



"Grow together in Christ"

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Catholic Primary School Leeds



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Head Teacher's Newsletter 18 – 25.1.23

Virtue to live by:

FRIENDSHIP:

I am a good friend when: I do little things for others that make them happy.

Attendance: Last week the class with the best attendance was Year 4 with 98%. This is amazing attendance. This week across school – Rec 89%, Y1 94%, Y2 93%, Y3 89%, Y4 98%, Y5 94%, Y6 97%. Overall, since September our school attendance figure is 95.46%, this is well below where we need this to be. Illness is understandable but we have had lateness and holidays are affecting attendance. Our school target is 97%.



Lateness can build up over time and affect the attendance of a pupil without you really knowing. If a child was late every day for the following number of minutes, this table shows how many days this equates to over a year! Imagine how many lessons missed this would equate to!

Minutes late	Number of days over a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days



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
Grace	Harry	Maria	Joe M	Josephine	William	Joe

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: Lucas -Year 1

KS2: Haydn -Year 3



Strike Action: Just to inform you that there will be no disruption to our school due to Strike Action.

Little Wandle Parents session: Don't forget the Little Wandle session tonight (Wednesday) at 5pm. Please come along and find out more about how phonics and reading is taught at school.

School Council: 30th January

On the 30th January, we will be having an own clothes day. You can wear something that represents you. If you would like to you can bring in a donation and an item for the food bank.

Sports club

Important days and dates for this half term

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

Friday 17th March

Year 1 Poetry Recital

Thursday 16th March

SCOPE SEND coffee morning (please let Mrs Sweeney know if you can attend)

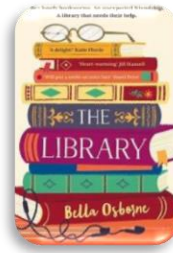
Monday 20th / Tuesday 21st March

Parent Consultation
Evenings

We will be starting a sports club around Easter time, it will be held at lunch time and it will be led by our own school council members.

Thank you!

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.



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.

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.

Provision beyond the school day: We are so lucky to have so much on offer to extend and enrich the personal development of your children. Here is a reminder of what is on offer and when:

Day	Provision	Year Groups	Staff
Monday	Reading Fluency Cheer Leading	Selected pupils All	Mrs Sweeney Ace Club
Tuesday	Reading Fluency Booster Choir Mindfulness Chess	Selected pupils Y6 KS2 KS1 KS2	Mrs Sweeney Miss Nicholson Miss Leonard/ Dionne Miss Stephens Mrs Sheldon-Price
Wednesday	Reading Fluency Basketball Booster Food Ambassadors (once per half term) Art	Selected pupils KS2 Y6 KS2 KS1	Mrs Sweeney Ace Club Miss Nicholson, Mrs Hallos, Mrs Poole Mrs Sheldon Price Miss Cohen
Thursday	Reading Fluency Y4 TT Rockstars (before school) Football Gardening	Selected pupils Y4 KS2 All	Mrs Sweeney Mrs Poole Ace Club Mrs Sheldon -Price / Mrs Penchion
Friday	Netball	Y5/ Y6	Mrs Sweeney

There will also be a computing club starting next half term for KS1 on a Tuesday after school with Miss Drury.

Assemblies- Please note change to Y2 Class Assembly date.

Term	Spring 2	Sum 1	Sum 2	Sum 2
Year	Year 2	Year 1	Year 6	Rec
Date	24/3/23	5/5/23	16/6/23	14/7/23

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)

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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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 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.



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.

Year 4 enjoyed sharing our class novel "Fortunately, the milk ..." with their families this morning. They were impressed by the children's confidence sharing some of our new vocabulary!



Y3 led their Class Assembly this morning all about fresh starts and new beginnings.



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: This week's online safety topic is Digital Resilience. Please see leaflet along with the newsletter or visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources/> to see additional resources.

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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