St Robert's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter- Week 9

Weekly Prayer:

Loving God,

Thank You for the gift of our children.

Help them to be curious, confident and willing to try new things. Fill their hearts with a love of learning, so that they may discover the talents You have given them and use them to make a difference in the world.

Guide them each day as they grow in wisdom, kindness and faith.

Amen.

The last few days have been a little different for me, and I would like to begin by thanking you for your understanding during my absence. I was supporting my previous school through their Ofsted inspection, and whilst it was a privilege to do so, I was disappointed to miss some opportunities to spend time with our St Robert's families.

I was particularly looking forward to getting to know more of you at Tuesday's Parent Information Meetings. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended. We were delighted to welcome you into school and hope that you found the sessions both informative and useful. It is always valuable to strengthen the partnership between home and school, and these meetings provide a wonderful opportunity to share information about your child's learning and development. I look forward to seeing many more of you at our second set of meetings this afternoon.

Today has also been a busy and enjoyable day as we welcomed prospective families into school for our Open Day. It was a pleasure to meet so families who are considering St Robert's for the next stage of their educational journey. Our Year 6 children were fantastic ambassadors and spoke with great pride about their school.

If you know families who were unable to attend today's event, please reassure them that we will continue to offer individual tours over the coming weeks. We are always delighted to show families around and provide an opportunity to experience the warm, welcoming community that makes St Robert's such a special place.

Miss Rhodes

Children in Need Reminder - Friday 13th November

Just a reminder that tomorrow is **Children in Need Day**!

Children are invited to come to school in their usual uniform but can add a fun and colourful accessory to show their support. Whether it's a spotty headband, bright socks, a Pudsey accessory or a splash of yellow, we can't wait to see everyone's creativity on display.

We are asking for a suggested donation of **£2 per family**, which can be made either in cash or via ParentPay. Every donation, large or small, will help support the fantastic work carried out by this worthwhile charity.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. We look forward to a bright and colourful day while raising money for a great cause!

Odd Socks Day- Antibullying week

On Monday 16th November, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. We would like to invite all children to come to school wearing odd socks with their usual school uniform.

Odd Socks Day is a fun and simple way to celebrate what makes us all unique. By wearing odd socks, we recognise that everyone is different and that our differences should be valued and respected. The day also helps to start important conversations about kindness, inclusion and standing up against bullying.

This year's Anti-Bullying Week theme is "Break the Silence", encouraging children to speak up if they are worried about bullying and to support one another in creating a safe and respectful school community.

There is no cost involved and children simply need to wear their odd socks with pride! We look forward to seeing everyone's colourful and mismatched socks on Monday 16th November.

St Robert's Santa Dash for Harrogate Homeless Project

We are delighted to announce that St Robert's will be joining forces with the **Harrogate Homeless Project** this Christmas to support those who may be facing homelessness during what should be a joyful time of year.

The charity is holding its first ever **Santa Dash** at Swinton Bivouac, Swinton Estate, on 22nd November (see attached poster). Inspired by this fantastic event, we thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to hold our own **St Robert's Santa Dash** on **Friday 11th December**.

All children are invited to come dressed in festive attire, whether that's a Santa suit, elf costume, fairy outfit, Christmas jumper or other seasonal accessories. The children will then take part in a fun, muddy cross-country run around the school grounds!

To take part, we are asking families for a **£1 entry donation**, with all proceeds going to the Harrogate Homeless Project. We will also be inviting children to seek sponsorship from family and friends for completing the run. Further details about how sponsorship will work will follow shortly.

Ahead of the event, we are delighted that Mrs Ridgway from the Harrogate Homeless Project will be visiting school to talk to the children about the charity's work and help them understand the challenges faced by people experiencing homelessness, particularly during the winter months.

We hope this will be a fun, memorable event for our children while also encouraging them to think about those less fortunate than themselves and the importance of supporting our local community.

We very much hope that you will be able to support us and help make our first St Robert's Santa Dash a great success!

Message from St Robert's Helping Hands Team

Following the announcement of our new team please note the following events are upcoming:

Wednesday 25th November - Christmas Movie Night! We will have two showings; Reception and KS1 beginning at 5.45pm and KS2 at 6.20pm. Further details and how to book tickets can be found in the events section of Classlist. Any parent helpers welcome!

Christmas Hamper Donations - We will start collections please for our annual Christmas hamper raffle. Details for items to donate for each class, should you feel able, are on Classlist. Please hand all donations to the school office by the 10th December. Raffle tickets to be released shortly!

Christmas Wreath Making - save the date! We will be making Christmas Wreaths again on Tuesday 8th December in the school hall. More details and ticket purchasing to follow next week.

We extend our thanks in advance for your generosity of donations and time to support these events and our PTA.

Attendance this week is 97.67%

(national average 95.4%)

Thank you

Save the Date

w/c 9th November

Friday 13th November – Children in Need

w/c 16th November

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 18th November – Merlins family worship 9.10am

Friday 20th November – Individual and Sibling Photos

Friday 20th November – UKS2 Mass @ Church 12pm

w/c 23rd November

Wednesday 25th November – Christmas Movie Night

Thursday 26th November – Kestrels family worship 9.10am

w/c 30th November

Tuesday 1st December – Owls family worship 9.10am

Friday 4th December – EYFS Nativity followed by Stay and Play 9.30am

w/c 7th December

Tuesday 8th December – Wreath Making SRHH 6.30pm

Wednesday 9th December – KS1 Nativity Parents' Performance 10.00am

w/c 14th December

Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December – Bikeability course 2 – Eagles

Tuesday 15th December – Advent Retreat

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Craft Day

Thursday 17th December – Kites family worship 9.10am

Friday 18th December – School breaks up at 3.25pm for Christmas holidays