



Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

24th January 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

We began the week by joining together in assembly. The focus was about trying our best at school and about remembering that we can always ask God for help. Please talk to the children at home about how we can help each other at school, at home and in the local community.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"I know we are happiest when we are united."

Please talk with the children about how our school community is strongest when we are all reaching for the same things.

ATTENDANCE

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number Of Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
FS2 - Mrs. Lord	7	96.4
Y1 - Miss Jenkinson	3	100
Y2 - Mrs. Leng	2	97.2
Y3 - Mrs. Potts	0	98.5
Y4 - Miss Cree	6	98.1
Y5 - Mrs. Butler & Mrs. Russell	1	96.7
Y6 - Mrs. Briggs	2	98.3
School Totals	21	97.9

Well done to Year 1 who had 100% attendance last week- superb! Also a well done to all classes, especially Year 3, for reducing the number of late arrivals in school.

We cannot stress enough the importance of our children being in school every day and arriving on time in the correct frame of mind for learning. There are clear correlations between good attendance and good outcomes for children. Mrs. Devine and the school council have organized a non uniform day for **Friday 7th February** to raise funds for the Attendance shop.

READING

It was lovely to see so many parents join Year 4 on Monday. If you are unable to make it yourself then Grandmas, Grandads and other family members will be most welcome.



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MATHS

The children are learning lots of new concepts and language with the help of our new maths Programme. The INSET day on Monday 10th February will be led by a Maths Makes Sense specialist and the teachers will be learning new strategies and exploring new ideas. We have also invested in an ICT based programme called SUMDOG. Please see you child's class teachers for passwords and log in details as this can be accessed at home and at school.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

As you are all aware Year 6 is an important year for our children. They will take their SAT's tests in May (Wk beginning 12th May.) In order that we can maximise their potential Mrs. Briggs will be organising small group interventions. Some of them will be led by Mrs. Briggs herself and some by Mrs. Murdy who has supported in Year 6 since September. You can help by hearing your children read on a daily basis and asking them questions that require them to use their skills of inference and deduction- the answers that are not specifically written down, as this is a really influential activity that you can do with them at home. Similarly they need to know multiplication and division facts off by heart. Again something that can be revised at home without any resources.

We are developing our marking policy and the children will be becoming more familiar with seeing "Tickled Pink" comments on their work and "Green for Growth" comments. This is to ensure the children know what their next steps in learning are and are able to articulate them to others- including yourselves.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please make sure your children are wearing the correct school uniform and have indoor pumps. Please remember that nail varnish and jewellery are not allowed. Thank you for your support with this.

YEAR 5 ENTERPRISE PROJECT

Year 5 are selling raffle tickets to help fund a trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park as part of an Enterprise topic. The tickets are 50p each and are on sale at morning playtime

ST JOSEPH'S GOT TALENT

Auditions will be taking place next Wednesday lunch time. If there are lots and lots of children wishing to take part then the auditions will run over a few days. There will be a maximum of 12



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acts on the night. Please encourage your children to come along- it promises to be a fun packed evening.

HOLY COMMUNION

The children who will be making their First Holy Communion this year will be beginning to lead some activities in school. Their next project will be based around Sports Relief which is in February. Please see Mrs. Potts for details.

DIARY DATES

Please check the dates regularly as I am adding extra ones each week.

Saturday 25th January

Wednesday 29th January

Thursday 30th January

Friday 31st January

Sunday 2nd February

Monday 3rd February

Thursday 6th February

Friday 7th February

Monday 10th February

Tuesday 11th February

Tuesday 18th February

Wednesday 19th February

Thursday 20th February

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Friday 21st February

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Monday 3rd March

Tuesday 4th March

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Y5/Y6 Football match at NYS

Friends of St Joseph's meeting 9am
in Mrs. Currans room

Y1 Mass in church

Y5 Chinese New Year celebration day

Fr Kieran's final Mass 9:30am in church.

NSPCC Assembly for Y5 and Y6

Whole School Mass in church.

Non Uniform day to raise funds for the
Attendance shop

School Closed INSET day

Safer Internet Day

NSPCC Workshops Y5 and Y6

Y3 Visit to Cannon Hall Farm

St Joseph's got talent 6pm in the school
hall.

Attendance Panel Meetings

Rainbow day- The children can come to
school in a coloured t shirt.

School closes for half term at 3:15pm.

School reopens

Y2 visit to Manchester Science Museum

Parent Consultation Evening



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