



St Robert Southwell School Newsletter

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Catholic Life of The School

School Prayer

This is our School
Let peace abide here
Let the rooms be full of contentment
Let love abide here
Love of one another
Love of mankind
Love of life itself
And love of God. Amen.

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new school year. Well done to all the children who arrived on time, in the correct uniform, on the first day back. We are delighted with how well the children have settled and look forward to the year ahead. A special welcome to the new Nursery and Reception children joining us, and to Colin and Cara who have joined other classes across the school.

School Summer Activity Challenge

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the school summer activity challenge. Some of their photographs, drawings and models will be put on display over the next few weeks.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children who took part in the library summer reading challenge.

Postcards

Thank you for your postcards; these are on display in the corridor by the main hall.

Texts to Parents

We have increased the use of texts to parents. Normally texts will be sent to the primary contact on record. If you change your phone number, or would like a different adult in your household to be the primary contact, please let the office know.

Welcome to New Staff

Mrs Griffiths, Miss Fadipe, Miss Mulroy, Mrs Bleau, Mr Black, Mrs James, Miss Keary, Miss Morris

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is now full and we have now set up a waiting list for the allocation of future places. Please contact the school office to be placed on the waiting list.

After-School Club

If you would like a place at After-School Club please contact Mrs Cosgrave.

Year Group Welcome Meetings

Thank you to those who have attended so far; the following meetings will take place at 2.30 p.m. on: Year 4 – Monday 14th September, Year 3 - Wednesday 16th September, Year 2 - Wednesday 23rd September

New Roles

Mrs Egan has been appointed as the Acting Assistant Headteacher for this school year. She will continue to have responsibility for Inclusion and SEN, and also take on management of behaviour, bullying and child protection.

Miss Kara Joseph is our new Assessment Leader, responsible for assessment target setting and Pupil Premium children.

Miss Montgomery has taken on responsibility for “looked-after” children.

Safeguarding

As a school we have a duty of care to the children and must refer issues of concern to Social Care for further discussion and investigation. If you have a child protection or safety concern, please discuss it with your child’s teacher.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that children should be supervised using the internet and reminded about not communicating with strangers. Instagram and Facebook are not suitable for primary school children and have a minimum age to sign up of 13 years old. We report the accounts of children who are underage and log this as an e-safety concern. Please also ensure that your children do not view adult material on television or on the internet, or use computer games classified as 12, 15 or 18. If we wish to protect their childhood we need to encourage safe internet use by all children.

Websites for Information about E- Safety

1. CEOP – www.ceop.police.uk/
2. ThinkuKnow- www.thinkuknow.co.uk
3. Childnet – www.childnet-int.org
4. Beat Bullying – www.beatbullying.org
5. Know IT All – www.childnet.com/KIA
6. Insafe – www.saferinternet.org

Applying for a Secondary School

Year 6 parents must complete their on-line application form by 31st October. If you would like to discuss your secondary application, then please make an appointment with Mrs Kirwan White by telephoning the school office.

If your child needs an academic reference for a selective school, please make an appointment to see me. I am also available on Monday 21st September, between 2.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m., to discuss applications. Please make an appointment via the school office.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning for parents/carers in school on Friday 25th September, at 9.45 a.m. in the small hall. All proceeds to Macmillan.

Dates For the Year

We are in the process of finalising the dates for the year. These will be sent out once our main dates are confirmed.

I wish all your children another very successful year and thank you for your continued support in making St Robert Southwell a truly wonderful school.