

# Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents,

## School Mission Statement

‘We walk kindly in the footsteps of Jesus Christ as we live and learn’

Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely break. We are now excited to commence our last half term of the year and there is so much to look forward to.

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all those children who have made their First Holy Communion this year. It has been an honour to be part of such an important time in their faith journey. It was lovely to see so many family members there at our celebration mass. The children sang beautifully and it was a pleasure to see them in their dresses and suits again. Thank you to all those who helped to organise the party and all those who came to celebrate such a special occasion.



## Disco/Film Night

The school discos have been a huge success this term. We witnessed lots of ‘disco divas’ and funky, groovy moves in both FS/KS1 and KS2. This term, we will be holding a KS2 Film Night. This event will be held on Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3.30pm – 5.15pm. The cost will be £3.00 including popcorn and a drink. We will send out a notice with more details nearer the time.

## McKeever Cup Victory

What a fantastic end to the football season for the BRW team! Winning the Thomas McKeever cup on 26<sup>th</sup> May has been the highlight of their year. We battled against 6 other primary schools to reach the final with St Teresa’s. The nail-biting game went to extra time. Our goalie Freddie Bowles saved 2 penalties and BRW scored two goals to take us to victory. Well done team. I am so proud of you all and the way you worked together to achieve this. Thank you also to Miss Sparkes and Mr Kidger who are so proud, they have been smiling for the last two weeks!

## Travelling Library

The travelling library has been in school all week. All children have enjoyed browsing and purchasing the many books on offer with their parents. Children have a real passion for reading and everyone likes to get a new book. The library will be here until tomorrow so come and have a browse today.

## Years 5/6 Visit to London

Years 5 and 6 returned from a ‘Wicked’ adventure in London on Wednesday. They were full of excitement as they told us all the exciting things they had seen and how much they were mesmerized by the wonderful musical ‘Wicked’. We look forward to them defying gravity with an amazing performance this summer and I look forward to seeing all the inspiring and exciting work they will be doing in the lead up to this.

## Dates

**16<sup>th</sup> June**  
FS2 Assembly  
Swimming Gala  
**18<sup>th</sup> June**  
Parish Fair  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Year 2 Assembly  
Film Night  
**29<sup>th</sup> June**  
Mass for St Peter and St Paul at Corpus Christie  
**July 1<sup>st</sup>**  
INSET Day  
**July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**  
KS2 Musical  
**19<sup>th</sup> July**  
Leavers Mass  
**21<sup>st</sup> July**  
Final Mass

### **BIG** Question!

Could a computer have a mind?

Something to think about.....

We know they can calculate and answer questions.

Are they capable of thinking?

### **Charitable Giving Funds Raised**

At BRW the importance of serving others is paramount and one way our children do this is by raising funds for various charities and causes throughout the year. The pupils contribute their views and opinions to what they feel is important to support and I am proud to announce that to date BRW have managed to raise nearly £3000! This is amazing and a huge increase in funds from the last 2 years. Thank you to all our pupils and parents for your support with this and for ensuring that children at our school understand the importance of giving.

- **2013-14 - £1850.00**
- **2014-15 - £2341.68**
- **2015-16 - £2971.76**

### **Foundation Stage Visits to the Orchard**

FS enjoyed their visit to the Orchard on a beautiful yet rainy day, proving that it doesn't matter what the weather is like, learning outdoors is always fun. The children listened to a story told by 'Percy the Park Keeper', built shelters for the woodland animals, made smelly potions, bravely went down the mud slide and explored the natural environment. The children had a rewarding day. Thank you to all the parents who had to spend extra time washing their children's clothes afterwards.

### **WISE Week**

This week Sim Duhra from Nottingham City Council's WISE (Waste Improvement School Education) team has been working with us in school. A bin lorry came to visit the Foundation Stage which created so much excitement. Year 3 pupils investigated creative composting with wriggly worms, Year 4 made their own paper and Years 5 and 6 learned about solar cars. To continue our objective of reducing waste in school, we will be holding a waste free lunch on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. This will include using as little packaging as possible and leaving as little food waste as possible.

### **Ten Ten Newsletter**

The award winning TenTen Theatre Company visit BRW every year to perform their inspiring and thought provoking plays which are rooted in the gospel values. Their work impacts on the hearts and minds of young people.

### **Sensational 2016 Sports Days**

#### **FS Sports Day**

The event started our sporting fun with perfect weather. FS children had a go at balancing on an assault course, basketball, football and getting dressed very quickly amongst other activities. They had lots of fun, especially with their friends and relatives cheering them on in support.

#### **Key Stage 1**

The atmosphere was electric as the children in Year 1 and Year 2 embarked upon their Mardi Gras Festival Sports Day. The children took part in a range of track and field activities to demonstrate the skills they had been learning in class. The afternoon culminated in the class sprints, parent races and award ceremony. We had to do some first aid in the teacher race as Miss Catterall took a tumble! The house of John were the winners this year but all children performed tremendously and should be proud of their efforts.

#### **Key Stage 2**

After a cancellation due to bad weather, KS2 sports day took place the week after. The dull weather did not dampen spirits and the children were as lively as ever throughout the Mardi Gras festival sports day. Children took part in a range of track and field activities from the 200m sprint to the infamous javelin. KS2 children eagerly and excitedly participated in the events and some of our parents should be proud of themselves with their impressive efforts in the sprint-relay hurdles! The overall winners were Luke this year but it was incredibly tight. Thanks to all the parents and family members who attended, cheered and participated!

TenTen also has a wide range of resources available throughout the year and they provide an informative monthly newsletter for parents. A copy of the newsletter can be found on the school website.

### **Mrs Duffell**

Mrs Duffell our Business Manager will be retiring at the end of the school term. After 25 years of working at Blessed Robert Widmerpool, she has decided to put her feet up and embark on some exciting travelling adventures. The school will miss her dearly and will be thanking her for her dedicated service. She is a familiar and friendly face in the office and her presence will be missed.

### **Mrs Najdan**

Mrs Najdan will also be retiring this year. She is one of our longest serving members of staff having worked at BRW for 30 years. She will be missed by the pupils, staff and our parents many of whom have known her and worked with her for many years. I know you will join me in wishing her all the best in her retirement and thanking her for her dedication and service to the school.

### **Miss Fisher**

Miss Fisher in Year 4 will also be leaving us at the end of the term. We wish her all the best in her future career and thank her for her hard work at Blessed Robert Widmerpool.

If you would like to make a donation towards leaving gifts, please speak to Mrs Shakh in the school office.

Best Wishes

Mrs Maylard-Mason