



"Grow together in Christ"

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Catholic Primary School Leeds

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Head Teacher's Newsletter 26 – 29.3.23

Virtue to live by:
REFLECTION:
I can reflect on my achievements and what I have done well.



Easter: As we break up for the Easter holidays (at 3pm on Friday), I want to say well done to the children for their hard work. We have continued to reinforce our behaviour system and for some, we know that this has been a challenge.

Thank you to the parents who attended the behaviour evening and our parent consultation evenings. These opportunities to come together with the child at the centre of all that we do brings me back to the Catholic model of our faith where we see the home, school, parish and the child as the perfect ingredients for partnership and success.

Easter is a time of reflection for all Christians and our know that at St Mary's all our children have been prepared in their RE lessons, assemblies and worship for the sacrifice that Jesus made for all of us on Good Friday. Let us all think about the small sacrifices we can make in order to make another life better in our world.

Wishing you all a happy Easter and safe break away from school.
Thank you on behalf of all the staff and governors.
God bless
Miss Leonard

Attendance: Last week the class with the best attendance was Year 2 with 99.67%. 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.



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
Thomas	Poppy	Luca	Grace	Elizabeth	Lilly	Eliza

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: - Heidi – Year 2
KS2: Layla – Maya – Year 3



Gold Book: On Friday we will have Year 2 and Year 3 present their Spring Play – 'The Three Trees'. I know that from little snippets that we are in for a treat. The whole school will watch at the same time as the parents, so please be patient if it is a bit of a squeeze.

Important days and dates for this half term

Friday 31st March
Year 2 and Year 3 Spring Play – 9am Families welcome.

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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.

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

FOSM Meeting: FOSM will be meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th March at the Black Bull, Rothwell. We are starting to get plans underway for the summer fair. Welcome to everyone to join us if you would like to help out.

Assemblies-

Term	Sum 1	Sum 2	Sum 2
Year	Year 1	Year 6	Rec
Date	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 4 – 5th May 2023 /Year 3 – 16th June 2023

Provision beyond the school day for Summer 1:

Day	Provision	Year Groups	Staff
Monday	Reading Fluency Tag Rugby	Selected pupils All	Mrs Sweeney Ace Club
Tuesday	Reading Fluency Booster Woodland Art Club	Selected pupils Y6 KS2 KS1	Mrs Sweeney Miss Nicholson Mrs Sheldon-Price Miss Cohen
Wednesday	Reading Fluency Racquet Sports Booster Food Ambassadors (once per half term) Art Club Tasty Treats	Selected pupils All Y6 KS2 KS1 KS1	Mrs Sweeney Ace Club Miss Nicholson, Mrs Hallos, Mrs Poole Mrs Sheldon Price Miss Cohen Miss Stephens
Thursday	Reading Fluency Y4 TT Rockstars (before school) Choir (temporary) Football Gardening	Selected pupils Y4 Y2 upwards Y2 Upwards All	Mrs Sweeney Mrs Poole Dionne & Miss Leonard Ace Club Mrs Sheldon -Price / Mrs Penchion
Friday	Netball	Y5/ Y6	Mrs Sweeney

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.



Future Dates:

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- **Monday 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/>

Telephone: 0113 8242819
Email: pp.stmary.rothwell@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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

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.



Our children giving back to the community by cleaning our church.



Reception have been very curious about our new project all about caterpillars.



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 again!). I think these articles on this link are a follow up to our conversations from the behaviour evening 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>

