



St Robert Southwell School Newsletter

No 3 – December 2018



Vision: Aiming For Excellence, **Being The Best We Can Be.**

Mission Statement Summary

*Following Jesus' footsteps and inspired by St Robert Southwell
we work hard, aim high and treat everyone with honesty and gentleness.*



We wish all families a Happy and Peaceful Christmas Season

Catholic Life Of The School

The end of term has given the children the opportunity to share their wonderful talents and to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, through their sharing of the Christmas Story. Nursery, Reception and Year 2 performed lovely concerts, with a mixture of modern and traditional carols. Year 1 performed a Christmas assembly and Year 3 and 4 shared the story through a liturgy.

Thanks to your amazing generosity, we have raised just over £500 for charity from the concert collections. This will be divided between four charities. One will be our focus charity for the year – the One Child Foundation. The other three charities will be selected by the Pupil Parliament and Pupil Chaplains in the new year.

Crosses From Around The World

Thank you to Judyta who brought us back a cross from Jerusalem to add to our display.

Consultation To Join All Saints' Academy Trust

The period of consultation is now closed. Thank you to those who came to the meeting and returned their views, via the questionnaire. The governors will meet in January to vote on whether to proceed to the next stage of converting to join the All Saints' Academy Trust.

Application for a Nursery or Reception place for September 2019

A gentle reminder during this busy season: the deadline for Nursery and Reception application forms for a place in September 2019 is the 15th January 2019. If you are applying for a Reception place you must also complete the online application (CAF) to the borough in which you live by **15th January 2019**. If you have any queries, please ask at the office.

Polite Reminders

A reminder that pictures/videos taken at Christmas performances are for personal use only and should not be shared on social media - thank you.

Please do not drop litter on the access road to the school or in the school grounds, we love where we live and learn. Let's help keep it clean and tidy.

Please do not use the marked disabled parking bays on the roads near the school unless you are genuinely eligible to do so.

Friends' Association

Thank you to those who helped at the Christmas Fair, in any way. Your support and generosity are much appreciated. Thank you also to everyone who supports our Friends' Association throughout the year.

E-Safety

If your child is receiving a new device which links to the internet for Christmas, please make full use of the parent controls and security setting.

Talk to your child about how to stay safe online.

Talking point: Choose usernames that don't reveal personal information.

Haircuts

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 child's hair cut very short, please time it so that on their return to school, it has grown back sufficiently to meet the school requirements. It should be of one length, **with no steps, no shaved symbols and no lines**. Girls should have hair extensions and colours, etc. removed before their return to school.

To ensure the children understand that 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.

Safeguarding

The school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSLs) are:

Miss Beck, Miss Montgomery and Mrs Egan. However, all members of staff have a duty to, and are trained in the safeguarding of our children. Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible. For any matters concerning safeguarding outside of school hours or during the holidays, please send an email to: safeguarding@robsouth.org

School Website

For your information, our school website address is: www.robsouth.org

Thank You

We are truly blessed to have amazing parents who are very supportive and generous. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for your support throughout the year. At this time I also express our collective gratitude for the lovely gifts we have received. They are much appreciated.

Back To School

All children return to school on Monday 7th January 2019.

Don't let your child miss out on learning– Note the Holiday Dates and make sure your child doesn't miss school.

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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2018-2019

SPRING TERM 2019

First Day for Children:	Monday 7th January 2019
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February
Term Ends for School:	Friday 5th April 2019 – 2.00 p.m.

SUMMER TERM 2019

First Day for Children:	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
May Bank Holiday:	Monday 6th May 2019
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019
Term Ends for School:	Friday 19th July 2019 – 2.00 p.m.
Inset Days:	Monday 22nd July & Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Autumn 2019

First Day for Children:	Tuesday 3rd September 2019
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