



St Robert's Catholic First School

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

3rd November 2022

Next week's statement to live by: I think before I make choices

PUNCTUALITY: We continue to have a soft opening from 8:50am every morning but we expect children to be in school by 9:00am ready to learn. For pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, Phonics starts promptly at 9:00am to maximise learning opportunities.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS W/C 31ST OCTOBER: Thank you to all parents who have attended or had a virtual consultation with their child's teacher. We had a very high take up of appointments this year, both face to face and virtual and we hope that the meetings support both you and your child's learning/well being.

PTFA: We are holding a PTFA meeting on **Thursday 3rd Nov @6pm** in school with coffee and biscuits. It would be great to have lots of parents involved.

ROCK STEADY: The Rock Steady band sessions start tomorrow, **Friday 4th November**. You will have received a confirmation email from them regarding your child's place, instrument and which band they are in (A,B,C,D or E). Band B is the before school band and children will need to be dropped off at the Office at 8.25am to be taken to the session. All other groups will be within school hours and their time will change each week so that they do not miss the same lesson every time. We look forward to hearing our budding bands 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.

COLDER WEATHER: As the weather becomes colder, please send your child to school with a coat and hat/gloves if liked.

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.

DANCE: Joe from NUFC Foundation began a six week course of dance sessions with Reception to Y4 classes this week. The children absolutely loved it! Ask them to show you the moves they learned!

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's Children in Need is 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!


Upcoming Diary Dates:	
MON 07/11	Swimming Y3 Keyboards
TUES 08/11	PE Y1/2 Dodgeball Club
WED 09/11	Ukulele Y4 Dance with NUFC
THURS 10/11	Violins Y2/3/4 Craft Club
FRI 11/11	Remembrance Day Rock Steady Celebration

ATTENDANCE: National Expectation 96%

Whole school	96.7%
Reception	99.2%
Year 1	96.0%
Year 2	96.7. %
Year 3	94.0%
Year 4	96.7%

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.