



"Grow together in Christ"

Rothwell St. Mary's  
Catholic Primary School Leeds

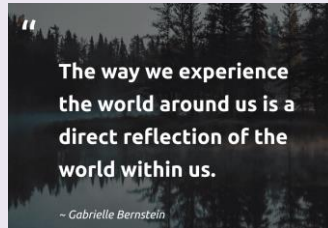


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## Head Teacher's Newsletter 23 – 8.3.23

### Virtue to live by:

**REFLECTION:**  
**I can sit quietly and think.**



**Attendance:** Last week the class with the best attendance was Year 2 with 99.6%. This is amazing attendance. Please ensure that your child is on time to school. The gate opens at 8.20am each morning and pupils should be in classes by 8.30am.



**World Book Day:** Our children had an amazing week last week. Thursday was filled with excitement when James Nichols came to visit and sign books. Friday - well, new hair styles, crazy colours and shock when Miss Leonard had her curly wig on at the gate!!!! The children then enjoyed their bringing books to life workshops. Thanks to West End in Schools for the amazing day! Thank you to Mrs Sweeney for organising these visits and to school for paying for them! Our children are so lucky. Here are a few photos of the week!



**Parent Partnership Workshop- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 5-6 (ish):** You will have received



a google link to book onto our next information evening. This will focus on behaviour. There is an option to bring a family member with you. The evening is for adults only. We will provide refreshments and pizza! The evening will allow us to explore what behaviour is, how to deal with those tricky times at home and how to build positive

relationships and connect. The evening will allow lots of time to talk to members of staff and other parents. As we know, there is no step by step guide to how to build strong, resilient little people – we have to work together to achieve the best outcomes. Here is the link to book on - <https://forms.gle/haGLi8SCYywf8QH8>

**Parent Consultation Evenings for the Spring Term:** These will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Appointments are available now. Year 4 dates will be 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### Important days and dates for this half term

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Y1 visiting Abbey House Museum

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Parent meeting – behaviour!  
Come along!

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 1 Poetry Recital  
St Patrick's Day

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Parent Consultation Evenings

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Panathlon  
9.30-12.30

More information to follow.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

FOSM

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

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Y3 Reconciliation 9am at Church.

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

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

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Break up for Easter at 3pm.  
No ASC on this day.  
This is due to staff delivering training until 3pm. Back to normal for summer 1pm finish!!

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Return to school after Easter

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 3 Trip to Eden Camp

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Year 4 / Year 5 Resurrection Play 9am. Families welcome.

**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:

**Year 1 – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023/** Year 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 /Year 3 – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**FOSM:** Your School Lottery

Our school lottery has launched, and tickets are available now! This month there will be a bonus draw to win an iPhone 14. To be in with a chance of winning and raise funds for the school please visit

[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://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.



Reception have been learning about the artist Monet. They created their own interpretations of the painting 'The Water-Lily Pond'

What a morning! Thank you @JamesENicol for a fab morning of inspiration and book signing. Our children and staff loved meeting the author behind #SpellTailor and #WitchApprentice



**Healthy Schools and birthdays:** As we continue to strive to be an outstanding Healthy School, our policy now states that sweets for birthdays are no longer going to be allowed. I know that you agree that working towards a healthier lifestyle is important and that you will work with us on this. If you would like to see our draft policy or contribute any thoughts, please do email for a copy.

**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 support is around coping with behaviours at home. This can be challenging and there are no right or wrong answers. Here is today's support link: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/challenging-behaviour/#HowcanIhelpmychild>

**Future Dates:**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Class Photograph Day

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Pedestrian Training

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Fancy Dress Day –  
Coronation Day

Tea / Scones after assembly for parents.

Juice and buns/ healthy choice for the children.  
Fr Eamon to judge the best costume!

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 1 Class Assembly 9am

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**

SATS Week for Year 6

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>/ Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

This Green Moon for Year 5

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

First Holy Communion  
Year 4

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Break up

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Training Day

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Training Day

New Parents Meeting 5.30pm

**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 – Tuesday 2.45pm**

Year 3- Tuesday 2.40pm

Year 2 – Thursday 2.40pm

Year 1 – Thursday 8.30am

**Reception – Thursday 8.40 am (new time)**

**Church Bulletin**

Please use the link below to access St Mary's Church weekly bulletin.  
<https://www.stmaryrothwell.org.uk/bulletin/>

Telephone: 0113 8242819

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Each year on the second Sunday of Lent, we read about Jesus' transfiguration. Often in the Bible, mountains are described as sacred places. The encounter in this Sunday's Gospel took place on the holy Mountain – Mt Tabor.

This was a sacred moment and an encouragement to the three disciples too. For the first time they received a glimpse of the awesome divinity of Jesus and also a hint of the heavenly glory which God had prepared for them too.

The change in the way Jesus looked (his transfiguration), the extraordinary appearance of Moses and Elijah (who had both died many years earlier) and hearing the Father's voice from heaven, would have encouraged Jesus in his mission – to spread the Good News.

Enjoy exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is ENCOURAGEMENT.



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](mailto:head@rothwellstmarys.org.uk)