



"Grow together in Christ"

Rothwell St. Mary's  
Catholic Primary School Leeds



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## Head Teacher's Newsletter 10 – 16.11.22

### Virtue: HOPE

I don't give up on myself.

Pray when you feel like worrying. Give thanks when you feel like complaining. Keep going when you feel like quitting.



**Attendance:** Last week of the half term, the class with the best attendance was Year 1 with 99%. They are certainly doing well this year! This is amazing attendance. Keep this up Year 1 and everyone else will follow!



**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
Annie	Emma	Niamh	Joe M	Pia	Edward	Nathan

**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:** William in Year 2 – amazing positive attitude to learning

**KS2:** Odin Year 4- an all-round learner who has a positive attitude to everything.



**Assemblies-** Class Assemblies for the year were sent out last week. Here they are again for anyone who missed the email: Year 4 will lead us this coming Friday – come along and see our amazing pupils.

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

**Cost of Living/ Benefits:** As a country, we are fully aware of the increases to the cost of living. Many people are not aware of the many benefits that are available out there or feel embarrassed to apply. This should never be the case. Here is the link to Leeds City Council benefits page. Please take a look if you feel that you could possibly qualify for any of these. You may also be entitled to Free School Meals along with this. As the image across shows, you could save yourself £420 a year on this. If anyone is unsure or wants to chat about this confidentially, please do come and see me – I am always happy to help any family. <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/benefits>

**Safety in PE:** Please can we ask that the following things are in place for PE days for your child- Hair tied up, no long nails, no jewellery. These are all things that could cause an injury to the child themselves or to another child. Thank you

**Christmas Dinner:** Christmas dinner day is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. If your child usually brings a packed lunch but wants a dinner, please can you book this on School Money by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** so that Mrs Frankland can order enough food!

Dinners are going really well at the moment. Our special menu day last week had the highest number of dinners ever served with 190 pupils engaging in the Bonfire themed dinner. Let's go for 210 for Christmas dinner!! Although, this might mean I have to help in the kitchen!

### Important days and dates for this half term

**Monday- Wednesday  
14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 6 Robinwood  
Returning Wed 16<sup>th</sup> approx.  
4pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 4 Class Assembly

**Year 2 Tip to Yorkshire Coal Mining Museum**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
Year 4 trip to Murton Park

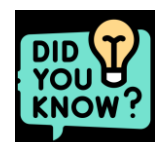
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Nurse Visits  
Reception am  
Year 6 pm

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
Flu immunisation nasal spray

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

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November @ 9am**  
Mini Vinnie  
Advent Liturgy – parents welcome

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
HSBC Workshops in school



Are you entitled to Free School Meals but don't take them up – this could save you £420 per year!!

**Congratulations:** I share the news that Mrs Martin has been successful in gaining a promotion to Deputy Head. This will start in January 2023. We wish her all the best in her new role and thank her for the years served at St Mary's.

**Catholic Care:** As you will know Denise left in the summer and we have our new Catholic care Therapeutic Worker – Mrs Emma Horsfield. Emma can be contacted via school and is available to offer support to children individually. If you feel that your child would benefit from any extra support, this is something we fund through school. Emma works in our school on a Monday during term time. There is a referral process via Miss Leonard or Mrs Sweeney.

**Admission into Reception** This will officially open on 1<sup>st</sup> November and run until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. If your child will be 4 before 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.rothwellstmarys.co.uk)**  
**Open Afternoons**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm**

**Please contact school to book onto an afternoon.  
0113 2828182**

**FOSM:** FOSM is registered for Amazon Smile which is a simple way to support us every time you shop. It is easy to select us as your chosen charity and Amazon donate 0.5% of purchases made! To support us please go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1115799-0> or search for Friends Of St Mary's School Rothwell at smile.amazon.co.uk. There's a few so look for Rothwell. Thank you!

We're also registered with easyfundraising Every time you shop online with any of 2,700 retailers, including Amazon, John Lewis, and Argos, you can raise money for Friends of St Mary's. Just visit the easyfundraising site [here](#), and click 'Shop Online' to find your preferred retailer. It only takes a few seconds and is a great way to easily contribute to FOSM. Just remember to put things in your basket after you've clicked the link!



## Your School Lottery

Our school lottery has launched, and tickets are available now! To be in with a chance of winning and raise funds for the school please visit [yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://yourschoollottery.co.uk) and click on Buy a ticket. Search for the school using 'Rothwell St Mary's' and click on the Support us button under the school image. Tickets are just £1 a week with a TOP PRIZE of £25,000, and 1 guaranteed winner for each school receives 30% of the ticket sales in the Saturday weekly draw. Remember 40% of the sales is coming straight back to FOSM and the lottery is open to anyone who'd like to support us so share with friends and family and keep boosting the prize fund.

**Amazing BONUS prize – Win a PS5 Mega Bundle – Buy your tickets before December 10th to be entered in to the draw**

Been struggling to get your hands on the perfect Christmas present? We've got you covered... on Saturday 10th of December, with delivery in time for Christmas, one lucky supporter will win this MASSIVE PS5 bundle, worth over £1,000!

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December FOSM DISCO NIGHT**

Rec, Y1, Y2 3.15pm -4.45pm  
Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 5.00pm –  
6.30pm

Parents come along to a social gathering at the same time in the Y2 classroom

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Whole school trip to the pantomime in Leeds – am – back for a picnic late lunch.

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Reception & Y1 Nativity  
1.30pm and 5.30pm

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Dinner day

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Party Afternoon – party clothes can be worn all day

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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)**



A PlayStation 5 (disc edition) with 3 highly-rated games (FIFA 23, Lego Star Wars, Stray), an extra controller, PS Pulse gaming headset, loads more goodies – AND a 43" 4K Ultra HD TV to play it all on! Christmas? Sorted.

Anyone who signs up and buys a ticket by the 10th for our first lottery on the 17th will be in the bonus PS5 draw, including those who sign up by direct debit who won't have made their first payment by the 10th.

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**Uniform:** Please can I remind parents that all children should now be in winter uniform. 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.

**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 – here is a glimpse of what took place last week!



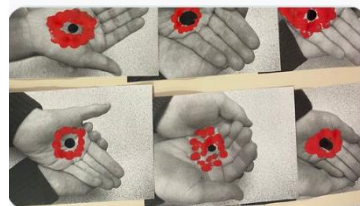
Y1 have now moved onto painting their boxes and exploring with different colours @pantsdanny



First netball session of the year! What a team we're going to have #netballengland #healthyschools



Y2 used digital photography to create their own Remembrance Day art #LestWeForget



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 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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