



# Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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30<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for your patience and co operation during the snow day. The decision to close school was not taken lightly and became a necessity in the end. I am praying even more than usual that we do not have any more snow- please do the same! If you change your telephone number then please let us know ASAP so that we can update the txt system.

### INSET Day

There will be an INSET day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February and so school will be closed

### Thought for the week

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

This is often something that we don not think about until something goes wrong either in our friendships or other personal relationships. It is very important that the children understand that this is true of their own relationships that they learn from us as their parents and other influential adults. It is always better for the children when they understand that both school and home are working together to address any issues or concerns. This also applies to our whole school community and then translates into our involvement in community activities in later life.

### Teaching and Learning

We will be welcome our colleagues back from Harlaxton next week and they will be working with staff on Lesson Study. They will plan a lesson together and then will observe the learning that takes place while it is being taught. They will evaluate the lesson and make any necessary adjustments and another teacher will teach it. Mr. Terry and Miss Davis have been researching how to best plan for children who have additional learning needs. The final First Aid session for all staff takes place this week. Mrs. Lord is running a workshop for all teachers this week looking at differentiation and ensuring that lessons are planned to meet the needs of all learners across the ability range within a class. We are also working with one of the LA consultants on moderating the children's writing as this is an area that we are working on across school. Miss Davis and Mr. Terry will be liaising with other schools in the area over the next few weeks looking at how the learning environment can be adapted to engage the children.



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### Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number of Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
FS2 Mrs Lord	9	89.6%
Year 1 Mr Terry	6	94.5%
Year 2 Mrs Potts	1	96.8%
Year3 Miss Davis	4	93.8%
Year 4 Mrs Butler/Mrs Russell	3	97.0%
Year 5 Mr Searson	4	94.2%
Year 6 Mrs Briggs	6	92.7%
<b><u>School Totals</u></b>	<b>33</b>	<b>94.2%</b>

Well done to Year 4 who were our winners this week. Please ensure you arrive at school on time so that learning is not disrupted for other children.

### Governors Tea Party

This took place on Monday in Fr Kieran's house. The children who came with me were chosen by the School Councilors from their class and the class teachers. They were children who always do as they should, have made good progress, try their best or have made significant improvements in their behaviour. The children used lovely manners but were a little shy. However they spoke about the things they are doing in school.

### Books and Beyond

The children are working really hard to achieve their first band and are really enthusiastic about their reading at the moment. Please help them by completing their reading records so that they can then be given the sticker. I have been very proud to hear how often some of our reluctant readers have been looking at the new books. Thank you to the staff who are giving up their lunch times to hear children read. I know that at least one person has already had their first band. Well done!

### Dinner Money

Please send any outstanding dinner money ASAP. Mrs. Guarinni needs to reconcile the accounts.

### St Joseph's Got talent

Well done to all the people who auditioned, Mrs. Knight and I were overwhelmed by the talent we have here at St Joseph's. The acts have all been told whether they will perform on the night and have been allocated a mentor for the event, which takes place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.



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### Nits

Unfortunately our creepy crawly friends are back. Please ensure that you check your child's hair regularly and that if you do find any eggs or live bugs then the hair needs to be treated. Lotions and treatments are available from chemists free of charge. If you have any further queries then please see Mrs. Curran

### Lunch time Activities.

The children have enjoyed the lunch time clubs this week, Reading and Construction were both very well attended and there are lots saying they would like to go to Doodle club today.

### Diary Dates

Please keep the list of diary dates for future reference.

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Books and Beyond Parent Workshop 9am in the school hall.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Class Mass in school 9:30am
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety evening at St Pius 6pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	St Joseph's Got Talent in the school hall 6:30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day School Closed
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	School Reopens
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 Visit to Pizza Express
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y2 visit to Pizza Express
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photographs
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
Week of 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Week Presentations
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	School Closes for Easter at 3:15pm