



# School Newsletter

Rawmarsh St Joseph's  
Catholic Primary  
School

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## School News

Dear Parents/Carers

As December approaches, preparations for Christmas start to ramp up both at home and in school. We move into Advent next weekend, and our children will be bringing home the advent bags. Please take a moment amongst all the chaos to join together as a family to think about the importance of Christmas and the period of Advent, a period of Preparation, Hope, Love and Joy.

We start December with the Year 6 Residential commencing next week. I know the children who are attending are really excited, lets hope the snow doesn't fall until we get back!

Our Parent Voice ambassadors are running the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December 11:00 to 2:00pm please come and support them.

We have the Pantomime in School on Monday 4th, this allows all children to engage in

the same experiences, A donation of £1.00 allows us to continue to provide different opportunities for the children, please send this with your child on Monday.

As we move into Advent our Autumn term topic in Key Stage 2 'Natural Disasters' is drawing to a close. Mr Searson has organized hands on activities for all KS2 children in the 'Disaster Afternoon Sessions' Please see the Diary Date Section at the back of this Newsletter.

Year 3, will be leading our Advent Mass on Thursday 30th November in Church starting at 9:15 am, all parents are welcome

During the last week of Term we have Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day and Parties. We have decided to run things a little differently this year. Rather than asking parents to donate food, which results in a lot of waste and left overs, we are going to

have the Christmas Parties on the last morning of term. This will be followed by a Christmas Party buffet style lunch for all children. If your child pays for their lunch their will be no charge. However, in order to cover the cost, instead of donating food, please could you donate a £1.00, Children will also be allowed to wear their own clothes. So the £1.00 will be a donation to the school for non-uniform and Christmas Buffet lunch.

We have set a date for KS2 showcases, read the details in the newsletter. Also parties for FS2 and Showcase events for Years 1 and 2.

It is a very busy term and where possible I have tried to keep you informed of what is happening,

It is a special time of year for everybody and one of our favourites in school. We hope you can support us during this time, in what ever event you can.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Briggs

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### Important Dates to Remember

- Monday 27th November**  
Y3 Fire Safety Talk
- Tuesday 28th November**  
Y5 Disaster afternoon
- Wednesday 29th November**  
Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
- Wednesday 29th November**  
Y3 Disaster afternoon
- Thursday 30th November**  
Advent Mass—Church 9:15 am  
Thursday 30th November  
Y4 Disaster afternoon
- Monday 4th December**  
School Pantomime £1.00

## G4S cup

A Big well done to our Year 5 and 6 boys, who took part in the G4S cup last Saturday at Rotherham New York Stadium. They had a great time and were impeccably behaved. They all played exceptionally well and won Trinity Croft, Thrybergh;4-0, the man of the match being Mathew Frosdick, who scored all 4 goals. After the game Mathew was approached by

Rotherham United Juniors to arrange a trial, which is brilliant news. We are now through to the next round, which will probably be after Christmas. A big well done to the children who took part, but also to Mr Rockett, who organised the event and Mrs Smith and her husband, who gave up their free time to take the children.



## St Joseph's Cup Winner



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I am delighted to announce the winner of St Joseph's cup this week goes to Beatrice Hague in Year 5, for showing resilience in her writing. She has continued to work hard through Year 4 and now in Year 5 to improve her spellings and handwriting,

Which is now showing through in all her work. A big well done to Beatrice, keep up the good work, maybe another J K Rowling in the making!



**Year 6 boosters are as follows:**

**Monday after school Maths with Mrs Boden**

**Wednesday after school Reading with Mrs Briggs and Mrs Smith**

**Thank you**

## After School Clubs

If for any reason we have to cancel the club at short notice. We will send a text message and place a message on class Dojo.

We will continue to charge £1.00 for each club

## Breakfast Club

Thank you for supporting Breakfast club. It is a great way to get children ready for learning. Please be advised that we only have spaces for 30 children due to the ratio of staffing. Therefore if possible can you let the staff know as soon as possible if you would like your child to attend. It is still okay for you to bring your child, without notice, but please be aware that a few days last week we had 29 children, therefore



Please return any raffle ticket stubbs, that you have sold in an envelope with the appropriate amount of money into school from Monday onwards. If you require additional tickets, please see Mrs Firth in the office or Mrs Curran in school. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 18th December after the Year 3 Advent Presentation in the hall at 9:15 am.

## Christmas Parties

### FS2

The Christmas Party will take place on Tuesday 19th December in the afternoon. Miss Copper will send out information in a separate letter, children can bring in their party outfits to change into at lunch time, it is also Christmas jumper day

### KS1 and KS2

Their Christmas party/activity morning will take place on the last day of term, being Friday 22nd December. Children can come to school in their own clothes. In the morning there will be games and activities, followed by a Christmas buffet lunch provided by school for all children, Dinner money will not be needed for that day, but we ask for a £1.00 donation for non-uniform day to go towards the buffet lunch and school funds. This will save parents donating food.

### Monday

Science Club—Mr Terry  
Netball Club—Mrs Potts

### Tuesday

Football Club—  
Mr Rocket

### Wednesday

Board Games—Mrs Boden

### Thursday

Book Club—Mrs Beckett

### Friday

Gymnastics Club—Mr Rocket

we do not want to be in a position let you down.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.





## Home Reading/Books and Beyond— Please bring them in every Friday

In order to improve children's engagement in reading and to increase the amount of reading your child does at home, we are re-launching 'Books and Beyond'. All children from Years 1-6 will take part. The following incentives will be available:

- Read 15 times shown in your home/school reading diary by 27.10.17 and receive extra playtime/certificate/move to blue planet.
- Read 30 times shown in your home/school reading diary by 24.11.17 and receive a movie afternoon in the hall/certificate and move to yellow planet.
- Read 45 times by 15.12.17 shown in your home/school reading diary and come to school in non-uniform/certificate and move to the red planet.
- Read 60 times by 27.1.18 shown in your home reading diary and be invited to a party/certificate and move to the green planet
- Read 75 times by 17.3.18 as shown in your reading diary and be invited for tea with the governors/certificate and move to the Gold Planet
- Read 100 times by 5.5.18 as shown in your reading diary receive a special award and a gold certificate

We have counted up the reading sessions today. !

### Who to see in School

*If you would like to discuss anything about your child then your first port of call is the class teacher, please see them either first thing in the morning or after school and arrange a convenient time to meet or speak via dojo.*

*Alternatively you can speak with Mrs Curran or Mrs Glossop our pastoral team who will be able to offer support or advice. If you then need to speak with either Mrs McLaughlin or Mrs Briggs, then Mrs Curran or the class teacher can make an appointment for you. If you would like to make an appointment rather than speak with the class teacher or our pastoral care team, please see Mrs Firth on reception to arrange an appointment.*

## Knitters wanted!

Advent bags are ready to go out next week. Thank you to Mrs Harrison for taking on the challenge of knitting the nativity characters. We have managed to source a bag for each class. We still, however have a shortage of kings; if anybody fancies getting involved. There is a pattern in the office if you need it.!



## KS2 Showcase Celebration

KS2 showcase of our Topic 'Natural Disasters' will take place on Wednesday 20th December after school 3:30—4:30 pm. This will start with each class doing a display in the hall, where they have been rehearsing, this could be singing or dancing.

Then children and parents are invited to view work in the classrooms and take part in some learning activities linked

around the topic.

We would like all children to be involved, which is why we have decided to try the event straight after school.

KSI (Years 1 and 2) will be inviting parents into school earlier on in the afternoon, the teachers will let you know of the arrangements

I look forward to seeing you all there, as the children love to share their learning

## Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 2nd December in the school hall 11:00 am to 2:00pm. There will be stalls, crafts and gifts, our children will be singing carols and there may be a visit from you know who!

Come and join us and support the community and Parent Voice who will be manning the stalls



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**School Term ends on  
Friday 22nd December  
at 1:30 pm**

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Don't forget to look at our website for  
class newsletters and up to date  
information



## Attendance/Lates No data this week

Please remember school starts at 8:50 am being late not only affects your child but the other children in the class.

Class	Number Of Lates	% Attendance Target 97%
FS2 Miss Cooper	0	85.2%
Year 1 Mr Terry	6	96.5%
Year 2 Mrs Potts	2	92.9%
Year 3 Mrs Butler/Mrs Holmes	3	99.1%
Year 4 Mrs Beckett	2	94.8%
Year 5 Mr Searson	5	95.0%
Year 6 Mrs Smith	1	97.5%
<b>School Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>94.3%</b>

We now have a late gate in operation at the school entrance, parents who bring their child into school late, will need to speak with Mrs Devine, this is being monitored more closely and any consistent lates will result in a request to attend the Late Panel with the Chair of Governors and a referral to our EWO (Educational Welfare Officer)

## Hospital/Dentist or Doctor's Appointments

If your child has an appointment in school time, please ensure that a copy of the letter or record card is brought into school, so we can copy this for our register, if the appointment is sent via a phone message please show this to Mrs Firth or Mrs Devine at the school office.

## Diary Dates

### Wednesday 29th November

Year 6 Residential to Robinwood

### Tuesday 28th November

Y5 Disaster afternoon

### Wednesday 29th November

Y3 Disaster afternoon

### Thursday 30th November

Y4 Disaster afternoon

### Thursday 30th November

Year 3 Advent Mass in church  
9:15 am—all parents welcome

### Friday 1st December

Year 6 return home

### Saturday 2nd December

Christmas Fayre in the hall—11:00  
am—2pm

### Monday 4th December

School Pantomime—£1.00 dona-  
tion required

### Monday 18th December

9:15 am Year 3 Advent Presentation

### Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Dinner

### Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Jumper Day

### Tuesday 19th December

FS2 Party afternoon

### Tuesday 19th December

9:15 Year 4 Advent Presentation

### Wednesday 20th December

9:15 Year 5 Advent Presentation

### Wednesday 20th December

KS2 Showcase 3:30—4:30 pm

### Thursday 21st December

KS2 carols in church 1:30 pm

### Thursday 21st December FS2

and KS1 Nativity 2pm in  
church

### Thursday FS2, KS1

Nativity in church 6pm

### Friday 22nd December

9:15 am—Year 6 Advent Presen-  
tation

### Friday 22nd December

Christmas party morning and  
Christmas party buffet lunch

**School Closes Friday 22nd**









