

St Robert's R.C. First School Newsletter



10th October 2019

Head Teacher: Mr D Sutcliffe

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



Next week's Statement to live by : I try and stand up for myself and others.



Upcoming Diary Dates	
Monday 14/10	Y4 Robinwood Liturgy Swimming Y3 Irish Dancing club
Tuesday 15/10	Y4 Robinwood No Tag Rugby
Wednesday 16/10	Y4 Robinwood Y2 Kirkley Hall Dancing club Y3/4 Tennis Club
Thursday 17/10	Multi-sports club
Friday 18/10	Library Celebration Dancing Club Rec/Y1/Y2



- N** Ava-May
R Violet
1 Jayden
2 Thomas
3 Luke
4 Jack & Freddie

- N** Vincent
R Ismay
1 Lainey
2 Imanie
3 Isla
4 Jake

NEW STAFF MEMBER: We are delighted to welcome Mrs Jeffrey (Millie & Archie's Mum) who is joining us in school from next week as a lunchtime supervisor.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS: We have another drop in session for parents/carers tonight (**Thursday 10th October**) after school between **3pm—4pm**. Karen Kirkbride, who is our School Safeguarding Liaison Officer, will be able to support/give advice to anyone about domestic violence. Please just ask at the office to see Karen.

ROBINWOOD REMINDER: Year 4 are off to Robinwood on Monday. Children should come into school at usual time, bus leaves at 9:30am. The children will be at Robinwood in time for lunch so there will be no need for a snack on the bus. We will let parents know the expected return time on Wednesday afternoon. Souvenir orders should be returned to school by tomorrow.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL: We are delighted to be supporting the Shoebox Appeal again this year. As a school donation we have purchased 100 of the pre-printed shoeboxes. We will let you know when they arrive so you can collect one from the office. The shoebox will need to be returned by the **8th November**. Last year our target was 80, this year it's 85! As always Mr Sutcliffe will come to school dressed up if the target is reached!

HARVEST: We will be celebrating harvest festival the week beginning **21st October** when we will be collecting for the Wansbeck Food Bank and local elderly residents. We will be collecting donations of packaged and fresh food, these must be brought into school by **Thursday 24th October**.

Y3 SKIPPING FESTIVAL: Year 3 can come to school in their PE kits on **Tuesday 15th October** as they will be competing in the Skipping festival at the Leisure Centre in the morning. The class will return to school in time for lunch.

Y2 KIRKLEY HALL VISIT: Wednesday 16th October. A reminder that the children will need suitable clothing, school jumper/cardigan, packed lunch and water bottle. The trip can be paid for on School Gateway.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First church celebration this **Sunday 13th October @9am Mass**. First preparation session **Thursday 17th October 3:10—4:15pm**.

ADMIN ABSENCE: There will be no Mrs Perkins in the office on **Tuesday 15th October** as she will be attending training. Mr Sutcliffe will be looking after the office.

PTFA ST ROBERT'S ROCKS: Please save the date **22nd November 2019**. The PTFA will be hosting a St Robert's Rocks night at the Riverside. A social event for the parents/carers in our school community. More details will follow!

CHANGE OF DATE FOR SCHOOL DISCO: The school disco date has been changed to **29th November**. More details will follow!

WHATSAPP: I am fully aware that parents have Class Whatsapp groups and I fully support the use of this communication for the PTFA to promote events, parents to support each other and to share information. However, please speak to Mr Sutcliffe or the class teacher first about any incidents involving the children before posting. It is our responsibility to act appropriately to resolve any issues that happen within school. Thank you in advance of your support.

Attendance challenge:

Rec - 98.4%
Year 1 - 95%
Year 2 - 97.1%
Year 3 - 97.4%
Year 4 - 96.9%
Whole school: 96.9%
National target: 96%



Last weeks attendance winners:
Reception

PUMPKIN DESIGN COMPETITION: The PTFA are running a "Design your own pumpkin" competition. If your child would like to enter, please complete the design form and return to school by Monday 21st October with the 50p entry fee. There will be prizes for the best entries in each class.

Design forms will be sent home on Monday 14th October.



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