

St Robert's R.C. First School Newsletter



1st December 2016

Head Teacher: Mr D Sutcliffe

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



Statement to live by: I can work, rest, play and pray each day

| Upcoming Diary Dates | |
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| Monday 5/12 | Parish Confirmations 7pm |
| Tuesday 6/12 | Nursery Trip to Whitehouse Farm |
| Wednesday 7/12 | Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinner No swimming Y3 |
| Thursday 8/12 | School Nativity/PTFA Christmas Market 2pm |
| Friday 9/12 | School Nativity/PTFA Christmas Market 6pm |



| | Good Work | Star of the Week |
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| NUR | | |
| Rec | Scarlett | Hannah |
| Y1 | Seth | Lexi |
| Y2 | Gracie | Michael |
| Y3 | Brid | Sophie |
| Y4 | Luca & Alex | Aidan |



Attendance challenge:

Rec – 92%
 Year 1 – 98.5%
 Year 2 – 92.3%
 Year 3 – 96.7%
 Year 4 – 95.3%
 Whole school – 94.9%
 National target – 96 %



Attendance:

Well done Year 1, 98.5% attendance this week



This week in Advent the children have been decorating stars with the word HOPE on. The children have written a hope for another child this Christmas on the back of their star. These Stars will appear around school and the Parish as a sign that we will be praying for the hopes of others. We will be using a resource from the mission website: <http://www.missio.org.uk/advent-and-christmastide> please take a look to see what message your child will be hearing about each week in Advent.

YEAR 3 SWIMMING: Swimming is now finished until after the Christmas break. Can all payments please be made as soon as possible.

NATIVITY PERFORMANCES: Thursday's performance doors will open at 1:20pm Mr Sutcliffe and Mrs Callaghan will direct parents to seats. Friday evening performance doors will open at 5:20pm and once again Mr Sutcliffe and Mrs Callaghan will direct parents to seats. We will fill seats from the front back and it will not be possible to reserve seats.

It has been brought to my attention that in previous years the numbers attending the 2 performances exceeded the capacity of the church. We have increased in pupil numbers and this means an increase in parents attending these performances. There are a maximum of 80 seats in church with a view of the children and we have 146 pupils in school. In light of this, we request that parents only attend one performance. We know the children have the support of extended families but our performances are for immediate family members only, this is to secure the safety of our children. Thank you for your support and we are already looking at ways to improve this for next year.

PANTO: This year's Panto is Dick Whittington and will take place tomorrow afternoon. To cover costs, we ask for a donation of £5 per child (£10 per family).

UP COMING IN THE LAST WEEK!

Mon 12/12—Reception Nursery Christmas Party

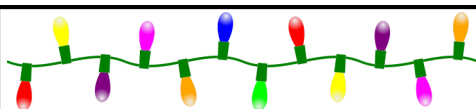
Tue 13/12—Y1 & 2 Christmas Party

Wed 14/12—Y3 & 4 Christmas Party

Thurs 15/12—Whole School Mass; everyone is welcome to join us.

Fri 16/12—Break up for Christmas

Challenge— how many nativity images can you spot on the newsletter?



CHRISTMAS JUMPER/DINNER:

On Wednesday 7 December all children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper and / or headwear in return for a small unwanted, unused gift to sell at the Children's Christmas Market on Wednesday 14 December. The children can bring some money to school on Wednesday 14 December to spend at the Christmas Market (maximum £2). This market is for the children to buy a gift for a family member. All gifts will be wrapped in school before the children bring them home, keeping them a surprise!!



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