



Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now nearly half way through Lent and the children are trying very hard to keep their Lenten promises. Please encourage them to not give up and keep trying even if they have made a mistake.

Father Evangelist

Father Evangelist visited school this week and was welcomed into Year 4. They were very excited to ask him some very searching questions and find out a little more about him.

He has made a request that the children learn the responses to the Mass, if you are able to take them to Mass on Sunday morning (9:30am) this will really help. We will be going through them with the children in school. If you would like any more information about this please let me know.

Thought for the week

"I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help from."

This is a very important life skill and we are teaching our children that it is okay to ask for help. Please work with them at home around knowing when to ask for help and understanding that this is not a sign of failure.

Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number Of Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
FS2 - Mrs. Lord	3	91.7
Y1 - Miss Jenkinson	8	100
Y2 - Mrs. Leng	3	97.9
Y3 - Mrs. Potts	7	95.4
Y4 - Miss Cree	2	95.8
Y5 - Mrs. Butler & Mrs. Russell	5	95.9
Y6 - Mrs. Briggs	0	92.2
<u>School Totals</u>	28	95.7



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Well done to year 1 who were our winners. Also well done to year 6 for having ALL the class on time for learning. However, learning was interrupted 28 times by children being late. Children who are persistently late are hindering the learning of others as well as themselves. Well done to everyone- we remain above 95% and were only just short of our target of 96%

Appropriate Behaviour on the Playground

It has been brought to my attention there have been instances of inappropriate language and behaviour on the playground before and after school. May I remind adults and children alike that there is no place for foul language in our school. If adults are using this kind of language then the children will undoubtedly pick it up and believe that it is alright for them to speak in the same manner. This has become apparent from a few instances of children using inappropriate language in lessons. Please choose your words very carefully! Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Supervision on the playground

A reminder that children should remain with their parents/ an adult at all times on the playground. There are a number of children who run off from their parents, may I suggest you keep a hold of their hands in order to keep them and others safe. Children who repeatedly climb on the equipment before or after school are putting themselves at risk. Ball games are not allowed on the yard before or after school. School assumes responsibility for the children from 8:50am.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Chickens

We said goodbye to the chicks this weekend. It has been a lovely experience for the children to see the chicks hatch and develop. Well done to Mrs Leng, Mrs Lord and Miss Jenkinson for looking after them so well.

Teaching and Learning

We are beginning to plan for the new curriculum in September and have been invited to work with staff at St Joseph's in Dinnington. We are shaping the curriculum at our school to suit the needs of the children within it. Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Leng and Mrs. Potts spent some time with our partner school in Grantham last week and came back with some fresh ideas.

The teachers will be learning some new PE skills as we have a staff meeting with Mr. Dungworth. This is one way we are maximizing the School Sport and PE grant.



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Please talk the children about their attitude towards learning. We are working very hard to instill skills of resilience and persistence. There are some children who are struggling with working independently and this is leading to silliness in class. Please reiterate to them that their behaviour not only affects themselves but the education of the other children in their class.

Easter Raffle

There will be an Easter raffle running through next week- the winners will be drawn on Thursday 17th April, the last day of school before the Easter holidays. Tickets will be 50p each will be pit into school fund

DIARY DATES

Please note that we will close for the children for the Spring Bank Holiday on Wednesday 21st May

Wednesday 9 th April	Assembly in the hall with Alistair Sharp
Thursday 10 th April	KS1 Liturgy in school KS2 Liturgy in school
Friday 11 th April	Year3 and Year4 Open Afternoon
<u>Monday 14th April- Thursday 17th April</u> <u>Holy Week</u>	
Monday 14 th April	FS2 and Y1 Holy Week Presentation in the hall. 9:15am. Palm Sunday
Tuesday 15 th April	Y5 Presentation- The Last Supper- in the hall 9:15am
Wednesday 16h April	Y6 Presentation- Jesus in the Garden-in the hall 9:15am
Wednesday 16 th April	Y4 Presentation- The denial of Peter- in the hall 2:30pm
Thursday 17 th April	Y3 Presentation- The trial of Jesus- in the hall 9:15am
Thursday 17 th April	Y2 Presentation- The Crucifixion- in CHURCH 2:30pm
Thursday 17 th April	School Closes for the Easter Holiday at 3:15pm