



"Grow together in Christ"

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Catholic Primary School Leeds



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Head Teacher's Newsletter 5 – 5.10.22

Virtue: **THANKFULNESS**

Living the Virtue:
I count my blessings every day and remember to praise God for them.



Attendance: Last week the class with the best attendance was **Year 5 with 100%**. This is amazing attendance. Keep this up Year 5 and everyone else will follow!

Behaviour:

We have worked with the children in school to understand what it means to be on each colour. They have decided which behaviours warrant each colour and I feel giving the children a voice in this decision has made a huge difference so far. You will receive a copy of the behaviour system. Please work in partnership with school to reinforce this and support school. Just imagine managing the behaviour of 210 pupils, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week – anyone want to try it?



New Awards: These awards are given out in Friday's Gold Book assembly and must be returned the following Thursday.

Handwriting:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Hollie	Poppy	Ellia	Jonah	Niamh	Isla A	Natalia

Excellent attitude to learning award: these are prestigious awards, and the children should be very proud of themselves for achieving these. Well done.

EYFS/ KS1: George in Reception

KS2: Bale in Year 4



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

D:side- Internet Safety sessions: This is the content that your children will be covering next week in their sessions.

Internet Safety Sessions for Key Stage's 1 and 2 will focus on:

- What we use the Internet for (KS1)
- What is / is not safe to share online (KS1)
- What to do if we are not sure about the internet (KS1)
- Using emails safely (KS2)
- Social networking and safe profiling – including use of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snap Chat, TikTok, etc. (KS2)
- 'chatting' with care (KS2)
- Responsible and safe use of the internet (logins, email, photography, password protection, personal information and self-protection). (KS2)
- Using text and picture messaging (KS2)
- behaving responsibly (KS2)

Important days and dates for this half term

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

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

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).



Uniform: Please can I remind parents that correct uniform must be worn. If your child is wearing a shirt (all children must be in winter uniform after October half term anyway), they must be wearing a tie. 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 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

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 as

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

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)

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 –
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Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on my life. You have provided me with more than I could ever have imagined. You have surrounded me with people who always look out for me. You have given me family and friends who bless me every day with kind words and actions.

