



Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Website address

8th December 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have celebrated the beginning of the second week of Advent this morning in assembly and we have focused on the theme of "Hope" Please talk and pray with the children as we hope for a happy Advent time and for the stresses of preparing for Christmas to be minimal.

Performing Arts Club Concert

The Performing Arts group will be performing a small carol concert at Rawmarsh Library today. The children will walk round to the library with school staff but will need to be collected from there by parents at 4:30pm. It would be lovely for you to call in and watch. Please see Mrs. Knight with any queries.

Year 6 Residential Visit to Robinwood

It was a privilege to accompany the staff and children last week and I am immensely proud of each of them. I saw children conquer their fears and develop a sense of teamwork that was outstanding. A huge thank you to Mrs. Briggs for her expertise in organizing such a successful visit and to Mrs. Chadfield and Mrs. Boden for their endless enthusiasm and energy throughout the trip. There will be information coming soon for Year 5's about the trip for next year. If you have any questions about it then please do not hesitate to speak to either myself or Mrs Briggs. Well done everyone!

Attendance

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Number Of Lates</u> | <u>% Attendance</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| FS2 Mrs. Lord | 5 | 85.7 |
| Year 1 Mr. Terry | 3 | 87.9 |
| Year 2 Mrs. Potts | 1 | 93.6 |
| Year3 Miss Davis | 1 | 96.2 |
| Year 4 Mrs. Butler/ Mrs. Russell | 1 | 88.9. |
| Year 5 Mr. Searson | 2 | 80.8. |
| Year 6 Mrs. Briggs | 0 | 100 |
| School Totals | 13 | 90.6 |



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Well done to Year 6 who achieved 100% attendance last week, and no late comers either. There are a few lates creeping in again. Please ensure you are round in the playground ready for the doors opening at 8:50am. It is very disruptive for children to be arriving after lessons have started and they then need to try to catch up.

Giving Mass

This will take place this Thursday 11th December . Traditionally we buy gifts, which we then label according to whether it is suitable for a boy or girl and the age it would be appropriate for. These are then collected after Mass by a representative from Social Care and they are distributed across the borough. It always makes me immensely proud when I see the donations sent in; it demonstrates the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you in advance

Year 3 and Year 4 Tudor Afternoon

Please join us for a Tudor Treat on Thursday 11th December in the hall from 2pm. You will experience Tudor dancing, be part of a Tudor play and have the opportunity to try a Jumble.

Year 5 and Year 6 Greek Morning

Please join us on Friday 12th December for a morning , from 9:30am, with the Greeks. If you require further details please see Mr. Searson or Mrs. Briggs.

Christmas Parties

FS2 and KS1 party will take place next Monday 15th December. The children may come to school in their party clothes but please make sure they have a warm coat or jumper as they will still be playing outside. Please see your child's teacher to find out what contributions need to be sent in. KS2 will be on Tuesday 16th December. Please let the class teacher know what you will be sending in. The children are to come in their uniform and then change at lunch time.

Christmas Post Box

The post box will be open from tomorrow 9th December. Please make sure the children put the name and class of the recipients of cards to make the post people's jobs easier!

Road Safety Competitions

The Road Safety Officers have launched a competition for KS1 and KS2. All entries need to be returned by Wednesday 10th December. The KS1 competition was a colouring activity and KS2 was to write a poem about "Staying Bright"



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Christmas Eve Carols and Mass

The carol service on Christmas Eve will begin at 6pm in church. Please arrive early to get a good seat. If the children are able to join me then we will be singing 2 hymns throughout the service. Please let me know if you will be able to attend. The Mass will begin at 6:30pm after the carols.

St Joseph's Got Talent.

This will take place on Thursday 12th February. This was an amazing success last year and everyone had a really good evening. Auditions will be after the Christmas holiday so if your child has a talent then please encourage them to share it with us!

Carols and Mince Pies

The children in Years 3, 4,5 and 6 will perform a carol concert on Thursday 18th December in the school hall at 1:30pm. All mums, dads and cares are invited to come and enjoy this magical event before the Nativity at 2pm in church. The church will not be unlocked until 1:55pm so please come along and enjoy the singing.

Own Clothes Day

Friday 19th December will be an own clothes day. All donations will be put into School Fund to provide additional resources for school, including the Attendance Shop rewards.

Upcoming Dates

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| Thursday 11 th December | Giving Mass in church 9:15am |
| Thursday 11 th December | Y3 and Y4 Tudor Afternoon in the school hall from 2:15pm |
| Friday 12 th December | FS2 Carols in the FS2 area 2:30pm |
| Friday 12 th December | Year 5 and Year 6 Greek morning in the hall from 9:30am |
| Monday 15 th December | Y6 Advent presentation in the school hall, 9:15am |
| Monday 15 th December | FS2 and KS1 party pm |
| Tuesday 16 th December | Y5 Advent Presentation 9:15am in the hall. |
| Tuesday 16 th December | KS2 party pm |



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Wednesday 17th December

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Wednesday 24th December

Monday 5th January 2015

Wednesday 14th January 2015

Thursday 12th February

Y4 Advent presentation in the school hall 9:15am.

Year 5 Sports Hall Athletics Event at RCS. 3:45pm-5:15pm

Y3 Advent presentation in the school hall. 9:15am

Carols by Candlelight 1:30pm in the school hall.

FS2 and KS1 Nativity 2pm in church.

School Closes at 3:15pm.

Own Clothes Day.

6pm Carols in church and Christmas Mass from 6:30pm

School Reopens

Pantomime in the school hall

St Joseph's Got Talent- in the school hall from 6:30pm