



Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have started our new term with fantastic energy and enthusiasm. Those of you who have been into the classrooms will have seen how they have been transformed over the holidays into wonderful learning environments, including a Recycling Centre, The Balcony from Romeo and Juliet and a Roman Villa. This is all part of our work in ensuring our children are given the inspiration and motivation to reach their full potential. We have almost completed 2 years of our topic based approach and we have been impressed with the impact on the standard of work produced by the children.

Thought for the week

"I recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings"

This is something we focus on regularly with the children and is part of our work around Spiritual and Moral education. Please discuss this with your children.

Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number Of Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
FS2 Mrs Lord	0	93.3
Year 1 Mr Terry	3	98.3
Year 2 Mrs Potts	1	96.9
Year 3 Miss Davis	5	98.3
Year 4 Mrs Butler/Mrs Russell	1	99.2
Year 5 Mr Searson	4	97.5
Year 6 Mrs Briggs	4	98.3
<u>School Totals</u>		97.5

Well done everyone we beat our target of 97% last week. Well done to Year 4 who were our class winners and to FS2 who did not have any occasions where their learning was interrupted by people being late. Thank you! This really does make a difference to the learning that takes place in the classroom.



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Teaching and Learning

Mr. Ladlow has settled well as part of our team and the children are responding very well to him.

All the staff were learning Orienteering Skills in our Professional Development Meeting last week.

Mr. Searson, the Literacy Leader, have been looking at the standards of written work across the school, in particular at the process we are using that leads us to our published pieces of work.

From today our FS2 children will be joining everyone else on the yard at lunch times. We have reintroduced the Buddy System and the children will have a Year 5 Buddy. I have also allocated a Lunchtime supervisor to pairs of year groups. This is to ensure that the children know who to approach if they have any issues at lunch time. The Lunch time Supervisors will feedback to the class teachers at the end of lunch time.

Miss Davis and Mr. Terry will be involved in Continued Professional Development this week focusing on their new roles as Subject Leaders. All teaching staff have a responsibility within school and they must produce Action Plans, monitor standards of work in their subject, keep Governors up to date and ensure the quality of teaching is always Good or better.

Parental Supervision on the Playground

Please ensure your children are not left to climb on the playground equipment before or after school. When the children come out of class it is your responsibility to ensure that they respect school property and remain with the person who has collected them from school. We have had a few instances of children climbing on the equipment and then being rude to members of staff who have asked them to get down. This is not acceptable behaviour.

School Council

The School Council have asked me to inform you that they are worried about a small minority of children who seem to think that swearing is acceptable on the playground. At their meeting last week they discussed how this was not what we wanted in our school and that children heard swearing will face consequences. They report that the children heard swearing are in Y4, Y5 and Y6. As Parents it is vital that we lead by example and that our language is appropriate in front of your children
Thank you for your co operation with this.



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Easter Raffle.

We have 2 unclaimed prizes they are ticket numbers:

22

25

Please call in with your ticket and collect your prize.

Raffle

Last week we were given the excellent news that one of our past pupils has been given the opportunity to go on a holiday of a lifetime. She was nominated by her current school for her attitude towards her learning after facing difficult circumstances throughout her young life. She had to be interviewed in London and heard the final decision last week. We are extremely proud of her and would like to raise money for her to be able to contribute to her expenses while there. We will hold a raffle and tickets will be available each day this week at £1 per ticket. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

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.

After School Clubs

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 week.

Cyber Savvy Workshop

Thank you to the small number of Parents who joined us for our Cyber Savvy workshop last week.



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Diary Dates

Monday 11 th April	Roman Day for Year 3 and Year 4.
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
Friday 22 nd April	FS2 Visit to the Butterfly Farm
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
Tuesday 17 th May	Real Love Rocks with Barnardo's (Year 6)
Tuesday 24 th May	Y5 and Y6 Rounders competition at St Pius. 3:45pm-



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Tuesday 24th May

Thursday 26th May

Friday 27th May

Monday 13th June

5:15pm. Parents need to collect from St Pius.

Real Love Rocks with Barnardo's (Year 6)

May procession in Mass time,

School Closes for half term

School Reopens