



Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another very busy week in school. I am immensely proud of our Year 6 children who have completed their SAT's tests this week. They have shown resilience, strength and outstanding learning behaviour throughout the week and are a credit to you their parents, their teachers and mostly to themselves. They have enjoyed a relaxing day today- back to work next week though Year 6!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Briggs and the Year 5 team for all their hard work over the last few months, and the rest of the teaching staff who have nurtured them throughout their time in our school.

Next week it is the turn of our year 2 children to take their tests so we will be working together to ensure they are feeling settled and ready to show us how well they can do.

Thank you to the children who joined myself and representatives from the other St Pius Learning Community schools at the Deanery Pentecost Mass yesterday. It was a very bright and colourful day and we heard readings in many different languages.

Thought for the week

"I try to accept forgiveness from others"

This is a very important thought that we need to work through with the children. We often speak about forgiving each other but it is sometimes difficult to accept when someone offers forgiveness. Please work with the children at home on this- it is about being honest with each other and recognizing that we all make mistakes but that we should not bear a grudge and that we can always move forward if we work together.

Attendance

Class	Number Of Lates	% Attendance
FS2 Mrs Lord	3	98.4
Year 1 Mr Terry	3	100
Year 2 Mrs Potts	1	96.1
Year 3 Miss Davis	4	95.7
Year 4 Mrs Butler/Mrs Russell	1	98.7
Year 5 Mr Searson	5	100
Year 6 Mrs Briggs	0	97.3
School Totals	17	97.9



We are always happy to talk to Parents. If you have any concerns or questions, please speak to your child's teacher or contact the school office for an appointment with the Head teacher





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Wow- what amazing attendance last week!! Well done to everyone first of all for ensuring we have exceeded our target of 97%.

Our winners last week were Year 1 and Year 5. Well done to you all.

Year 6 also deserve a mention as their learning was not interrupted at all last week by people arriving late- keep it up, you are setting a fantastic example to all

Teaching and Learning

Last week, during our INSET day we worked together to moderate our written work across the school. This has assisted us in having a clear view of where the children are achieving in each year group in line with Age Related Expectations.

The teachers have been working on using different questioning strategies in their lessons over the last few weeks. This is to ensure that the children are able to think about the answers and are encouraged to ask "how" and "why"

All the staff and governors were involved in "The Thrive Approach" Training last week. This will form a major part of our work in the next academic year. It is based on the science of the brain and the development of children.

If you would like further information about it then please see me or Mrs. Curran.

We have been busy preparing for our Haris Burdick exhibition at the Rotherham Children's festival in June. Thank you to all staff for their commitment to this project. It has brought great rewards in the outcomes the children have produced.

80th Anniversary of the School

We will celebrate our 80th birthday in September. We are planning a few events in the Autumn term and the first of these will be a Mass to be held on Friday 30th September. Our Learning Community Chaplain, Mrs. Reynolds, will be helping me to make the arrangements. Please put the date in your diaries and come along and join us for the celebrations.

Parking

Please ensure that when you park outside school to collect your children that you do so safely. We have been told of a few near misses over the last couple of weeks. We must work together to keep each other safe.

Supervision on the yard before school

Please remember that there is no supervision on the yard before 8:45am. Children should not be on the yard unaccompanied before this time. If you allow your child to walk to school alone then please make sure that they do not arrive too early. There have been instances of unaccompanied children climbing on the equipment which I have repeatedly requested that they are not allowed to do.



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Thank you for your co operation with this.

Holy Communion

Please join us on Sunday 19th June to support the children who will make their Holy Communion. This is a very important time on their faith journey and as part of the school community we all have a part to play in supporting them.

Dogs on the playground

May I remind ALL parents that Dogs are not permitted on the playground. This is for health and Safety reasons. Thank you for your co operation with this.

Year 4 Maths Passport Celebration

Year 4 were the winners of our Maths passport competition last term,. Their reward is that they are able to come to school dressed in their own clothes on Tuesday 17th May and they will be able to go first for lunch. Well done Year 4.

An evening of Bingo

We would like to hold a Bingo evening before the end of the school year. Please see myself or Mrs. Curran if you would like to be involved in the planning and organization of this.

NSPCC Big Board Game Day

This will take place on Friday 27th May (the last day of term) We will be playing lots of games throughout the day and there will be opportunities throughout the day for you to join the children to play their favourite board game. This will be a non uniform day and I am inviting the children to come dressed as something that represents their favourite board game

Football Festival

We are hosting a football festival here on Tuesday 17th May after school. It is for year 1 and year 2 children and we will be playing teams from across Rotherham.

Football Tournament

Congratulations to the children who represented our school at New York Stadium last week in a football tournament. They showed great skills and persevered all the way through each game. You were true ambassadors for our school Thank you.



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th May

Y1 and Y2 Football festival after school.

Thursday 19th May

Year 2 Liturgy in class 9:30am

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

Friday 27th May

NSPCC Big Board Game day.
Non uniform day.

Monday 13th June

School Reopens