

# St Robert's R.C. First School Newsletter



10th February 2022

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



## Upcoming Diary Dates

<b>Monday 14/2</b>	Liturgy (virtual) Y3 Swimming Keyboards
<b>Tuesday 15/2</b>	PE Dodgeball club (last one)
<b>Wednesday 16/2</b>	Mini-Vinnies meeting Staff & Finance committee meeting
<b>Thursday 17/2</b>	Multi-sports club (last one) Violins
<b>Friday 18/2</b>	Celebration

*Next week's Statement to live by : I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder in the world around me.*

**COVID UPDATE:** The table shows the confirmed cases in school at the time of writing (the staff and pupils who are currently isolating). Current guidance is that if your child has symptoms, please take them for a PCR test (not a LFD at home). If someone else in the household is positive, test your child for 7 days with LFD tests. If any of these (or a PCR test) is positive the child must self isolate for 10 days, or until they have 2 consecutive negative LFD tests (starting on day 5 and 6) whichever is soonest. They can return to school on day 6 if they have had 2 negative tests and do not have a temperature.

<b>Nursery</b>	0
<b>Reception</b>	1
<b>Year 1</b>	0
<b>Year 2</b>	1
<b>Year 3</b>	0
<b>Year 4</b>	1
<b>Staff</b>	0

## HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES:

Can we please remind you that if you send your child to school with a packed lunch it needs to be a balanced meal, no chocolate bars or sweets please. Can I also please remind you that we are a nut free school, so please do not send any nuts or products with nuts (e.g. Nutella spread) into school in packed lunches or snacks. Thank you for your support.



## PARENT CONSULTATIONS:

**We plan to run our appointments virtually. They will be over 2 evenings as we did in the Autumn term:**

Mon 14/3/22 - Whole school  
Nur/Rec/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4

Tues 15/3/22 - Nursery

Wed 16/3/22 - Year 2

Thurs 17/3/22 - Rec/Y1/Y3/Y4

If restrictions ease then we may offer a blended approach. Virtual and face to face.

**SAFER INTERNET DAY:** This week we took part in internet safety day. Mrs Thorne works with Year 1 to Year 4 and throughout the year covers this topic so that the pupils have the skills to protect themselves online. But it is also your responsibility as parents to ensure that they are safe while using the internet at home. For further information on internet safety please [click here](#).

**CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK:** This week has been children's mental health week. During this week each class has been looking at age appropriate material to support their own mental health. I hope you have found the material shared with you on Class Dojo each day useful to supporting with your child's mental health. You can find resources here: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

**NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY:** As part of children's mental health week we will have a non school uniform day tomorrow - Friday 11th February. A payment request for a voluntary donation of a £1 is available on school gateway now and all proceeds will go to the Place2Be children's mental health charity.

**KIEDER OBSERVATORY ASTRONOMER VISIT:** On Wednesday, Naz from the Kielder Observatory visited us in school. Y1 and Y2 took part in workshops all about the Solar System and Investigating Light. While Y3 and Y4 also learnt about the Solar System and Space Rocks. Why don't you ask your child if they can remember any interesting facts from the visit. The coolest thing had to be that Y3/4 got to hold a piece of Mars! (the planet not the chocolate bar!), although the ultraviolet bead bracelets were very popular in Y1/2 too!

**BISHOP BEWICK TRUST:** The school is currently working hard to prepare to convert on the 1st April to join the Bishop Bewick Trust. More information about the Trust can be found here: <http://www.bishopbewickcet.org/>

**ATTENDANCE:** I am conscious that I have not reported anything on Attendance recently, however, it is very important that your child attends school and the expected attendance is a minimum of 96%. Our current attendance is 92.2% which, in part, is due to Covid but I would like to ask you for your support in trying to improve this.

**HALF TERM:** we break up Friday 18th February and return to school on Monday 28th February 2022.



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