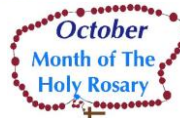




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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

During the month of October, we focus on praying the Rosary to Our Lady

We made it to half term! It has been a really busy start to the term having the whole of our school community back together again. Thank you parents for being so adaptable to the new routines put in place. Thank you to the children for taking the changes to school life in their stride. And a huge thank you to all the staff for their incredible hard work in making the school safe but also in the range of exciting opportunities the children have been able to take part in since returning back after the summer. We hope everyone has a safe and restful half term and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Thank you to the children in Year 4 (Mr Finn's class) for their wonderful assembly this morning on "Diversity." We have now sent the link out on Arbor to our School Facebook and YouTube Channels. Congratulations to the children that received an award. Parents, you will receive a link to our TEAMS virtual assembly on our You Tube Channel; also you will receive a secure link to view your child receiving their certificate. Certificates will be sent home!

Thank you to all the children that supported us with bringing in £1 for our non uniform day. It was a real treat for the last day of term and we also gave each child an ice-cream treat to say thank you so being amazing over this term.

Worker of the Week

Reception		Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
N/A	N/A	Arianna J	Nathan A	Sean B	Ruby G	Kornel K	Milo P	Matthew C	Oihane A-I	Janice D-S Nancy D-S	Harry G	Maisie S	Kian P
Attendance: 97.6% 😊 Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.													
98.9%		97.0%		98.5%		97.2%		96.2%		97.8%		96.1%	
House Point Winner				Donatello House – 132 points (Winning House Overall – Rafael House with 855 points)									
Class Attendance Winner				Both Reception Classes (Year R)									



Goodbye Mrs Davies

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Davies (our Year 6 teacher). Due to COVID she is having to leave at 28 weeks pregnant to go and isolate to ensure the safety of her and the baby. She will still be officially working from home until the middle of January when she officially starts her maternity leave. We wish her well and the children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be enjoying her teaching from home (remotely). We are trialling remote teaching just in case we end up in a lockdown situation in the future.

Year 5/6 Changes

Due to Mrs Davies going on maternity leave we have had to move staff around a little. The following changes will apply from Monday 2nd November 2020:

- Mrs O'Malley will be moving from Year 5 into Year 6 as the new class teacher
- Mrs Severs will be moving into Year 5 as the class teacher (Mrs O'Malley's Class)

We are now in Tier 2

This week, you will be aware that Coventry has been moved to Tier 2 from midnight tonight. We are receiving regular information through the Local Authority on the implications for us as a school. We have uploaded two documents from the Local Authority on our COVID-19 page <https://romeromac.com/covidriskassessments/>

In light of this, we will be revising the Risk assessment for our school as we are in an area moving to the local COVID alert level 'high'. In education settings, face coverings **must** now be worn by staff at Primary/Secondary schools (adults include staff, visitors and parents on drop off and pick up).

Masks must be worn when moving around indoors, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain. As in the general approach, it will not usually be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower, and they may inhibit teaching and learning.

We are letting staff, parents and pupils know that the new arrangements require the use of face coverings and are now mandatory from after half term and for the foreseeable future. No parents will be allowed on site without a mask – if you are exempt from wearing a face covering, then you will need to wait outside of the school gates and staff members will bring your child down to you when we can.



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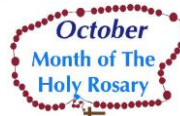




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Winter Uniform

From Monday 2nd November, all children will be expected to wear their winter uniform please. No summer dresses or polo shirts. Children will need to wear white shirts (not Polo shirts) ties/jumpers/trousers/skirts/pinafore dresses etc. A few children are wearing trainers (black shoes please). Ties are compulsory and not optional – so please buy these over half term.



Contact during half term

You will need to notify us of any updates regarding COVID 19 – e.g. if you or anyone in your family are symptomatic and going for tests and what the outcome is, positive or negative – we MUST BE INFORMED. Please email p.madia@romeromac.com during half term or call school. If you are going abroad then we must be notified if you are returning from countries from the “red zone” e.g. Italy, Spain, Poland, France, Ireland, Turkey – please check the Government website for more details.

Changes from 2nd November

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

I promise this is the final time!! ☹️

We have updated and revised the start and end times for Autumn 2. These new arrangements will start from Monday 2nd November 2020 (after half term). PE days have changed for some year groups. We have shortened drift in now to 20 minutes as this has been working so well in the mornings. A few year groups have revised end of day collection times.

Few reminders please:

Nursery/Reception Gate – please, please, please keep your distance and ensure you are socially distancing before you come to the gate. So many parents are not adhering to the distancing measures.

Parking - please ensure that you are not parking on any double yellow lines / blocking drive ways. We have a few parents who are parking up and dropping their children off without getting out of their cars. PLEASE walk your children to the school gate as this is unsafe.

Playground Equipment – please do not allow children to play on any of our equipment – it is currently out of bounds due to COVID. This mainly applies to Nursery and Reception Children when they are collected.

Virtual Consultations: 3:30pm – 7:30pm

Thank you to all the parents that booked a Virtual Consultation. Staff will catch up with Yr1/2/3/4/5 if you missed it – a number of you had appointments, but didn't attend. Please can I ask you to make sure you try and stick to any appointments that you book as it causes a number of implications for us during these difficult times.

Monday 2nd November - Nursery/Reception and Year 6

You should have already booked a 10 minute appointment slot. If you have not done this, then please ensure that you do so otherwise you will not be able to join this virtual event. You do not need to download any TEAMS Apps as the link will work in a normal internet browser. Please click on the TEAMS link in your email inbox and click on JOIN. This will then allow you to join the event and you will be placed in the lobby area. When it's your allocated time that you have booked, the class teacher will then allow you into the meeting. Please be patient as there may be delays. You will need to ensure that your Microphone and Cameras are on, so you can interact with the class teachers.

Plan for November 2020

Teacher	Start Time	End Time	PE Days
Year 6 – Mrs O'Malley	8:30 - 8:50am T Junction	3:15pm T Junction	Friday
Year 6 – Miss Gibson	8:30 - 8:50am T Junction	3:15pm T Junction	Friday
Year 5 – Mrs Severs / Mrs Stevenson	8:30 - 8:50am T Junction	3:15pm T Junction	Tuesday Thursday
Year 5 – Miss Paterson/ Mrs Stevenson	8:30 - 8:50am T Junction	3:15pm T Junction	Tuesday Thursday
Year 4 – Miss Allport	8:30 - 8:50am Classroom Door	3:15pm Classroom Door	Monday Thursday
Year 4 – Mr Finn	8:30 - 8:50am Year 3/4 door	3:15pm Year 3/4 door	Monday Thursday
Year 3 – Mrs Aldrich/ Mrs Drohan-Mills/	8:30 - 8:50am Rise & Shine Gate	3:20pm Rise & Shine Gate	Monday Tuesday
Year 3 – Mrs Cakebread/ Mrs O'Connor	8:30 - 8:50am Rise & Shine Gate	3:20pm Rise & Shine Gate	Monday Tuesday
Year 2 – Mrs Ellis/ Miss Roberts	8:30 - 8:50am Rise & Shine Gate	3:10pm Rise & Shine Gate	Thursday Friday
Year 2 – Miss Parry	8:30 - 8:50am Rise & Shine Gate	3:10pm Rise & Shine Gate	Thursday Friday
Year 1 – Mrs Pearman	8:30 - 8:50am Year 2 playground	3:00pm Year 2 playground	Wednesday
Year 1 – Mrs Stanton/ Mrs Cowley	8:30 - 8:50am Year 2 playground	3:00pm Year 2 playground	Wednesday
Reception - Mrs Rice/ Mrs Gaffney	8:30 - 8:50am Nursery Gate	3:00pm Nursery Gate	Wednesday
Reception – Miss Thomson	8:30 - 8:50am Nursery Gate	3:00pm Nursery Gate	Wednesday
Nursery – Mrs Peters	8:30 - 8:50am Nursery Gate	3:15pm Nursery Gate	N/A



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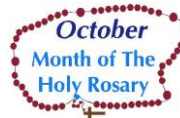




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Catering Survey

We would like to get some feedback from the children about the school meals and the improvements we have made since taking our catering in house. Please can we ask you to give our school feedback to improve the offering and service of catering within the Romero Schools. We would be very grateful if you could click on the hyperlink "Customer Satisfaction Survey" and send us your thoughts and ideas. This has also been sent by email. The

deadline for feedback will be the 9th November. [Catering Customer Satisfaction Survey](#)

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FGqS236eGkCKYqag9S5u_qv3fE1Ek6Lk3WK66siqT_NUQjVVN1dOMU5ZVVo5N0JFMjVlVTFBTvdtNj44u

Love in a Box: Start Collecting Your Box!



Do start to think about your Love in a Box – have you got a shoe box? This charity delivers boxes for children who have very little at Christmas. There will be instructions on how to make your Love in a Box and through our Mission assemblies we will share with children how these boxes will really make a difference to the lives of other children. This is a great activity for half term. ☺ Deadline 3rd November 2020. Please support this worthy cause; each box will need £4.00 for postage to another country.



Spelling Shed

This week, our Spelling Shed accounts have been buzzing with activity! Across the school, children have been focused on different spelling rules and patterns - it has been lovely to see so many children engage with the app this week. As promised, we will be choosing a King Bee and Queen Bee from each class each week. Some classes had their logins given to them slightly later - don't worry if this was the case, there will be plenty of chances for them to win prizes next week.

The **King Bees and Queen Bees** for this week are:

Class 2E	Chanel Ewane - 2E
Class 2F	John Paul Simon - 2F
Class 3G:	Kurian George - 3G
Class 3H:	Adam Norman - 3H
Class 4I	Chimezuruo Edeh - 4I
Class 4J:	Ashish Mathew - 4J
Class 5M	Marley Ngamiye - 5M
Class 5N	Jovin Joseph - 5N
Class 6L	Harvey Vickers - 6K
Class 6K	Rima Tijo - 6L



Well done to our winners for this week! If you want to be in with a chance of winning a prize next week, make sure you log on to your Spelling Shed account and get practising those spellings. HapBEE spelling, everyone!

P.E Autumn 2

Every half term the units for P.E will change to ensure the children experience a progressive, balanced and engaging P.E curriculum. The learning journeys for their units will be sent out to you all at the beginning of Autumn 2. Please make sure you are aware of the days your child will be doing P.E in Autumn 2, you will find the chart on the previous page. You will find all details of their sports units below. Please ensure your children come to school in appropriate P.E kit on these days, with any earrings removed.

Year 4 Football

Please can you ensure your child brings in a separate pair of shoes to wear for football on a Thursday in a bag. These can either be old shoes you don't mind getting muddy or send them in with football boots to change into, as this lesson will be on the field. Please also try to provide your child with shin pads for this session. If children want to wear football kits for this session that is also fine.

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday				X British Cycling Coach All bikes & helmets provided.	X Dance		
Tuesday				X Athletics Magnificent & Etaball		X Netball	
Wednesday	X Dance	X Gymnastics & Target Games					
Thursday			X Dance		X Football	X Dance	
Friday			X Hand Ball Skills				X Netball & Dance

Baseline Fitness Testing

A couple of weeks ago the children took part in a baseline fitness testing. We did this so that we could assess their aerobic fitness so we can look at how we can tailor our support to improve fitness levels across the school. Please see below for a summary of the data we collected.

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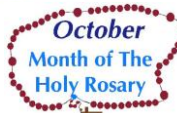




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Marcus Adams

Today we welcomed back an ex pupil Marcus Adam (brother of Callan Adams in Year 4) into our school to speak to the children about his Vocation as a GB Gymnastics Tumbler. He started training when he was 4 years old and has devoted his life to training for the past 14 years. He spoke to the children about commitment, perseverance, training and working hard; believing in yourself. Before any event he always chants "I can do it! I can do it! I can do it!" The children asked a range of questions from across the school to find out a little bit more about the sport. It was lovely to welcome Marcus back to Sacred Heart – he is now 18 years old and made all of us feel very, very old!! The children had a great time 😊

After School Clubs

Due to the restrictions in place it is still very challenging for us to be able to start back our usual after school club timetable.

We are able to begin to take a steady approach to starting some clubs back. From the week beginning **9th November** the following clubs will start back:

Tuesday	Year 6 only (14 places) School Netball Club Boys and Girls	Complete the Arbor form by Sunday 1 st November. The places will be drawn out of a hat. Selection will be announced by Friday 6th November.
Tuesday	Year 6 only School Football Club Boys and Girls	Complete the Arbor form by Sunday 1 st November. The places will be drawn out of a hat. Selection will be announced by Friday 6th November.
Thursday	Year 5 only School Football Club Boys and Girls	By selection only.

** DEADLINE COMING UP **

Admissions

Applying for a Year 7 place for September 2021:

All applications need to be in by **Saturday 31st October 2020**.

You can apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions. OR

We have been told by **admissions** to let parents know that you are now able to ring the admissions team to make an application over the telephone. Please call 024 76975445. Mrs Taggart will be calling you if you have still not applied.



Secondary Admissions - Our Partner School

If you are considering a Secondary school for your child, please click on the link to access our website:

<https://cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk/y7september2021/>

Through our website, we welcome the opportunity to give you an insight into our partnered Secondary school given that we are not able to hold a meeting on site. We hope our communication via our website and in the forthcoming weeks, give you a sense of what Cardinal Wiseman is like. Click here for our [Year 7 Welcome Video](#) to prospective parents and pupils.

It is impossible to virtually recreate the unique ethos and academic atmosphere which makes Cardinal Wiseman so special, but we hope the information given here will help you in your choice of secondary school.

Please be advised that for pupils who are in Year 7 for the 2021-22 academic year, free bus passes will be available for eligible pupils. Eligible pupils are children who meet all three criteria:

- 1) On the application form Cardinal Wiseman was their **first choice** as a secondary school.
- 2) Pupil has attended one of the partnered **Catholic primary schools within Romero**.
- 3) The pupil has a home address which is **2 miles** or more from the school.

Please continue to join us online via our website and social media, to find out more about our dynamic and ambitious Catholic Secondary school.



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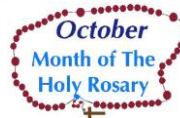




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Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Intentional and Prophetic		
Monday 2 nd Nov	All Day 3:30pm – 7:30pm Afternoon	Guitar Lessons Parent Consultations (TEAMs) Year N/R/6 ONLY Whole School - Unique and valuable "One Life" Retreat
Tuesday 3 rd Nov	Morning	Guitar, Piano and Violin Lessons
Wednesday 4 th Nov	All Day 6:00pm	Year 3 History off the Page – Ancient Egypt Year 3 Parent Reconciliation Workshop (virtual)
Thursday 5 th Nov	All Day	Year 5 History off the Page (Tudors)
Friday 6 th Nov	9:15am Morning	Gift of God's Word Mass (Year 2) – Virtual Drumming Lessons (New)
We break up for half term on Friday 23 rd October and we return back for Autumn 2 Term on Monday 2 nd November		

I hope you have a lovely half term. Thank you for all your support over the past term.

Mr P Madia
Executive Principal



Don't forget to keep playing Spelling Shed and Timetables Rockstars.



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