



"Grow together in Christ"

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Catholic Primary School Leeds



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Head Teacher's Newsletter 23 – 8.3.23

Virtue to live by:
REFLECTION:
**I can reflect on the beauty of
God's world and creation.**



Attendance: Last week the class with the best attendance was Year 2 with 97%. 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.



Parent Partnership Workshop- Wednesday 15th March 5-6 (ish): Tonight is our



information evening. Don't worry if you have not booked, please come along at 5pm. 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 in school) 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 20th and Tuesday 21st March. Appointments are available now. Year 4 dates will be 14th, 17th and 22nd March.

Snow Excitement! The children had a wonderful day at school. We spent time outside doing all the things we remember from our childhood and demonstrating those skills of working together, teamwork!! They were super excited and behaved brilliantly. After a dry off and a change of clothes, it was back to the timetable. Thank you for your partnership and working with us to send your child to school. An enormous thank you to Mr Williams for clearing the entrances so that we could get in and to my amazing team of staff – thank you for digging cars out, walking and getting to school! We are truly blessed!



Gold Book: We will carry over last week's awards to this Friday (any text messages from last week mean your child's award will be this Friday). It is also Y1 leading us in their poetry recital. Another busy week ahead in school. Open classroom back to normal too. Fingers crossed we have seen all our snow for this year.

Important days and dates for this half term

Wednesday 15th

Parent meeting – behaviour!
Come along!

Friday 17th March

Year 1 Poetry Recital
St Patrick's Day

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.

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 Families welcome.

Friday 31st 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 17th April

Return to school after Easter

Tuesday 18th April

Year 3 Trip to Eden Camp

Friday 21st 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 – 17th March 2023/ Year 4 – 5th May 2023 /Year 3 – 16th 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

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 (repeated from last week). 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 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/ healthy choice 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 @9.15am Mass**

Thursday 25th May

Break up

Friday 26th May

Training Day

Monday 5th 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 8.40pm

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/>

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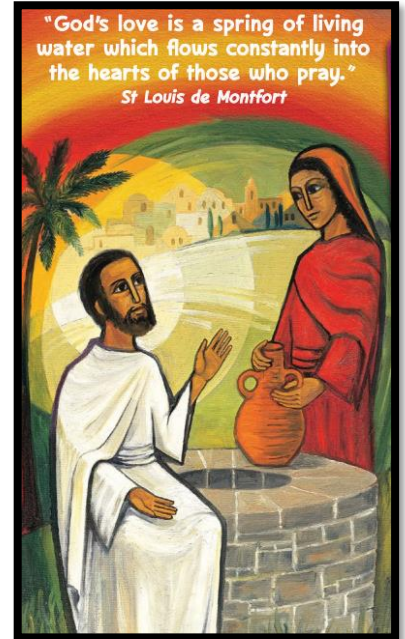
Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel we have a witty dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman drawing water at the well, where each seems to be teasing the other.

Water is a sign of life. The 'living water' is the sign of everything that Jesus offers us to satisfy our need of God's love and guidance. With its serious message, this Sunday's Gospel is a lovely example of Jesus' willingness to engage with people just as they are – and that includes us too!

God has no favourites; we are all loved equally by God. The season of Lent presents a great opportunity for everyone to enter afresh into the living and nourishing water of God's love which surpasses any food or drink.

Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's words, which are GOD'S LOVE.



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