



St Robert's Catholic First School

We care, we serve, we learn together in the love and truth of Jesus

24th November 2022

Next week's statement to live by: I try to love others as I love myself

CHRISTMAS CHARITY COLLECTIONS: We have once again been overwhelmed by the generosity of our parents. This time is for all the donations that you have made to the charities we are supporting this Christmas. Thank you so much for your support and kindness.

PACKED LUNCHES: A reminder that if your child brings a packed lunch to school to please ensure that it contains a healthy, balanced lunch with no chocolate bars please. Many thanks for your support.

ADMISSIONS: The admissions portal for September 2023 Reception places is now open ([Click here](#)) it closes on 15th January 2023 and any applications must be made by then.

CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR: We will be holding another Dorling Kindersley Book Fair on Friday 25th November in the church hall. Melissa will be there from 7.45am until 5pm which should give parents/carers the opportunity to have a look and order some Christmas presents! A leaflet will be coming home tonight. If you would like to have a look at the full catalogue here is the link https://issuu.com/usbornepublishing/docs/000-304_usborne_catalogue_2022_uk_trade_issu Orders will be taken and paid for on the day, as per the last book fair and returned to school in due course.

NATIVITIES: Our Nativities this year will be held as follows: EYFS Thursday 8th December 2pm - 3pm and Friday 9th December 10am - 11am in the school hall. Places are limited to 2 per child and please choose just one of the performances to attend so that we can accommodate as many families as possible. Y1-Y4 Wednesday 14th December 2pm - 3pm and Thursday 15th December 6pm - 7pm in the Church. Please choose one or the other of the performances to attend.

CHRISTMAS DISCOS: The PTFA are organising Christmas Discos on Friday 2nd December as follows: EYFS: 2pm to 3pm, Y1 & Y2: 3.15pm to 4.15pm, Y3 & Y4: 4.30pm to 5.30pm There will be hotdogs, crisps and a drink and, of course, music! The cost is 50p per child. If you have children attending the 3.15pm disco and then one attending the 4.30pm one, please just bring the older ones when you collect at 4.15pm.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH/JUMPER DAY: This year our Christmas Lunch/Christmas jumper day will be on Thursday 15th December. Mrs Callaghan and Mrs Jeffrey (in Miss Lynn's absence this time) will once again be providing a delicious lunch. Please let Mrs Perkins know if your child will be bringing a packed lunch.

ROCK STEADY: The children who are in the Rock Steady sessions are putting on a very short showcase for the rest of the school on Friday 2nd December. Parents will have the opportunity to come to a bigger showcase at Easter!

CHANGE TO SCHOOL HOURS: With effect from Tuesday 10th January there will be a very slight change to the school day for Reception to Year 4. The door will open at 8.45am (children should be in and ready to start learning at 9am) and the end of the school day will be 3.15pm instead of 3.10pm. There will not be any change to the Before or After School Club sessions or prices. Nursery hours remain the same with the door opening at 9am and children leaving at 3pm.

END OF TERM: A reminder that we break up on THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER for Christmas.


Upcoming Diary Dates:	
MON 28/11	Swimming Y3 Keyboards
TUES 29/11	PE Y1/2 Dodgeball Club
WED 30/11	Ukulele Y4 Dance with NUFC
THURS 01/12	Violins Y2/3/4 Craft Club
FRI 02/12	Rock Steady Celebration

ATTENDANCE: National Expectation 96%

Whole school	97.5%
Reception	90.0%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	99.7.0%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	99.1%

ABSENCE PROCEDURES:

- If a pupil is absent, parent/carer must contact the school by 9 a.m on the first day of absence on the school absence line and give the reason for the absence.
- The parent/carer should contact the school every day their child is absent to discuss the absence further.



VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to all the parents who have kindly volunteered to hear readers. We really appreciate you giving up your time to support the children.

