



"Grow together in Christ"

Rothwell St. Mary's  
Catholic Primary School Leeds



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## Head Teacher's Newsletter 8 – 2.11.22

### Virtue: HOPE

I believe and trust that  
God will not give up on  
me.



**Attendance:** Last week of the half term, the class with the best attendance was Year 1 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
Daniel	Finley	Eligio	Edie	Josephine	Olivia J	Zavier

**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:** Sophia Year 1

**KS2:** Bertie Year 3



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

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

**Individual/ family photographs:** These will take place tomorrow – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. If any class has PE, please send your child in their uniform and they can bring PE kits to get changed into.

**Mini Vinnies:** Our Mini Vinnies will be attending Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November. This will be followed by them giving their time to support the SVP Coffee Morning. If you are free, come along and support the parish, the SVP and our Mini Vinnies.

**Welcome to our new FOSM members:** Thank you to those who attended the FOSM AGM before the holidays. I am sure that we will be hearing much more from the team in the week to come. Please contact FOSM via email [yourfosm@gmail.com](mailto:yourfosm@gmail.com)

**Message from Tina:**

*Following the AGM on October 19th, I'm delighted to share the newly appointed Friends of St Mary's Trustees are:*

Sarah Findlay - Chair  
Sarah Doherty - Treasurer  
Dionne Cummings - Secretary

*I wish them the best of luck and once again, thanks to all who supported Jenny, Michelle and I, we couldn't have done it without you all and I know you'll be just as brilliant in helping the new trustees.*

### Important days and dates for this half term

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
Open Afternoon 1 1.30pm

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Individual photographs

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
Poetry and Poppies  
Y1-Y6  
Poetry Workshops from  
external provider

**Monday- Wednesday  
14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Year 6 Robinwood**

**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

As I had over the baton there's one last fundraiser I've put in place which I'm quite excited about. Rothwell St Mary's are launching a lottery and the first draw date is December 17th. This is a fantastic way for us to raise funds for school and give you the chance of winning cash prizes. Our own lottery page is being built right now and will be ready in the next few days so keep an eye out for more updates.

With Christmas approaching I want to remind you all 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 registering 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!

All the best, Tina

**Poetry and Poppies Drama workshop:** This will be for Y1 - Y6 on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. A timely reminder of the significance of remembrance and an opportunity to take part in drama and create poetry.



Part history, part literature and part drama, the workshop investigates the people of the Great War and their stories.

During the sessions the children create scenes that weave together poetry, interviews with soldiers, and personal accounts from the different people involved.

Class-by-class sessions take an imaginative look at what World War One meant at the time and what it means today. Differentiated for the age of the children, classes investigate the Great War through a multitude of perspectives and topics. These workshops combine professional theatrical techniques with the language of war poets and accounts from those who took part, taking an in-depth look at the World War One experience.

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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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 1.30pm (please note this new date)

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

Please contact school to book onto an afternoon.  
0113 2828182

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

Whole school trip to the pantomime in Leeds

**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**

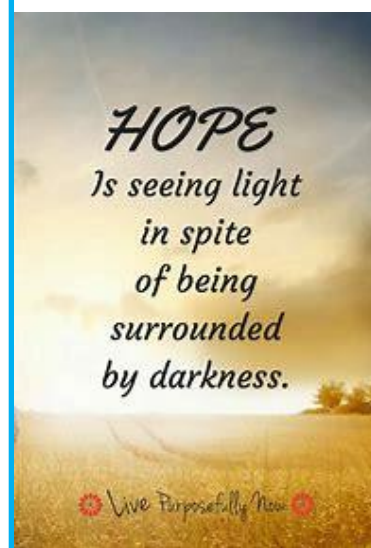
Party Afternoon – party clothes can be worn all day

**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)**



**School website**- Our school website holds lots of information about our school and the website address is 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



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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