



# St Robert's Catholic First School

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

27th January 2023

**Next week's statement to live by: I listen to what you say. I show that I am listening to you.**

**TEACHER STRIKE ACTION:** I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action, which will take place on the following four dates this term; Wednesday 1 February, Tuesday 28 February, Wednesday 15 March, Thursday 16 March. The planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the NEU and the government, and not The Bishop Bewick Trust and it is important that we respond accordingly. At this stage, colleagues have decided not to take industrial action. Therefore, if the strike action goes ahead, **our school can remain open to all children.** As ever, thank you for your continued support.

**PLACES IN SCHOOL:** We are delighted to say that we only have 4 places available in school. These are all in our current Reception class and we would love to fill them! If you know of anyone who may be looking for a Reception place for their child, please tell them to get in touch with Mrs Perkins in the Office to arrange a visit.

**PACKED LUNCHES:** We have seen an increase in unhealthy choices within packed lunches and we would like to remind parents that if their child brings a packed lunch to school this should include: a savoury sandwich (no chocolate spread please), a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks/cherry tomatoes, a packet of crisps and one sweet treat - but NO chocolate please. Also to remind parents that we are a nut free school as we have children with severe allergies - please DO NOT send any kind of nuts or nut products into school either for snacks or packed lunch. Staff will be monitoring packed lunches from Monday 30th January and will contact parents if necessary. Many thanks for your support.

**SPHEROS:** We have borrowed a set of Sphero Indi robots which are little robot cars that teach children the basics of coding. They also encourage problem solving and nurture computational thinking skills. The children created coloured mazes using coloured tiles and endeavoured to reach the purple celebration tile at the end. The children did an amazing job and showed lots of resilience! A few Year 1 children even became teachers themselves and helped to teach the Reception children how to use them!

**LITTLE MOVERS:** It is lovely to have Katie (parent to Jonathan and Benji) in EYFS running her little movers sessions for our pupils for this half term.. For more information about Little Movers [Click here](#).

**CHANGE TO SCHOOL HOURS:** A reminder that there has been 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.

**PE KITS:** A reminder to all parents that we ask for non branded tracksuit bottoms. All pupils (including Nursery) should wear black shorts and white t-shirts (or polo shirt) along with their school jumpers on Tuesdays.

**LOST PROPERTY:** Please ensure that you name all items of clothing/hats/scarves/gloves/ water bottles etc. so that if they get handed in to the Office, we can return them to the correct child. Many thanks for your support.

**UPCOMING DATES: Internet safety Day 7th February 2023.** Mrs Sykes will be sharing various information to support parents with protecting their children while online.

Upcoming Diary Dates:	
<b>MON</b> 30/1	Swimming Y3 Keyboards
<b>TUES</b> 31/1	PE - NUFC Dodgeball Club (Y3/4)
<b>WED</b> 1/2	Little Movers (EYFS)
<b>THURS</b> 2/2	NUFC literacy Y3/4 Violins
<b>FRI</b> 3/2	Rocksteady

**ATTENDANCE: National Expectation 96%**

Whole school	97.4%
Reception	97.7%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	98.7%
Year 4	98.1%

**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.



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