



"Grow together in Christ"

Rothwell St. Mary's  
Catholic Primary School Leeds

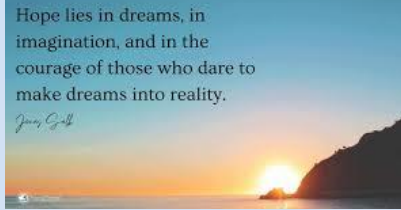


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## Head Teacher's Newsletter 9 – 9.11.22

### Virtue: HOPE

I am positive about the future.



**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
Rose	Ava	Heidi	Isla	Isabelle	Dominik	Xanthe

**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- Reception

**KS2:** Orla O – 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

**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.*

**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!

### Important days and dates for this half term

#### 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

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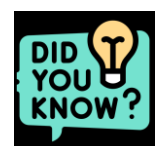
Year 6 will make the sacrament of Confirmation at 7pm at St Mary's Church

#### 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!!

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!

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## 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](https://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!

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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### 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)**



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

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

**0113 2828182**

**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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