

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



9th January 2020

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



## Upcoming Diary Dates

<b>Monday 13/1</b>	Liturgy Y3 Swimming Irish Dancing Club
<b>Tuesday 14/1</b>	PE Lunchtime Football Club
<b>Wednesday 15/1</b>	Dance Club KS2
<b>Thursday 16/1</b>	Whole school Mass @9:10am Multi-sports club
<b>Friday 17/1</b>	Celebration Dance club KS1/REC Library Y1 and Y2

*Next week's Statement to live by : I try to follow our school and classroom rules*

## HAPPY NEW YEAR and ALL THE BEST FOR 2020

**NURSERY NEW STARTERS:** We are delighted to welcome Gabby, Bella, Luciano, Iyla, Harry, Lily and Charlotte to our Nursery. They have all been amazing already this week. All the EYFS team are so impressed at how quickly they have settled in.

**MULTI ACADEMY TRUSTS:** The diocese have made an announcement that all Catholic Schools will become part of large Multi Academy Trusts by July 2022. See the separate letter for further details.

**CHRISTMAS THANK YOU:** On behalf of all the staff thank you for all the kind wishes, prayers and gifts we received before Christmas. We are still munching our way through the chocolates and biscuits in the staffroom!

**PANTO:** The children had a fantastic time when the Panto visited before Christmas. To have such a wonderful afternoon for the children we rely on your voluntary contributions to help with the cost. Thank you so much for your support.

**PE:** Miss Scott will be teaching PE in the school hall for the next 5 weeks so there is no need to bring outside PE clothes this half term.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM:** As we begin a new year can I remind all parents to make sure that their child is wearing the correct uniform—footwear in particular—black shoes are required.

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS:

Mon 9/3/20 Y3 and Y4 Parent consultation afternoon  
Tues 10/3/20 Reception and Y1 Parent consultation afternoon  
Wed 11/3/20 Nursery and Y2 Parent consultation afternoon  
Thurs 12/3/20 Whole school parent consultation evening

Timeslots can be requested from the office closer to the dates. A small change this year is that the afternoon slots will be from 1-4pm and the Thursday evening slots will be from 4-6pm.

**RAINBOWS:** Rainbows is a group to support children in dealing with loss through death, divorce or separation. The 12 week programme is designed to support with self esteem, resilience, trust and confidence. Further information can be found here: <http://www.rainbowsgb.org/about-us> If you would like your child to take part in the group please let Mrs Perkins know in the school office.

**NSPCC ASSEMBLIES:** On Wednesday we had visitors from the NSPCC to deliver assemblies about their Speak Out. Stay Safe. programme. The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from abuse. The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at the [NSPCC website site: click here](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/)

**CAR PARK:** It has been brought to my attention that the car park, especially on an afternoon pick up, has become a concern. I want to remind parents that the car park should not be used between 8:30 and 9:30am or from 2:30 until 4:30. This is to allow staff and taxi drivers who have priority to access it safely. We have some regulars who are consistently ignoring our requests! I will be writing to you directly. A short walk to school from the local car parks will be beneficial to you and your child.

### Attendance challenge:

Rec - 97.6%  
Year 1 - 88.6%  
Year 2 - 96.7%  
Year 3 - 99.7%  
Year 4 - 92.4%  
Whole school: 94.9%  
National target: 96%



w/c 16/12/19  
attendance  
winners:  
Year: 3

### THANK YOU AND WELCOME BACK:

A huge thank you to Miss Ternent who has been supporting us in Year 1 since September. We have been very lucky that she agreed to cover Mrs Johnson's absence. We wish her all the best as she can now enjoy her retirement in peace! The staff and children will miss her.

We are delighted to have Mrs Johnson back in school following her recovery from major back surgery. The children and staff have been excited to see her return.

### Summer dates for the diary:

**Sports day:** FRIDAY 19/6/20

**Beach trip :** THURSDAY 25/6/20

**Teacher training day:** FRIDAY 26/6/20

**Y4 Leavers Mass and Disco:** THURS 9/7/20

**Y4 leavers assembly:** THURSDAY 16/7/20



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