

# Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new and exciting summer term. Let's hope the wonderful weather remains, especially for our sports day events!

## Mass to celebrate the feast of the Good Shepherd

Last Thursday we joined together to celebrate the first Mass of the summer term. All years were represented with some of our Year 3 children leading the singing which was superb. They raised the roof and their additional harmonies added the finishing touch and uplifted our spirits.

## First Holy Communion

Children will be celebrating their first Holy Communion at Corpus Christi Parish over the next four weeks. We wish them and their families well and ask you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

## School Disco

Prepare those groovy moves! There will be a Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 disco on 18<sup>th</sup> May from 3.30pm – 4.30pm and the Key Stage 2 disco will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> May from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Children to bring their own clothes to change into before the disco.

## Road Safety Quiz

The BRW road safety team took part in the Nottingham School's Road Safety final last night. It was a fantastic event and we all had fun. The team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place position with a whopping 143 points! Mrs McGurk and I were very proud of you and your amazing efforts. Thank you to the parents who came along to support.

## Football

Miss Sparkes and Mr Kidger have nothing but praise for our footballers at the end of the season. BRW came 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Sun Smart Policy



Now that the sun has decided to shine and we are having some beautiful weather, please ensure that children have their sunhats and sunglasses in school. Bottles of water are important at this time of year, especially if children are taking part in an after school clubs. Sun cream should be applied before school. Children are permitted to bring small bottles of cream in to school which should be labelled and children must be able to apply it themselves.

## May 17<sup>th</sup>

FS Sports Day, 2:30pm

## May 18<sup>th</sup>

KS2 Sports Day 1:30pm

KS1 Disco 3:30-4:30pm

## May 19<sup>th</sup>

Year 1 Assembly 9:00am

KS1 Sports Day

KS2 Disco 3:30pm-4:30pm

## W/C 30<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term Holiday

## June 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

Travelling Library

## 9<sup>th</sup> June

Whole School Mass – First Holy Communion

## 16<sup>th</sup> June

Swimming Gala

## 18<sup>th</sup> June

Parish Fair

## 21<sup>st</sup> June

Class Photos

## 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Year 2 Assembly

## 29<sup>th</sup> June

Mass for St Peter and St Paul at Corpus Christ church

9.30am

## July 1<sup>st</sup>

INSET Day

## July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

Musical

## 18<sup>th</sup> July

Leavers Mass

6.30pm

## 21<sup>st</sup> July

Final Mass

out of 7 schools in the Primary League. The team showed determination throughout all matches and supported those children who were new to the team. The Year 6 team members will definitely end the season on a high!

We are now looking forward to the Thomas McKeever Cup on 26<sup>th</sup> May in which we play other Catholic Primary Schools at Trinity. Our last chance to score will be when we have our annual house football competition!

### Dance Festival

Children from Years 1, 2 and 6 took part in the Rushcliffe Annual Dance Festival which took place at The Becket School last week. It was an excellent event which showcased talent in primary and secondary schools across Nottingham. Years 1 and 2 dazzled the audience with their group performance inspired by Star Wars. They were the youngest children there but set the tone for the other performers. Year 6 showcased a dance called 'The Mysteries of Space'. Their timing, poise and stage presence were awe-inspiring. Congratulations to all! A true celebration of dance. Thank you to parents for bringing your children along and for your support.

### Key Stage 2 End of Year Assessments

Our Year 6 children are extremely busy preparing for their National Assessments which will take place next week. They are rising to the challenge and demonstrating excellent attitudes to their learning. At Blessed Robert Widmerpool we know that these tests are not the only measure of our children and we celebrate all their talents. I ask you to keep them all in your thoughts and prayers over the next week.

### Parish Birthday

Congratulations to Corpus Christi as they celebrated their Golden Jubilee last week which was a wonderful celebration attended by many including some of our previous parish priests.

### Year 2 and 4 Residential

Words cannot express how enriching this visit was for Years 2 and 4. I've never seen smiles so big! The children challenged themselves to try new activities and face some of their fears...heights being one of them!

It truly was an exhilarating experience for the children who behaved impeccably and impressed the staff with their independence and willingness to be bold, brave and try all things new. I'm confident that the children have made memories to treasure forever.

### Year 3 and 4 Assembly

We have been treated already this term with two class assemblies. The children in Year 4 wowed us with their version of Inventors Have Talent. Who knew that Ruth Handler invented the Barbie Doll and named it after her daughter? Or that Mary Anderson invented window screen wipers? Or that Kevlar is stronger than steel? We were bowled over by their knowledge and they performed with so much personality and enthusiasm.



The Spring raffle was a huge success this year. Your efforts managed to raise £317.55 in total, which will be put towards new iPads. A special mention must go to Year 6 who were the class who sold the most tickets. Amelia Rothwell sold the most tickets overall, with 40 books sold to family and friends.

#### Hamper Winners:

Aaron Taylor, Lewis Orrill, Benn Allan, Estelle Demafeliz, Madison Nesbitt, Lois Gray, Amelia Rothwell, Megan Baker

Thank you so much for your support.

**BIG** Question!

**If you could wake up tomorrow as somebody else, who would you pick? What would you do?**

Mmmm? I found this a difficult one.

Try discussing this BIG question at home around the dinner table or on the walk to school.

It might make for an interesting discussion.

Year 3 left us smiling from ear to ear with their comical, spy-tastic presentation! They certainly showed the school their creative, inventive side and amazed their audience with their slick gymnastic shapes and balances. Their poetry recital, finishing with a line about 'dad always losing his keys,' made us all chuckle. Both classes shone with energy and confidence. Their thirst and enjoyment for learning clearly came across. Well done to all!

### **Scooters and Bikes**

Please be aware that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on the school grounds. It is important that children walk carefully holding your bike or scooter. This is to ensure the safety of all those people on the playground.

### **Social Media**

I know that many of our children are using social media outside of school. I cannot stress enough the importance of online safety and ensuring your children are safe. The following websites give further information and guidance, please read them carefully.

**Netware** is a parents' guide to the social networks children and young people use. Stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world. Visit the following webpage for more information. [www.net-aware.org.uk/](http://www.net-aware.org.uk/)

Minecraft is an effective educational resource. Visit the following link to ensure your child is staying safe on Minecraft. <http://parentinfo.org/article/staying-safe-on-minecraft>

There is also a link to an e-safety magazine on our school website. <http://brwacademy.com/safety/>

This is an issue we address in school and your vigilance at home is required. Review settings and familiarise yourselves with apps/social media being used. We hope to be holding a Parents Online Safety Workshop soon. More information to follow.

We look forward to the final summer term ahead. It promises to be busy, jam-packed and full of wonderful learning opportunities.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Maylard-Mason