



# Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

Website address

12<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a very busy week in school last week and the children are now becoming excited and into the Christmas spirit.

The Tudor and Greek open morning and afternoon were very well attended and gave you an insight into how the children have been engaged in their topics this term. I have been extremely pleased with the hard work and positive attitudes the children have demonstrated in preparing for these two events. Thank you to the staff who, as always, have worked tirelessly to ensure the children are reaching their full potential.

### Advent Presentations

These will begin on this morning with the Year 6 presentation. Please talk with the children about how Advent is the time for preparing for the feast of Christmas and the true meaning of Christmas. It is so easy to get caught up in the tinsel and presents that we forget that the actual meaning of Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Jesus and look forward to his coming again. I have been privileged to read some very moving prayers within the prayer books of the Advent bags. This is a lovely opportunity to talk through the story of the First Christmas and explore the children's understanding of it.

### Coughs and Sneezes.....

Please make sure that your child is fully well enough to return to school if they have had time off. Remember we are only able to administer medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor. If your child comes to school with a cold then ensure they have enough tissues and that you speak to them about throwing them away.

### Raffle

There will be a raffle running each day this week. Tickets will be 50p each and the raffle will be drawn on Friday morning. The proceeds will be put towards our School Fund.

### Performing Arts Club Concert

Well done to the children who performed in the library last Monday. They really cheered up members of the Local Community.



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### Giving Mass

Thank you for your generosity with the giving Mass. As always it was attended by Mrs. Levick from Social Care and she was thrilled to take the gifts.

### Christmas Parties

FS2 and KS1 party will take place today, 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Sports Hall Athletics

Could Year 5 please return their slips to Mr. Searson or Mrs. Butler ASAP for this event



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### Upcoming Dates

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

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Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Y6 Advent presentation in the school hall, 9:15am

FS2 and KS1 party pm

Y5 Advent Presentation 9:15am in the hall.

KS2 party pm

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