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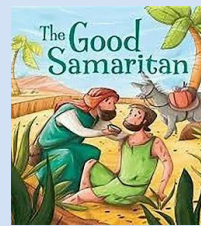
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Head Teacher's Newsletter 20 – 8.2.23

Virtue to live by:
LOVE OF NEIGHBOUR:
I treat others as I want to be treated.



Attendance: Last week the class with the best attendance was Year 4 with 99%. This is amazing attendance. This week across school – Rec 97%, Y1 98%, Y2 98%, Y3 95%, Y4 99%, Y5 97%, Y6 93%.



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! A reminder also that the gate will close at 8.30am. We allow 10 mins for children to arrive at school and get to their classroom. Lessons do begin at 8.30am.

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
Frances	Noah	Joe K	Clarke R	Henry W	Daniel	Henry

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: - Liam - Reception

KS2: Edward Year 5 Reception



Thank you: Thank you to all the members of FOSM for giving their time to help out and organise the disco last Friday. It was fabulous and the children certainly had lots of fun. Sarah has already got our Christmas 2023 disco!!! Exciting.

Gold Book: This week Year 2 will be reciting a poem at the beginning of assembly. You are very welcome to attend. You are also welcome to attend open classrooms. Please feel free to drop us an email to let us know if this is useful and what you have gained from your visits so far!

School Council: 30th January

Sports club 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!

Important days and dates for this half term

Wednesday 8th February
Young Voices

Friday 10th February
Break up for Half Term

Monday 20th February
Return to School
Chair of Governors – Mrs Farias Fagg to conduct her Safeguarding Visit.

Friday 24th February
Assembly – Introduction to becoming a plastic free school

Monday 27th February
Leeds Rhinos Assembly

Thursday 2nd March
World Book Day

Friday 3rd March
Bringing Books to Life
Dance Workshops for whole school

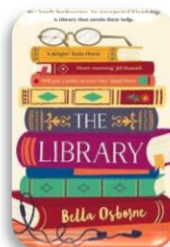
Friday 17th March
Year 1 Poetry Recital

Thursday 16th March
SCOPE SEND coffee morning (please let Mrs Sweeney know if you can attend)

Monday 20th / Tuesday 21st March
Parent Consultation Evenings

Friday 24th March
Panathlon
9.30-12.30
More information to follow.

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.

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 Games Club Book Club Computing	Selected pupils Y6 KS2 KS2 Y3 Y4 KS1	Mrs Sweeney Miss Nicholson Miss Leonard/ Dionne Mrs Sheldon-Price Mrs Hallos Miss Drury
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

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:

Reception- 3rd February 2023 / Year 2- 10th February 2023 /Year 1 – 17th March 2023/ Year 4 – 5th May 2023 /Year 3 – 16th June 2023

FOSM: Please be aware that Amazon are winding down their Amazon Smile service at the end of February. Amazon is one of the retailers listed on easyfundraising, so please can anyone who used to use Smile please switch across to easyfundraising. These contributions really do add up, and with the amount we all spend at Amazon these days the potential benefit to FOSM is huge and at no additional cost to you too. You can access easyfundraising [here](#)

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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Church Bulletin

Please use the link below to access St Mary's Church weekly bulletin.

<https://www.stmaryrothwell.org.uk/bulletin/>

Telephone: 0113 824
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Email: pp.stmary.rothwell@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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.

Well done Reception! A great poetry recital



Final reading nook makeover today! Y1 was transformed by Miss Stephens, Mrs Laycock and their team! The children were so excited to see it #RfP #Reading



Coming Soon: Our School Council in conjunction with the President of Mini Vinnies have registered to become a Plastic Clever School. They have received their registration certificate and will be sending more information in the coming weeks. Watch out to see how you can help.



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 safeguarding topic is Positive Parenting. As you all know, parenting does not come with a handbook! Here are some useful tips! <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/positive-parenting>

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
Miss S Leonard –
Head teacher head@rothwellstmarys.org.uk

Future Dates:

Friday 24th March

FOSM

Cinema Night straight after school. No ASC on that evening.

Saturday 25th March

Y3 Reconciliation 9am at Church.

Friday 31st March

Year 2 and Year 3 Spring Play
9am – parents welcome.

Friday 31st March

Break up for Easter at 3pm.
No ASC on this day.

Tuesday 18th April

Year 3 Trip to Eden Camp

Friday 21st April

Year 4 / Year 5 Resurrection Play. Parents welcome.

Friday 28th April

Class Photograph Day

Tuesday 2nd May

Pedestrian Training

Friday 5th May

Fancy Dress Day –
Coronation Day
Tea / Scones after assembly for parents.
Juice and buns for the children.
Fr Eamon to judge the best costume!

Friday 5th May

Year 1 Class Assembly 9am

Monday 8th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th

SATS Week for Year 6

Thursday 18th/ Friday 19th May

This Green Moon for Year 5

Sunday 21st May

First Holy Communion
Year 4