



Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another busy term. This week marks the most important week in the Liturgical Calendar and the children and staff have worked tremendously hard in their preparations for their presentations this week.

We will say goodbye to two members of staff this week, Mrs. Lord our FS2 teacher and Mrs. Pitchford who has worked in our school for the last 28 years.

We would like to thank Mrs. Pitchford for all her contributions as part of our school community, not only has she worked in the kitchen but has previously been one of the team of cleaners who kept our school looking amazing. Thank you!

We have had very successful Showcases this term with many parents attending- thank you. The children are extremely proud of the amazing work they have produced, particularly around the whole school Haris Burdick project.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter on behalf of all the staff and Governors.

Mrs. L Pink

Thought for the week

“I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up hope”

Please talk with your children about this. Life can be very difficult at times but having a positive outlook and always being hopeful can sometimes help. This is also about building resilience- to try again when things don't quite go the way we expect or the way we would like them to.



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Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number Of Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
FS2 Mrs Lord	0	87.6
Year 1 Mr Terry	3	95.7
Year 2 Mrs Potts	0	98.6
Year 3 Miss Davis	3	88.7
Year 4 Mrs Butler/Mrs Russell	0	96.5
Year 5 Mr Searson	1	96.1
Year 6 Mrs Briggs	2	94.6
School Totals	9	94.1

Well done to Year 2 who have the highest attendance and to the 3 classes where learning was not interrupted by late arrivals.

Please ensure your child arrives on time to ensure their own and others' learning is not disrupted.

World Poetry Day

The children and staff had great fun this week with some lovely poetry for World Poetry Day. Well done everyone.

Teaching and Learning

The children have all been completing assessments over the last week or so and have much to be proud of. We are working hard on learning from our mistakes and the children are acknowledging that getting things wrong isn't the end of the world but actually the beginning of the next phase of their learning. Well done boys and girls.

Our governors have been very busy in school and have completed two Learning Walks over the last few weeks. They have been impressed with the improvements in the Literacy work the children are producing and now want to see more evidence of their Maths work in the classrooms. The teachers have taken this on board and have been discussing how this can be done in conjunction with next terms topics.

The children have been working extremely hard on completing their Maths Passports- we have one child in Year 6 who has completed all the necessary work for this already!! Well done to her. If you would like to know more about this then please see Mrs. Potts our Maths Leader.

We had a visit from our Consultant Head Teacher from the LA and another Head Teacher who we work closely with this week. They commented on the improvement in the learning environments and on the children's improved attitudes to learning. They have



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given us some advice for continuing development and we will welcome them back after the Easter holidays.

St Joseph's Got Talent

This was a huge success yet again and the children and families of our school community are fantastic. I must thank all the staff who gave up their lunch times, break times and time after school to help their acts and the improvement in some of the acts was phenomenal. Over all we raised over £600 (which I have already spent on new books) which is also an amazing achievement. The show itself epitomises what our School Community is all about- nurturing the whole child and finding their unique gifts and talents. I am very proud to be your Head teacher!

School Council

The school Council have elected their Chair Person and Secretaries for the remainder of the year, Well done to Zak Myers, Ruby Jo Haywood and Sam Hopkinson. I know they are going to be very successful.

Autism Awareness Week

Thank you to the parents who attended the Coffee Morning last week. This was a very informative session and it is always good to work together.

Litter

Would you please encourage your children to use the bins provided for their litter before and after school. Thank you for your co operation with this.

Help wanted!!!!!!

If any of you would like to help our School Council with our outside areas then I would be most grateful. I would particularly like help with the "Friendship Garden" (Formerly the Peace Garden) If you are able to offer your services then please let either myself or Mrs. Devine know.

After School Clubs

Letters for after school clubs will be sent out this week. However please note they will not begin until **Monday 11th April. And will end on Friday 20th May**

When collecting your child from After School clubs please leave the premises via the path next to the church. It is very dangerous to walk through the car park.

Thank you for your co operation with this.

Year 6 SAT's

If you need any information about what will happen during the week of 9th May for our Year 6 children then please see Mrs. Briggs. It is vital that the children attend any additional sessions that they, may be invited to and that they are not absent during this



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week.

Visits to the Library

Year 1 and FS2 will be visiting the library after the holiday.

Cyber Savvy Workshop

Our next E-Safety workshop for parents will take place on Thursday 7th April at 2pm in the school hall. Please come along if you are able to join us.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 5th April. The letter is attached to this one for you to let us know if you would like individuals or ones with siblings. If you would like younger siblings to be in the photographs then please arrive at school for 8:30am.



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Diary Dates

Thursday 24 th March	School Closes for Easter
Monday 4 th April	School Reopens
Tuesday 5 th April	Photographer in school
Thursday 7 th April	Cyber Savvy Workshop in the school hall at 2pm
Wednesday 13 th April	Year 2 Visit to English Institute of Sport.
Thursday 14 th April	Year 3 and Year 4 Cricket competition 1pm-3pm at RCS
Thursday 14 th April	Year 5 Sports Afternoon 1:30pm-4:30pm at St Pius. Children to be collected by parents from St Pius.
Tuesday 19 th April	Consultation Evening
Wednesday 20 th April	year 6 visit to English Institute of Sport
Thursday 21 st April	Consultation Evening
Friday 29 th April	School Closed INSET day
Thursday 5 th May	School Closed INSET day (School used as a Polling Station)
Monday 9 th May	Beginning of SAT's week for Year 6
Sunday 15 th May	Pentecost Mass at St Bernard's Catholic High School



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Tuesday 17th May

Real Love Rocks with
Barnardo's (Year 6)

Tuesday 24th May

Y5 and Y6 Rounders
competition at St Pius. 3:45pm-
5:15pm. Parents need to
collect from St Pius.

Tuesday 24th May

Real Love Rocks with
Barnardo's (Year 6)

Thursday 26th May

May procession in Mass time,

Friday 27th May

School Closes for half term

Monday 13th June

School Reopens