



School Newsletter

Rawmarsh St Joseph's
Catholic Primary
School

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to our new school year; it has been lovely to see the children again and to hear about all the exciting adventures and experiences they have been getting up to over the summer.

It is with sadness that we returned for the new school year to learn that Mrs Pink would no longer be our Head Teacher. Mrs Pink has been a fantastic advocate for our school for the last 15 years and has worked tirelessly for the children, parents, staff and community. She takes with her all our best wishes for her next endeavour.

Mrs McLaughlin, who is the Head Teacher at Wath Our Lady and St Joseph's will be overseeing the running of the school supported by Mrs Briggs in the short term until a more formal arrangement has been agreed. We hope that you will bear with us during this transition period.

We also welcome into our school community Mrs Smith, who will be teaching in Year 6 and Mrs Holmes who will be working in Year 3, may we extend our St Joseph welcome to them as they start their teaching journey in our school.

You will notice as you wander through school that we have been changing the learning environment. Our motto for learning this term is 'To be the best that we can be' and we are encouraging the children to strive to achieve this through resilience, respect and having a pride in their work and their attitude to learning.

Building work has also taken place outside the Year 1 classroom to create an additional outside learning environment, so the continuous provision provided in FS2 will continue. We have also had a path built to the shed and new artificial turf around the stage. Parent

Voice have also been working tirelessly to raise money for new equipment for the yard, so watch this space for more information,

Celebration of Attainment and Behaviour

Children will be able to achieve success through Dojo points and the school behaviour chart, with bands and certificates.

We will also be continuing with our Friday celebration of 'Good Work' assembly where two certificates each week will be issued by the Class Teacher to

two children who have produced excellent work.

We will also be introducing a trophy called 'The St Joseph Cup' this will be for a child who has shown impeccable behaviour and has gone above and beyond what is expected. This will initially be children in Year 6. In

staff briefing each Friday, children will be nominated by all staff in school and a child will be picked each week.

We will also continue to run the 100% attendance as before and will re-introduce 'Joe Bear' for the class with the highest attendance for the week.

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Special points of interest:

- Non-Uniform Day in exchange for tombola prizes— Wednesday 27th September
- MacMillan Coffee morning in the hall (cakes and buns needed also good quality clean clothes and toys) - Friday 29th September at 9:00 am
- Harvest Festival Mass in Church—Thursday 12th October— Each class will be making their own Harvest basket, children are asked to bring in tins, dried food, fruit or veg



Keep your money safe.

Year 3 Dinners

Please note that now your child has moved into Year 3, they will no longer be entitled to a free school meal, as Year 3 and above are not entitled under the Universal Free School Meals initiative.

If you think your child maybe eligible for a free school meal, please request a form at the office.

This also relates to any children in Year 4,5,and 6.

The Price of a school dinner remains at £2.05 per day.

Dinner money can be handed into the class teacher, in an envelope with your child's name on, or alternatively paid at the office.

End of Term Disco

There will be a Disco on Thursday 26th November.

KS1—2:15 pm—3:15 pm

KS2 3:30 pm—4:30 pm

A charge of £1.00 entry on the day—all funds raised at the disco will go towards reading books for school.

After School Clubs

After School clubs will start from Monday 18th September. Mrs Firth will be issuing the response slips today, so you will know which club they will be attending.

If for any reason we have to cancel the club at short notice. We will send a text message and place a message on class Dojo.

We will continue to charge £1.00 for each club

Monday

Science Club—Mr Terry

Netball Club—Mrs Potts

Tuesday

Football Club—Mr Rockett

Wednesday

Board Games—Mrs Boden

Thursday

Book Club—Mrs Beckett

Friday

Gymnastics Club—Mr Rocket

Year 6 Maths Boosters will also start next week, children will receive a letter of invite.



Help to make our School Better

School Council

The elections for the new School Council will take place next Thursday 21st September. If your child is interested in putting themselves forward, they need to prepare a speech, which they will read out in front of the class, to explain why they would make a good council representative.

Children need to think about being sensible around school,

having good manners, being able to speak in assemblies or to the class. Be willing to organise competitions and be ambassadors for the school.

If your child would like some help, ask them to speak to their Class Teacher.

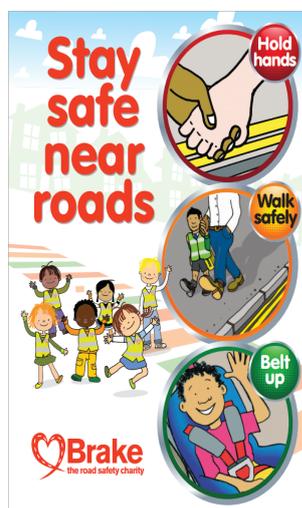
School Safety

You will have noticed that some building work has taken place outside the Presbytery over the holidays, this is because Rotherham Parent Forum will now be occupying this building, please therefore do not use this space to park your car if you are dropping off or picking up children.

Please also be aware of this additional traffic, when walking your child to school, ensuring that you use the correct entrance and not the main car park entrance.

Please part considerably around the school grounds and ensure your children are fully aware of Road Safety when crossing roads.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Kieran Brydges

It is with great sadness, that on Wednesday we heard that Kieran Brydges, a past pupil, and a member of our learning community passed away. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

We have started a collection in school if you would like to make a donation. When we hear more information about the funeral we will let you know.

Robinwood

Any outstanding payments for Robinwood, now need to be coming into school, letters will be sent next week advising the balance on your account. A parent meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th October at 3:15 pm in the Year 6 classroom., where we will show a short video and then go through the Residential in more detail and then questions and answers. Mrs Smith has also got an exciting proposition for

children to do prior to the Residential and details will follow shortly.

It is not too late for your child to attend, this is a great opportunity for children to experience activities they would not normally do, they will have the chance to be independent and work together as a team in preparation for Secondary School. In the past children

who have not attended, wish they had gone when their class return with stories of their experiences.

If you would now like your child to attend please do hesitate to contact me.

Indoor Shoes

As most of you will now be aware, we will no longer be asking the children to change into indoor pumps. We have taken this decision for a number of reasons, mainly the time it takes for children to change into them, detracts the time away from learning. The cloakrooms being small also cause congestion at busy times. We thank you to those parents who have purchased new ones over the holiday. They will not go to waste but will be used for PE and they have been placed in their PE bags.



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Don't forget to look at our website for
class newsletters and up to date
information



Welcome to our two new teachers



Diary Dates

Wednesday 26th September
Year 6 Crucial Crew

Wednesday 27th September
Non-Uniform Day

Friday 29th September
9:15 am McMillan Coffee
Morning

Week Commencing 2nd
October
Bikeability—Year 6

Thursday 12th October
Harvest Festival Mass—Church
9:15 am

Wednesday 25th October
Robinwood Parent Meeting—
3:15 pm Year 6 classroom

Thursday 26th October
School Disco

Friday 27th October
School Closes for half term

Monday 6th November
School re-opens

Tuesday 7th November
School Photographs

Tuesday 14th November
Parent Consultation Evening—

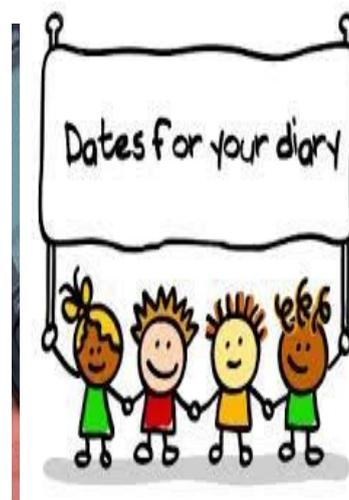
5pm—7pm
Wednesday 15th November
Parent Consultation Evening—
3:30 pm—5pm

Thursday 30th November
Advent Mass—Church 9:15 am

Wednesday 29th November
Year 6 Residential to Robin-
wood

Monday 4th December
School Pantomime

Tuesday 19th December—
Christmas Dinner
School Closes Friday 22nd
December 1:30 pm



Week Commencing
18th December—Advent Presen-
tations
Monday 9:15 am - Year 3
Tuesday 9:15 am—Year 4
Wednesday 9:15 am—Year 5
Thursday KS2 carols in church
1:30 pm
Thursday FS2, Y1 and Y2
Nativity in church 2pm and 6pm
Friday 9:15 am—Year 6