



# Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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[www.rawmarshstjosephs.co.uk](http://www.rawmarshstjosephs.co.uk)

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@RawmarshStJoes

4<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year I look forward to hearing all the excited stories from the children and yourselves, however, it is also important that we keep those in our prayers who did not have such an enjoyable festive season.

Please keep in your prayers the families of Barry Nevin and Margaret Burkinshaw, both members of our parish and who both passed away during the holiday period.

The funeral for Mr. Nevin will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 2:45pm at St Joseph's. Please be respectful when you are walking past church to collect your children and be as quiet as possible. Please leave the school premises via the main school car park, walking past the main school building rather than back past the church. Thank you for your co operation with this.

Thank you to all of you who sent cards and gifts for the staff, they are very much appreciated.

We will be welcoming a new little boy to St Joseph's this week. Please make his family feel welcomed and introduce yourselves to them.

### **School closure due to poor weather.**

If I need to close the school due to poor weather I will initially send a Text to Parents.. I will also contact the local radio stations with the update of our situation. I will also attempt to update the school website with any information as soon as I am able to.

Please follow us on twitter for updates as well. Our twitter feed is: @RawmarshStJoes. Remember to set your privacy settings to high if you are following us on Twitter.

### **Pantomime.**

The pantomime is visiting school this week. Any donations would be appreciated.

### **Thought for the week**

"I try to love others as I love myself".

This is the core value of the ethos of our school. The Mission statement of "Love One



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Another as I have Loved you" is how we wish our children to live with each other. Please discuss with your children the values of respect and tolerance as these are the premise of our work in school.

### **Christmas Hats**

Another thank you to Mrs. Barnett Senior for her magnificent effort in knitting the Christmas hats. We managed to raise £177.50.

### **Mince Pies**

These were also a great success and we raised £60.19 from the sale of these.

### **Attendance**

Please remember that we will only administer medicine that has been prescribed by the doctor and that you will need to sign a medical consent form, these are to be found in Mrs. Biggins' Office

It is also vital that the children arrive at school on time and are ready to learn with everything that they are going to need. School begins at 8:50am,

### **Year 6 Breakfast Club**

Please remember this will begin tomorrow 5<sup>th</sup> January for all Y6 children. There is no cost for this and the children gain a lot from attending.

### **Teaching and Learning**

There will be a whole school focus on the book "the Mysteries of Harris Burdick" by Chris van Allsburg this term. All the classes will have a scene from the book and their Literacy and topic work will be generated from it. The learning environments are being transformed as I write this newsletter into scenes from the book.

There will be a continued whole school focus upon maths this term to build on the progress that has been made over the last 12 months. Each class will be working on applying maths in different contexts and on embedding key skills, particularly Times tables. Please see class newsletters for the focus for each year group.

The year 6 children will be learning to play the Ukulele this term and we hope they make as much progress as Year 3 did in the Autumn term.

Year 4 will be having their swimming lessons each Wednesday. Please ensure the children have everything they need with them in the morning.

Year 3 and Year 4 will also be working with RUFC on a Healthy Lifestyle project. This will involve a practical PE session and then lessons around health and well being.



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We will be continuing our visits to the library this term and Year 3 will be attending.

Class Newsletters will be available this week and will be on the class pages of the school website.

### **Sports Ambassadors**

New Sports Ambassadors will be selected from year 5 this term by Year 5 and Mr. Rockett. Well done to the children who took up this role last term.

### **Masses and Liturgies**

Please see class newsletters for dates of masses and liturgies.

### **School Uniform**

Can all parents ensure that the children are wearing the correct uniform. Our uniform is part of our identity, both within the school and wider community, and promotes a sense of belonging to the school family for all. The children also need indoor pumps. Thank you for your support with this.



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### Diary Dates

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

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Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

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Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January

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Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day- School Closed

School Reopens

Pantomime for all children in  
the school hall 1:30pm

Conflict resolution workshops  
for Y5 and Y6.

Epiphany Liturgy in the school  
hall. 10:30am

After School Clubs begin

Alistair Sharp Assembly for the  
children.

"Cyber Savvy" E- Safety

Workshops. 3pm for Parents

and governors in the school hall

Y6 Liturgy in the school hall  
9:15am.

Y5 Mass in church

Y4 Mass in church

Y3 Mass in church

School Closes for half term

School reopens