



"Grow together in Christ"

Rothwell St. Mary's
Catholic Primary School Leeds

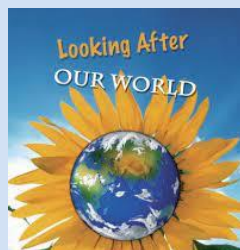


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Head Teacher's Newsletter 11 – 23.11.22

Virtue: HOPE

I have hopes and dreams
that we can all work for
a better world.



Attendance: Last week, the classes with the best attendance were Year 1 and Reception with 99%. They are certainly doing well this year! This is amazing attendance. Keep this up Reception and 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
Sophia	Fern	-	George A	Tyler	Freddie	Florence

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: Jude – year 1 – for having a positive attitude to learning all the time

KS2: James B – Year 6 – for being an all-round learner but especially in reading and writing.



Gold Book Assemblies: If you are attending Friday assemblies and arrive at 8.30am, you are going to be able to visit your child's class and discretely see what goes on. You are also welcome to take a seat in the hall and chat with fellow parents. We want to make this available to you.

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	Spring 1	Spring 2	Sum 1	Sum 2	Sum 2
Year	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Year 6	Rec
Date	20/1/23	10/3/23	5/5/23	16/6/23	14/7/23

FOSM: FOSM will be running a Christmas raffle with some great prizes to help with your Christmas spending (as well as a couple of prizes just to treat yourselves!) Raffle tickets will be going out in school bags 28th November, please can you return these by 7th December in time for the draw on the 12th of December at the Nativity. Good luck everyone.

Beginning of Advent: As we move towards the weekend and the start of a new liturgical year – we are reminded that the preparation time begins to welcome Jesus at Christmas. This coming Sunday marks the First Sunday of Advent. We will begin our school week on 28th November with an Advent liturgy led by our Mini Vinnies. You are welcome to join us. Maybe this can be your one thing to do during the season of Advent, to come and pray with your children at school. Please think of others this Advent season and remember that we never know what someone else is going through – Always be kind!



Important days and dates for this half term

Wednesday 23rd November

Nurse Visits
Reception am
Year 6 pm

Thursday 24th November

Flu immunisation nasal spray

Confirmation

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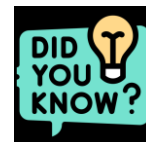
Year 6 will make the sacrament of Confirmation at 7pm at St Mary's Church

Monday 28th November @ 9am

Mini Vinnie
Advent Liturgy – parents welcome

Tuesday 29th November

HSBC Workshops in school



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

Friday 2nd 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 7th December

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

Christmas Gifts: I am aware that everyone is stretched now. I am requesting that **NO** gifts are bought this year for staff. It is a lovely thought but a card with a message is far more powerful and thoughtful. If you want to do something worthwhile, we will be doing our reverse Advent calendar. This message has been sent this week. All donations will make up 7 hampers for families.

Pantomime: This year we are SOOOOOO fortunate that FOSM are funding the pantomime costs. Just so that you know what this amounts to – the buses are costing £1,200, and the tickets are costing £2,500. This means that it would have cost parents £13 per child. Thank you to those who have contributed in any way over the past year to the FOSM bank account. I am sure you appreciate this as much as I do.

Friday 16th December: We will end this half term with mass at 9am on this day. We will be offering a cuppa and a breakfast sandwich to parents afterwards. If you plan on coming and would like to join us after mass, then please can you let the office know for catering purposes. It will be lovely to get together on this day. The children will have a brunch meal on this day in preparation for finishing at 1pm.

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

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>

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 30th 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 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



Monday 12th December
Reception & Y1 Nativity
1.30pm and 5.30pm

Tuesday 13th December
Christmas Dinner day-
Christmas jumpers can be worn instead of school jumpers – head bands and Christmas accessories are allowed too (even for the staff!!)

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 – Thursday 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)



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!

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.

Uniform: Please can I remind parents the correct PE should be worn. NO named kit should be coming into school. Plain and simple navy bottoms, white tops!

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!



With the help of Harry, Miss Stephens has drawn the World Cup 2022 teams for our school. She will keep us updated with the scores through the competition. Come on England! +



Year 1 have been on a very wet walk around Rothwell this morning. We spotted different amenities that will help us create our own map of Rothwell later this week. #geographersoftwitter



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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