



"Grow together in Christ"

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Catholic Primary School Leeds



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Head Teacher's Newsletter 16 – 11.1.23

Virtue to live by:

FRIENDSHIP:

I am a good friend when:

I treat others as I want to be treated

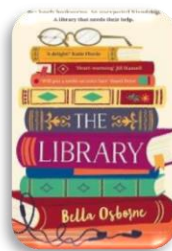
Attendance: Last week the class with the best attendance was Reception with 99%. They are certainly doing well this year! This is amazing attendance.



All awards will be back on next week's newsletter after our Gold Book assembly on Friday.

Gold Book Assembly 13th January 2023: Assembly will be at 9am, you are welcome to come and visit classes prior to assembly starts. We will be blessed with a poetry recital from year 5 at the beginning of assembly too. Please join us if you can.

Libraries: Our libraries are up and running with the children borrowing books of their own choosing. In order to keep our library running and having a broad selection for the children, please can you check your homes for any books belonging to the St. Mary's library. Our vigilant and enthusiastic Y6 librarians will issue letters each Friday to anyone with outstanding loans.



Healthy Lunch Boxes: As a school we are keen to offer the healthiest options to our children in both their food and physical well-being. Over the past couple of years, we have been working with Leeds LA to bring about changes to healthy lifestyles, working with our school kitchen and changing the mindsets of pupils and adults alike. Our school has a group of very active children who lead our Food Ambassador group with Mrs Sheldon Price. They have worked with Mrs Frankland to review school menus, attend training with the Local Authority and meet member of the Healthy Schools team here at St Mary's.

Our next step is to have a clear policy in place for those children who bring a packed lunch to school. Our work will begin with an assembly on Monday 16th January with Siobhan Jennings. If you want to attend this, you are more than welcome. Following this, we will be communicating our suggestion with you via the Food Ambassador group and hope to make some changes over the coming months.

Parent Consultation Evenings for the Spring Term: These will be going ahead in the second half of the Spring Term in the week beginning 20th March. This gives us another term to see how well your child is performing. If you have any worries or questions during the term, please do come and have a chat and likewise, if teachers need to flag anything, they will be in contact.

Important days and dates for this half term

Monday 16th January

Siobhan Jennings from Healthy School Team to lead assembly about Healthy Lunch Boxes

Friday 20th January

Year 3 Class Assembly

Friday 3rd February

10 Year 5 children - Ice Skating- Elland Road
12.45-1.45pm

Friday 3rd February

FOSM
Valentine Disco
KS1 3.15-4.45 and ks2 5-6.30pm

Wednesday 8th February

Young Voices

Friday 10th February

Break up for Half Term

Monday 20th February

Return to School

Tuesday 28th February

Panathlon
12.30-2.30
More information to follow

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Friday 3rd March

Bringing Books to Life
Dance Workshops for whole school

Young Voices: This will take place on Wednesday 8th February – not many weeks away now. As usual, we will leave school around 12.30 after the children have had their lunch and return by 10pm. I will send a detailed letter out but please add these timings to your diary. We are all very excited.

FOSM will be meeting at **7.30pm on Thursday 12th January** at the Black Bull, Rothwell. With the next disco planned for 3rd February and more in the diary we have lots to discuss. We would love to welcome you to meet with us and find out what we do. If you would like to join us on Thursday, please email yourfosm@gmail.com to let us know you are coming. Thank 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

Poetry Recitals: In an aim to continue to encourage a love of reading, we are introducing poetry recitals in assemblies this year. Here are the dates when your child's class will perform:

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Year 1 – 17th March 2023

Year 4 – 5th May 2023

Year 3 – 16th June 2023

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**

FOSM: Raising money by online shopping – if you shop online, consider using either of the links below to allow FOSM to gain a % of your purchases. <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!

Just visit the [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.com) site [here](#), and click 'Shop Online' to find your preferred retailer.

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 www.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.



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 – Thursday 8.30am

Reception – Thursday 8.40 am (new time)

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Twitter: All our teacher now keep our Twitter page updated. Please follow us @rothwellstmarys to find out what has been happening in school each day.

Everyday Year 1 have a book vote. Today 'Rainbow Fish' was the winner. We loved learning all about how kindness is much more important than what we look like! 🌟



During their reflection on the feast of the Epiphany, the children helped the kings follow the star.



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.

<https://www.rothwellstmarys.co.uk/classes/>

Safeguarding:

Our safeguarding policy for 2022/23 is available on the school website

<https://www.rothwellstmarys.co.uk/school-info/safeguarding/> . 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.

Safeguarding Support for Parents: Many children will have received devices for Christmas or have access to iPad, phone etc. Two guidance documents have been sent with this week's newsletter from Internet Matters

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources/> Please take a read and ensure that your child is safe Online.

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.

God Bless

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