



St Robert Southwell School Newsletter

No 6 – January 2016



Catholic Life Of The School

Year of Mercy

As explained in our previous newsletter, we are going to focus on the Hail Holy Queen Prayer for this half-term, in line with Church focus on this prayer for the Year of Mercy.

Hail, Holy Queen

Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us O holy Mother of God:

that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Charity Donations

Thanks to your generosity during Advent, we have sent the following amounts to charity:

Russell House Hospice - £230.00

HCPT Group 183 - £200.00

Cafod - £200.00

Great Ormond Street Hospital - £100.00

Masses

Please see the timetable below which indicates which Junior class will attend the Parish Mass on Friday mornings. Where possible, please drop your child to St Sebastian and Pancras Church at 9.00 a.m., rather than bring them to school. Children who attend Breakfast Club will be walked to Church by school staff.

Date	Class
Friday 29 th January	4R
Friday 5 th February	3S
Friday 12 th February	4S
Friday 26 th February	Year 5
Friday 4 th March	6S
Friday 11 th March	3R

E Safety

A number of children received tablets and phones for Christmas which enable them to access the Internet. We urge parents to ensure that they have talked to their child about how to stay safe on-line. The following websites offer useful information:

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

Attendance

Well done to Class 4R who had the best attendance for the whole of the Autumn term, at 98.5%. We continue to monitor individual children's attendance and are grateful for your support in ensuring that children attend school every day, and are on time, arriving by 8.55 a.m.

History Fortnight

The first two weeks of term have taken a historical focus across the decades, from 1920 to 1980. This was an exciting way for the children to begin 2016. A big "thank you" to all the parents who supported their children with their amazing costumes for the "dress as your decade" day.

Breakfast Club

Please note, our Breakfast Club is full, and any further requests for places will be held on a waiting list. However, it should be noted that, unfortunately, it is highly unlikely that vacancies will occur.

School Improvement

We are always continuing to improve the school and the provision we offer. For the remainder of this school year, there will be an increased focus on handwriting and presentation, and encouraging children to write for different purposes across the curriculum.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all those who completed our parent questionnaires. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and the additional comments provide useful feedback for the school in identifying ongoing areas for improvement. If you would like to see the breakdown of results, please look on the school website. The comments made will be discussed by the Parents' Forum after half-term.

Parents' Forum

The next Parents' Forum meeting will take place on Thursday 25th February at 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. Current members will be sent a copy of the agenda. If you would like to join the Forum, please complete the slip at the bottom of this newsletter.

Friends' Association

The next Friends' Association meeting will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, 26th January, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

Earrings

In line with Health & Safety requirements, children must remove earrings for P.E. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, they should not wear them to school. In the event that your child has not removed their earrings, they will be given some tape to cover them to prevent them catching during P.E. activities.

Dates for the Year

Wednesday 27 th January		Year 5 – Young Voices
Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th February		Year 5 to Gordon Brown Centre
Tuesday 9 th February	All Day	Year 3 to Museum of London
Wednesday 10 th February		Ash Wednesday
Thursday 11 th February	All Day	Year 6 Parent Consultations
Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th February		HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 22 nd February		Children Return to School
Thursday 25 th February	2.00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.	Parents' Forum
Tuesday 1 st March		St David's Day
Wednesday 2 nd March (Please note change from previous published date)	Parents' Forum	Year 4 Voice in a Million - Wembley Arena
Thursday 3 rd March	All Day	World Book Day
Friday 11 th March	All Day	Year 3 to Roald Dahl Museum
Thursday 17 th March		St Patrick's Day
Friday 18 th March	9.15 a.m.	Year 1 (please note change of Year Group) - Palm Sunday Assembly
Tuesday 22 nd March	9.15 a.m.	Year 2 - Last Supper Assembly
Wednesday 23 rd March	9.15 a.m.	Way of the Cross Year 4
Wednesday 23 rd March		Last day for Nursery
Thursday 24 th March	2.00 p.m.	Last Day of Term – School Finishes
Monday 11 th April		Children Return to School
Thursday 14 th April	2.45 p.m.	Year 5 - He Is Risen Assembly
Monday 2 nd May		May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 5 th May		POLLING DAY – School closed to Children
Monday 9 th May		SATs Week
Friday 13 th May	9.15 a.m.	Pentecost Celebration – Assembly lead by Year 3
Monday 23 rd May		Class Photos
Thursday 26 th May		Year 1 to Kew Gardens
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June		HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 6 th June – Wednesday 8 th June		One Year 4 Class to Buckden
Tuesday 7 th June		Morning Nursery to Bekonscot
Wednesday 8 th June – Friday 10 th June		One Year 4 Class to Buckden
Thursday 9 th June		Afternoon Nursery to Bekonscot
Monday 13 th June		Year 1- Phonics Screening
Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th July		Year 6 to PGL – Caythorpe Court

Friday 8 th July		Reception's Got Talent
Thursday 14 th July		Last Day for Nursery
Friday 15 th July	2.00 p.m.	Last Day of Term – School Finishes

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Parents' Forum

I should like to join the Parents' Forum.

Signed..... Print Name.....

Children's Names and Classes:

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