



Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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2nd March 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to be able to come to school in the daylight! We are on our way into spring (although it is snowing as I write this newsletter!) and we will soon see all the plants coming to life around the school grounds.

We began our week with an assembly with Alistair Sharp who talked about the Liturgical season of Lent. The children have all been working on Lenten promises in school.

Throughout the season of Lent we will be raising money for the Good Shepherd fund which is the Hallam Caring Service. If you have any spare coins then each class has a little blue box in which to put them. We will present our total amount at a special Mass later in the Summer term.

Year 3 led us in a beautiful assembly on Friday around the need for us to make changes in order that we look after the environment. Please talk with them about how we can all contribute to this.

You will remember that Year 3 and Year 4 held a Christmas Jumper Day during Advent. They managed to raise £126 for Save the Children. Well done to everyone.

As parents we will be finding out this week if our children will be admitted into their choice of Secondary School. If you do not receive the place that you were expecting then please come to see me. Similarly if you have not submitted your form then you must do so ASAP.

Thought for the week

"I try to use words that make the world a better place, such as please, thank you and sorry"

It is important that the children use good manners both in school and out of school. We must insist that they use appropriate language and remember that good manners are a social skill. There have been a few instances recently where a few children have used words that are not appropriate. Please make sure that your children are using good manners and do not use bad language as this is not acceptable behaviour befitting children of Primary School age.



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Dinner money

There are some parents who owe outstanding dinner money. Please send ASAP. May I remind you that ALL money should be placed in an envelope with your child's name clearly written on it and what it is for.

Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number Of Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
FS2 Mrs Lord	4	95.1%
Year 1 Mr Terry	2	97.4%
Year 2 Mrs Potts	5	99.1%
Year3 Miss Davis	2	97.6%
Year 4 Mrs Butler/Mrs Russell	2	93.5%
Year 5 Mr Searson	0	100.0%
Year 6 Mrs Briggs	0	95.7%
School Totals	15	96.9%

Well done to year 5 who achieved 100% attendance for the last week of half term. Also well done to Year 5 and Year 6 who did not lose any learning because they were interrupted by people arriving late. Please make sure that your child is in school unless they are ill. There will be truancy stops occurring through the Borough during the upcoming months. Please remember that holidays during term time will not be authorised.

Teaching and Learning

The staff have been working together to develop our teaching of reading, alongside a LA consultant. This week Mr. Terry and Miss Davis will be visiting other schools in Rotherham to see examples of stimulating and engaging environments. We look forward to them returning with lots of ideas that we can use here.

I was very proud to hear that Mr. Rockett, one of our Sports coaches, was very impressed with the children in Foundation last week. They were very well behaved and showed excellent listening skills. Well done boys and girls.

Mr. Searson is busy obtaining quotes for a class set of iPads in order to develop our ICT capacity.



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We welcome students from York St John University this week who will be working in Year 5 and Year 6 over the next few weeks. They will be working under the direction of the class teachers and will be involved in teaching sessions over the course of their placement. We wish them success during their time with us.

We continue to work with Mrs. Blake from RCS who is supporting maths in Year 6. A group of Year 6 children will be attending additional maths sessions at RCS this half term.

Mrs. Reynolds will continue to work in school once a week. This half term she will be working with children on activities around Lent and Easter. The children should have brought home a day to day Lent booklet. Please take the time to work on this with your children between now and Easter.

Energy drinks

Please do not let your children drink these before school starts. There have been a few children doing this and we have noticed a difference in their behaviour. As you will be aware they contain high levels of sugar and are an unhealthy option for young children. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Athlete Visit

If you still have any Sponsor money then please send it in ASAP. Mrs. Butler will be ordering our new equipment as soon as we know how much we have to spend. Thank you to those who have already sent theirs in.

World Book Day

The staff are busy making preparations for this exciting day- there is much talk of costumes that have been ordered! The children will each receive a voucher for one of the World Book Day Books on Thursday as well. Thank you to Mr. Seanson for organizing the day for us and for organizing the events throughout the next few weeks. Some of the staff have already written their performance poem.

Parish St Patrick's day celebration

The Parish are organizing a celebration event at Roundwood Pavilion on Friday 20th March. There will be lots of exciting entertainment and food will be available. If you would like to order tickets then either see me or contact one of the parishioners at Mass on Sunday. Tickets are £5 per adult and £2:50 for children. Proceeds are towards the upkeep of the church and the parish.



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Parish Gardening- Volunteers needed.

If you have a couple of spare hours on Saturday morning and would like to help with tidying the parish gardens then please let me know. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair regularly. If you need to treat your child for head lice then products are available for free from the Walk in Centre. There have been several parents who have raised this issue this half term so please be vigilant and ensure that if your child does have visitors then they need to be well and truly got rid of. Thank you for your co operation with this.

New children to FS2

I have been busy categorizing children for admission to our school for September 2015. If you have a child who will be starting full time education next academic year and you haven't completed your forms then please do so ASAP.

Diary Dates

Please keep the list of diary dates for future reference.

Tuesday 3 rd March	Y2 visit to Pizza Express
Tuesday 3 rd March	Parents Coffee Morning
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Y2 visit to English Institute of Sport
Friday 13 th March	Y6 visit to English Institute of Sport
Friday 20 th March	School Photographs
Friday 20 th March	Parish Event at Roundwood Pavilion
Friday 20 th March	World Poetry Day
Tuesday 24 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 26 th March	Parents Evening
Friday 27 th March	Author visit to school
Week of 30 th March	Holy Week Presentations- please see attached list of times.
Monday 30 th March	Year 3 and Year 4 African showcase assembly.



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Thursday 2nd April

School Closes for Easter at
3:15pm

Holy Week Presentations

Monday 30th March

FS2 and Y1 The triumphant entry into
Jerusalem 9:15am in the school hall

Tuesday 31st March

Y2 The Last Supper 9:15am in the school hall

Wednesday 1st April

Y3 The Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane 9:15am in the
school hall

Wednesday 1st April

Y4 The Denial of Peter 1:30pm in the school hall

Thursday 2nd April

Y5 The trial of Jesus 9:15am in the school hall

Thursday 2nd April

Y6 The Crucifixion 1:30pm in Church