



St Robert's Catholic First School

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

11th MAY 2023

Next week's statement to live by: **I try to accept forgiveness from others**

HOLIDAYS 2023/24: The Trust has taken the decision to move the February 2024 half term to **Monday 19th February 2024 to Friday 23rd February 2024** which is in line with the Local Authority and the rest of the Morpeth schools. It was felt that it was too late to change the October half term as so many staff and families had already made concrete plans for this time and so the dates for October week 2023 will not change from those already published. We hope that this makes childcare a little easier.

CORONATION CELEBRATION: We all enjoyed the Coronation Celebrations on Friday. A big thank you to everyone for dressing in red, white and blue and joining in the festivities.

YEAR 2 SATS: The Year 2 children will be completing their 'special tasks' during this month. Mrs Sykes may send some specific tasks home designed to support during this time. They are all superstars and we are very proud of them!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next session for Y4's preparation for First Holy Communion is **tonight -Thursday 11th May**. Please keep these pupils in your prayers.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK: Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (15-19 May). This nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life. What do I need to do as a parent/carer? We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on w/c 15 May, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive, try parking the car at least 10 minutes from school and walking the rest of the journey. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

SCHOOL JUMPERS: Would you please make sure that your child's name is in their school cardigan/jumper. If you are donating old cardigans/jumpers to school for re-use could you please make sure that you remove your child's name before it is donated so that it doesn't come back to you! Many thanks. Also - if you do have St Robert's logo'd cardigans/jumpers that your child has grown out of or will not need anymore after the Summer if they are Year 4, they would be gratefully received. Thank you for your support.

MUSIC PARTNERSHIP EVENT: Year 3 are taking part in the **Big Morpeth Music Event** at Newminster Middle School on Monday 15th May. More details will be posted on Class Story.

SINGING CLUB: Miss Small will be running an after school singing club for KS2 (Y3/4) on Thursdays until 4.15pm starting on 18th May. Please contact Mrs Perkins to book your child's place asap!

FOOTBALL DATES CHANGE: All Saints (away) - 18th May and Abbeyfields (away) - 15th June. No change to Stobhillgate (away) 25th May.

Upcoming Diary Dates:	
MON 15/5	Liturgical prayer Y3 Swimming Keyboards
TUES 16/5	PE - NUFC Mr Blake's Football Club
WED 17/5	Cricket Y3/Y4 and Club
THRS 18/5	Violins Liz Ions' Multi Sports Club Singing Club
FRI 19/5	Rocksteady Celebration 

ATTENDANCE: National Expectation 96%

Whole school	95.4%
Reception	93.8%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	96.0%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	95.6%

ABSENCE PROCEDURES:

- If a pupil is absent, a parent/carer must contact the school by 9 a.m on the first day of absence on the school absence line and give the reason for the absence.
- The parent/carer should contact the school every day their child is absent to discuss the absence further.

PTFA: SUMMER FAIR! 20/6/23
VOLUNTEER Can you spare some time to help make our school summer fair a success. We need people to decorate and set-up/ pack down Serve hot-dogs run activities.
SHOWCASE Are you a crafter and would you like to have a stall at our Fair this year? Cards, Scrunchies, Jewellery or anything else that our school community may have to offer.
SUPPORT Do you have any contacts for prizes to further support this school community event? If you are interested in getting involved, Please contact Sian Gillinder 07984970971 siangillinder@gmail.com