



St Robert's Catholic First School

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

10th November 2022 **Next week's statement to live by: I can work, rest, play and pray each day**

PTFA: The PTFA meeting last week was very well attended, thank you. The first of the events they will organise are Christmas School Discos! Please see more information below.

ROCK STEADY: The Rock Steady band sessions started last Friday and the children loved it - we look forward to hearing them play in due course!

CHRISTMAS CHARITY COLLECTIONS: This year, we will be collecting for two different charitable organisations. Firstly the **Salvation Army Toy Appeal** - we will be collecting new toys (for newborn to 12yrs) which will then be given to struggling families this Christmas. We will also be collecting toiletries, chocolates, sweets, woolly hats/gloves and stationery to make up gift bags for **Stella Maris** (Apostleship of the Sea) for seafarers (both male and female). Please let us have any donations by Monday 21st November. 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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Once again this year the children and staff have done the school proud with creating wonderful poppies to display outside the front of the school as our tribute to the fallen. We will be observing the 2 minutes silence on Friday 11th in school.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: Anti-bullying week is 14th—18th November and, across the school, children will be looking at developing their understanding of bullying and how as a school we can make sure we do our best to stop it from happening. Each class will share their learning via Class Dojo.

CHILDREN IN NEED: This year Children in Need is on Friday 18th November. All children can wear spots - please do not buy anything especially! Spots could be added to uniform or if they have spotty clothing, that will be fine! However, we will not be asking for a donation for children in need this year. We would really appreciate a small donation for either of the charities we are supporting (see above) instead, so please do not send money in. Donation boxes will be outside the office. Many thanks for your support.

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 5.30pm which should give parents/carers the opportunity to have a look/buy some Christmas presents!

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.

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

Upcoming Diary Dates:	
MON 14/11	Swimming Y3 Keyboards
TUES 15/11	PE Y1/2 Dodgeball Club
WED 16/11	Ukulele Y4 Dance with NUFC
THURS 17/11	Violins Y2/3/4 Craft Club
FRI 18/11	Rock Steady Celebration

ATTENDANCE: National Expectation 96%

Whole school	96.6%
Reception	93.6%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	100.0%

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.



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