



# St Robert Southwell School Newsletter

No 11 – July 2016



## **Catholic Life Of The School**

We have celebrated three wonderful Masses over the past two weeks. Firstly, the Feast of St Peter and St Paul, followed by our Year 3 First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass last Friday, and, most recently, our end-of-year Thanksgiving Mass today. We will have our fourth and final Mass of the term, with our Year 6 Leavers, tomorrow evening at 7.00 p.m.

A massive thank you is due to Father David who has celebrated all of the Masses and has supported the Catholic Life of the School with such commitment and dedication all year. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive Parish Priest.

## **“All for Ava” Appeal: Thank You**

The Brosnan family would like to say a big thank you to the whole school for raising a total of £2,100 this year towards the “All for Ava” appeal. The fundraising within the wider community has been so successful that they have now met their target. It is hoped that Ava will have surgery towards the end of the year, or early in 2017.

## **Thank You**

As the year comes to an end, on behalf of the Governors, staff and pupils, I would like to thank you for all your continued support. It is very heartening to see how well supported our children are by their parents, grandparents and other family members. St Robert Southwell is a truly thriving community with wonderful children, of whom we should all be very proud.

## **Summer Challenge**

Attached to this newsletter is a list of 40 suggested activities for your children and families to try in the holiday. Like last year, children who bring evidence of the challenges they undertake, will be given a badge at assembly next term.

## **Farewell**

As advised in a previous newsletter, as we come to the end of term we say our final farewell to Miss Molloy, Ms Fontenelle and Mrs Daly. On behalf of the whole community we thank them for their considerable commitment and dedication to the school and to all of the children who have been fortunate enough to have them as their teacher. Each of them has brought their own set of talents and skills to our school community and I am sure they will be much missed. We wish them continued health and much happiness in the future.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Blandino, one of our Teaching Assistants, who is having a career change and has been offered a position with the NHS, starting in September. We wish her every success in her new job.

### **Goodbye Year 6**

This is a sad time of year as we say goodbye to our Year 6 children and some of their families. We take this opportunity to thank Year 6 for all the contributions they have made to the life of the school and wish them all continued success in the next stage of their education and beyond.

### **Friends' Summer BBQ and Social Evening**

Thank you for all of your support for this Friends' event, which raised approximately £2200 for Friends' funds.

### **Best Punctuality**

Well done 1S who are the most punctual class, with the fewest late marks from the whole class all year.

### **Best Attendance**

Well done to 5S who have the best attendance for the school year, at 97.6 %

### **Celebrating Success**

This has been a very good year for the school and, as it draws to a close, I am pleased to advise you that the school has achieved strong results in all the national tests and assessments. Congratulations to the children on their great effort and continued hard work.

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| Year 1<br>Phonics | 2016     | 2016   |
|                   | National | School |
|                   | 81%      | 95%    |

|         |                        |                        |
|---------|------------------------|------------------------|
| KS1     | Expected<br>standard + | Expected<br>standard + |
|         | 2016                   | 2016                   |
|         | National               | School                 |
| Reading | 74%                    | 83%                    |
| Writing | 66%                    | 75%                    |
| Maths   | 73%                    | 80%                    |
| SPAG    | -                      | 80%                    |

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| KS2     | Expected<br>standard<br>+ (Test) | Expected<br>standard<br>+ (TA) | Expected<br>standard<br>+ (Test) |
|         | 2016                             | 2016                           | 2016                             |
|         | National                         | School                         | School                           |
| Reading | 66%                              | 79%                            | 73%                              |
| Writing | 74%                              | 71%                            | N/A                              |
| Maths   | 70%                              | 90%                            | 90%                              |
| SPAG    | 72%                              |                                | 88%                              |

### **Book Of The Month**

The July Book of the Month is "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" written by Michael Rosen and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury, which can be borrowed from the library or purchased from a bookshop.

### **Summer Library Challenge**

Brent Libraries are running their Summer Reading Challenge. This is a good way to encourage the children to read regularly over the holidays. Please join this challenge at your library and encourage your child to read at least 6 library books over the holidays.

### **Postcards Please**

As part of return to school in September traditions, we produce a display of postcards which your children can send to school over the summer break. These can be sent from a day trip or a local place. It is a good opportunity to get your children writing. Postcards should be addressed to St Robert Southwell School, Slough Lane, Kingsbury, NW9 8YD.

### **Classes and Staff For Next Term**

The list of staff teaching each class has been sent home in a letter with your child's report. Mr Leary and Mrs Sullivan will continue to cover the classes when the teachers undertake planning and preparation activities. Mrs S Josephs will teach Reception 1 on Monday each week, and also cover for Reception staff's planning time. Miss K Joseph will teach 5S on Friday each week, and continue to oversee assessment across the school. Miss Montgomery will continue as Acting Assistant Headteacher, with responsibility for Inclusion and Special Educational Needs. Mrs Bleu will continue as Acting Assistant Headteacher, with responsibility for Curriculum Development.

### **Reception's Got Talent**

Congratulations to all the children who took part. Thank you to all the parents and supporters who came to this event last Friday. A big thank you to all the staff who made it possible. This raised £263.00 for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

### **EU Referendum Polling**

Along with the country turning out to vote, the children at St Robert Southwell held their own Referendum. The children voted Remain. 132 for remaining in Europe with 92 votes cast to leave. The children were extremely knowledgeable on this issue and gave very well thought-out reasons, both to remain and to leave.

### **Lost Property**

All unclaimed lost property will be disposed of in the first week of the summer holidays, especially lunchboxes left behind on the last day.

### **School Meal Price Increase**

Hot school meals for children in Years 3-6 will rise to £2 per day, from September. These must be paid for in advance. Parents of children currently in Year 2 should be aware that their child's Universal Free School Meal entitlement will end in July, and they must pay for meals from the start of the school year in September.

## Request from Nursery

The Nursery staff would be very grateful to receive donations of old, unwanted pots and pans.

## Hair Cut Reminder!

Haircuts and styles are part of the uniform policy. Long hair must be tied back and fringes should be clipped away from the eyes. If you choose to have your children's hair cut very short, please time this so that, on the return to school, it has grown back sufficiently to meet school requirements, and is generally of one length, with **no steps, no shaved symbols** and **no lines**. Girls should have hair extensions and colour, etc., removed before their return to school.

To ensure the children understand this is part of the school uniform policy, children whose hair cut/style is not acceptable will be kept off the playground and may be withdrawn from school trips until the issue has been resolved.

## Return to School

All children in Years 1- 6 are expected to return to school on **Monday 5th September 2016 at 8.55 a.m.** Nursery and Reception children will be advised of their start dates separately.

## Happy Holidays

School breaks up on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00 p.m. It would be appreciated if you could collect your children promptly.

## Term Dates

The term dates are listed again below; please make sure you keep them safe.

| <b>AUTUMN TERM 2016</b>        |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Inset Days:</b>             | <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016</b>       |
| <b>First Day for Children:</b> | <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016</b>                                   |
| <b>Half Term Holiday:</b>      | <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>           |
| <b>Term ends for Nursery:</b>  | <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>                                  |
| <b>Term ends for School:</b>   | <b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 – 2.00 p.m.</b>                    |
| <b>SPRING TERM 2017</b>        |   |
| <b>First Day for Children:</b> | <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>                                  |
| <b>Half Term Holiday:</b>      | <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b> |
| <b>Term Ends for Nursery</b>   | <b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>                                    |
| <b>Term Ends for School</b>    | <b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 – 2.00 p.m.</b>                          |
| <b>SUMMER TERM 2017</b>        |   |
| <b>First Day for Children:</b> | <b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>                                     |
| <b>May Day Bank Holiday:</b>   | <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017</b>   |
| <b>Half Term Holiday:</b>      | <b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017</b>           |
| <b>Term Ends for Nursery:</b>  | <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b>                                    |
| <b>Term Ends for School:</b>   | <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b>                                     |

Note: 3 further Staff Training Days to be advised later.

