

Thursday 13 February 2020

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St Robert's School Newsletter

This week in School

- Friday 14 February
 - Sporting Influence Yr1-2
 - School closes for half term at the usual time

Dates to Remember

- Monday 24 February
 - School Re-opens usual time
- Wednesday 4 March
 - Ash Wednesday
- Thursday 5 March
 - World Book Day - 'Bedtime story Theme'



Quinn	Wrens
Jack	Robins
Anjelic	Sparrows
Amy	Starlings
Alfie	Merlins
Salome	Owls
Isaac	Kestrels
Rosie	Kites
Alex	Falcons
Lily	Eagles

Well done everybody!

Big Fish - Colm Currie

Little Fish - Annie Bedson

Preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at St Aelred's Church 2020

Year 3+ Sessions for preparing children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in St Aelred's parish hall beginning on Thursday 27th February between 5 and 6pm and each week up to 2nd April.

Year 4+ First Holy Communion Preparation will begin on Thursday 23rd April between 5 and 6pm and will continue weekly until 4th June (excluding half-term). Children in year 4 or above can complete both Reconciliation and First Communion in the same year. First Holy Communion will be held at St Aelred's on Saturday 6th June, 2020.

The preparation programmes are based on the Diocesan model of family catechisis so each child will need to be accompanied and supported in each session by a close family member eg: parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle. It does not have to be the same adult at each session. To register your child for this preparation please email: Marie Cousens at: st.aelreds.sacraments@outlook.com

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First Confessions: **Year 3** (Independent of main preparation Classes a second group of older children will be meeting with Fr Ben and following the same timetable) Enrolment 1st March after 9.00am Mass—no class that day, just enrolment. Times and venue of classes to be announced First Confession will then be 4th April.

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Reading

"Books enable children to discover new worlds, meet new people and learn about the past, but they also have the power to transform lives. By sparking growing imaginations, stimulating critical thinking and helping to develop empathy, reading gives children the very skills they need to succeed at school, at work and in life." Cressida Cowell is the author of

books for children including 'How to Train Your Dragon', 'The Wizards of Once' and the 'Emily Brown' picture books.

Safer Internet Week

Childline

<https://www.childline.org.uk/kids/08001111>

Childline has resources online which cover topics such as bullying, friendships, feelings, family and staying safe. There is the facility to get support by phoning someone or to chat online or send an email. Children may browse the website to watch helpful videos, play games or do creative activities which are designed to help children feel better and build coping strategies.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

If **National Online Safety** has produced a wide range of free guides for adults on internet safety. These include general advice on how to keep your children safe online, as well as guides for popular games and platforms including **Tik Tok, Nintendo Switch, YouTube, Roblox, Minecraft.**

SRHH Ceilidh 14th February

This year's Ceilidh is on the 14th February (easy to remember a Valentine's Day treat for the whole family!) It starts at 6.30pm to 9pm at St Wilfrid's Church Hall. This is a hugely popular event; with dancing, face-painting, tattoos, raffle prizes, a licensed bar and food; it has helped raised funds for the School's PTA "Helping Hands". Tickets are priced at; £5.50 child, £8 adult, £25 Family and £1 pre-school child.

Bike Rack out of use

During the half term the last phase of the roof is being refurbished and the fire-door to the playground is being replaced. As a result there will be some scaffolding around the school and the bike and scooter racks will not be available for about 3 weeks after half term. The good news is that once the work is completed SRHH have secured funding to buy a new bike rack shelter for school. In the meantime scooters and bikes could be chained to the fence at the front of the school.

SRHH Thank You

SRHH purchased the "Troll Stinks" book to support the school with the Safety Internet Week. They also funded 55 bibles for the children to use in RE and across the curriculum.

Pray for the Virtue of Simplicity

Dear Lord

We ask you to guide us as we try to live simply,

Help us to be content with our lives and Not compete with what others have.

We want to delight in little things

And appreciate the gifts of others

Valuing the present moment and worrying less about tomorrow.

Amen

