



# St Robert Southwell School Newsletter

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Aiming for Excellence - Being the Best we can Be

## **Catholic Life of the School**

As a community we pray:

God our Father, you call each of us by name and you treasure each of us individually as though no-one else exists. Inspire us to respect and value each person who comes into our lives this week. Amen.

## **Pentecost**

The Celebration of the Feast of Pentecost will take place on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June. As part of our Pentecost celebrations, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June is a non-uniform day and we would suggest that the children come to school in a colour, as follows:

Nursery and Reception – something Red, to represent the symbol of fire.

Years 1 and 2 – something Blue, to represent wind and water.

Years 3 and 4 – something Black or White, to represent the Spiritual hero inside all of us.

Years 5 and 6 – something White, to represent Peace.

Parents are also welcome to join us for our special Pentecost Assembly, which will be led by Year 3, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15 a.m.

## **Rules Reminder**

The staff have been reminding the children of our agreed school rules, which are: respect for yourself, respect for others, respect for property and responsibility for your actions. Incidents where children break the rules are logged by the school and followed up in discussion with the children. The rules are here for the benefit of everybody, and to ensure that children's learning is not interrupted by the poor behaviour of others.

## **Geography Focus Curriculum**

As part of our Geography theme this term, the school would like to recognise and celebrate the diversity of our community through a whole-school display, showing where our families are from around the world, and the languages they speak and understand. Please complete the slip below to help us ensure your family is represented on our display. This information is purely for use in school with the children and is not part of any statutory data return.

## **Football Success**

Congratulations to the boys' team who won the Brent Cup, 1-0, in the final against Byron Court. It is only the second time that we have won this competition, which has been going since 1966.

The boys also got to the finals in the Brent League, but were beaten 4-0 by Sinai School. Congratulations to the girls' team who also won the Brent Cup and represented the district at the London Youth Games at Crystal Palace. They also got to the final of the league, but lost to Salusbury, 2-1.

### **Tennis Success**

Years 4 and 6 mixed tennis teams have qualified for the London Youth Games, which will take place near the end of term.

### **Sports Day Advance Notice - Years 1-6 only**

This will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> June at Hendon Football Club, Silver Jubilee Park, Townsend Lane, Kingsbury, NW9 7NE We are asking parents to drop their children for registration at Jubilee Park between 8.45 and 9.00 a.m. Parents may stay and watch in the stands and the events will last all day. Children will need to come in PE kit and trainers. They will need a packed lunch. All children will need to be collected between 3.00 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. from Hendon Football Club. The school will make arrangements for children attending Breakfast and After-School Clubs only.

### **Friends' Summer Fun Day**

This will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The children will be allowed to wear their own clothes on this day and will get the opportunity to take part in some fun activities, including a bouncy castle. The Friends are asking for a donation of £5.00 per child for the day. The day will end with a family barbecue, between 3.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.

There will also be a non-uniform day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, when children are asked to bring a bottle for the bottle stall.

### **Happy 50th Birthday, St Robert Southwell School**

The school is currently celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. A special anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. All children will have a picnic lunch on the field, following the Mass. We have also confirmed dates for two further celebrations. We will hold an Open School Day on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, between 12.00 noon and 5.00 p.m., where the school will be open for tours and tea, followed by a Friends' Association barbecue for families, from 5.00 p.m. We have also set the date for a Friends' Association and Governors adult only event at Hendon Golf Club, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. More information to follow.

### **Brent Choir Competition Finals**

This will take place at Chalkhill Primary School on 14<sup>th</sup> June, in the morning. We wish them the very best of luck.

### **Summer Uniform**

**After half-term all children must return in their Summer uniform**, including black closed heel and toe shoes. Summer dresses should **not** be worn with tights, jogging bottoms or long shorts. Girls may wear modesty shorts, which sit above the hemline of the dress, if you wish. All children must wear socks to school. Please see the school website for the regulations on the school uniform.

### **On-Line Payments**

Thank you to those who have already logged on and are paying on line. The Admin Team are working hard to iron out any teething problems and we appreciate your patience and feedback. If you need help with your account, please pop in to school on a Friday morning and ask for some help.

### **Debt**

Very occasionally, families have a debt for dinner money, trips and before and after-school childcare. We are acutely aware of the pressure on families, and always endeavour to ensure all children can take a full part in school activities. If you have a specific financial difficulty, please make an appointment to see Miss Beck, who will advise you if there is any support available from the school. Any debt which is not being reduced by a payment plan will be reviewed by the Governors, who will decide what action to take to recover the monies owed. Parents should be aware that any outstanding debt owed to the school may lead to a decision where children cannot continue to take part in clubs and residential journeys.

### **Safeguarding Reminders**

I would remind parents that they should not use their mobile phones on the school playground. This also applies to school assemblies, concerts and school trips. There is a lovely saying: "Greet your child with a smile – not a mobile."

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please ask to speak to Miss Beck, Miss Montgomery or Mrs Egan.

### **Friends' Association News**

The next Friends' Association event will be the Summer Fun Day, on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Further information to follow.

### **Parents' Survey Results**

The full breakdown of results is available on the school website for you to access, under "Parent Letters".

### **Back to School**

**All children return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

**The school will be CLOSED on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June for Polling Day. The Childcare provision is now full. If you have already returned a slip, your child has a place for the day.**

### **Assembly Dates**

9 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15 a.m.	Year 3
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	2.45 p.m.	2R
29 <sup>th</sup> June	2.45 p.m.	2S

### **Dates**

29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		<b>HALF TERM WEEK</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> June		Best of British Theme Week
6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> June		School Book Fair
6 <sup>th</sup> June	a.m.	Chaplains to Catholic School Deanery Mass at St Mary Magdalen's Church
7 <sup>th</sup> June		New Reception Parents' Meeting, for parents of children starting Reception in September 2017

8 <sup>th</sup> June		SCHOOL CLOSED – polling day
8 <sup>th</sup> June		Nursery to Bekonscot
9 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15 a.m.	Pentecost Assembly led by Year 3
12 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 - Phonics Screening
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> June	5 days	Year 6 to PGL
13 <sup>th</sup> June	6.30 p.m.	Reception to Year 1 Transition Meeting for Parents of children currently in Reception.
13 <sup>th</sup> June	7.00 p.m.	New Nursery Parents' Meeting, for parents of children starting Nursery in September 2017
14 <sup>th</sup> June		Brent Schools Choir Final
15 <sup>th</sup> June		Reception Liturgy for Parents, followed by Nursery and Reception Sports morning
16 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00 p.m.	Reception's Got Talent
19 <sup>th</sup> June		Reception to Willows Farm
20 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 to Kew Gardens
21 <sup>st</sup> June		Sports Day for Years 1 – 6 at Hendon Football Club
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	10.30 a.m.	Mass for the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary, celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington
23 <sup>rd</sup> June		Non-uniform day – Please Bring a Bottle for the Summer Fun Day
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 - Trip to Buckden Class 4R Mon – Wed, Class 4S Wed - Fri
27 <sup>th</sup> June	8 p.m.	Friends' Meeting
29 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00 a.m.	Feast of St Peter and St Paul – Mass in School
6 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 a.m.	First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass
7 <sup>th</sup> July		Friends' Association Summer Fun Day
13 <sup>th</sup> July	7.00 p.m.	Year 6 Leavers' Mass, followed by Disco
19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>2.00 p.m. finish for Reception to Year 6 Nursery will finish at 3.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Last Day of Term for Whole School</b>

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**Geography Focus**

Family Surname.....

Children's Names and Classes .....

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Country of Origin.....

Languages spoken or understood .....