursday 24th November
Flu immunisation nasal spray
Booking is now closed



Dear Rothwell St Mary's School

We were delighted to receive your fabulously generous Harvest donations at the centre in Leeds.

These donations will help us ensure families and older people living in poverty are able to eat.

Here at the centre we offer other support to improve their lives too and we will tell people that Rothwell St Mary's School are part of this work.

Again, thank you for your amazing donation.

Kind Regards

Caroline Kelly

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Centre Manager St Vincent's Leeds.

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

Uniform: Please can I remind parents that all children should be in winter uniform after half term. Shirt and ties – no polo shirts on uniform days. Please can I also ask that the correct PE kit is worn. If for any reason any family is struggling, please do come and speak to me. Shoes must be worn on non-PE days too. Let us work together to keep smart and work hard.

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 **Wednesday 19th October**, 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 yourfosc@gmail.com

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.

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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!

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

Tuesday 29th November

HSBC Workshops in school

Wednesday 7th December

Whole school trip to the pantomime in Leeds

Monday 12th December

Reception & Y1 Nativity
1.30pm and 5.30pm

Tuesday 13th December

Christmas Dinner day

Thursday 15th December

Party Afternoon – party clothes can be worn all day

Friday 16th December

Mass 9am
Parent tea/coffee/ mince pie/ sausage sandwiches
Brunch Dinner 11am
Break up at 1pm

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 8.40 am (new time)

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 –

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