



Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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www.rawmarshstjosephs.co.uk

18th September 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

We began the week with a lovely assembly about Mission Together led by Mrs. Ann Dumphy who complimented the children on their excellent behaviour. The children will be bringing the traditional Red Houses home with further information about what the money is being used for this year. Please support us with this. Last year we raised £52.

Year 5 were also congratulated by Rotherham United yesterday for their excellent behaviour. Thank you to Mums, Dads and Carers who are upholding our high standards of behaviour. This allows for lessons and break times to run smoothly and for everyone to maximise their learning potential. They also enjoyed their visit to Wath High School where again they were complimented for their behaviour and attitude. Well done Year 5.

You may have heard your children talk about Dojo Points over the last week or so. This is an online system where the children can be awarded Dojo points for displaying learning behaviours such as "Teamwork", "Participation." and several more. I have asked the School Council to discuss these to ensure the children feel that they are being rewarded for the correct types of behaviour.

Over the course of the half term children will be able to collect the points and earn rewards. This is also linked to our House Point system so there can be a whole school, classroom and individual approach. Please ask the children about it.

Thought for the week

"I can say how I feel".

Please talk with your children this week about the importance of communicating their feelings. We will be doing this through Prayer times and Circle times this week in school.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please join us in the hall next Friday morning from 9:15am. If you would like to donate any cakes or biscuits then please send them in by Thursday afternoon.



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Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number Of Lates</u>	<u>%Attendance</u>
FS2 Mrs Lord	0	96.4
Year 1 Mr Terry	2	95.0
Year 2 Mrs Potts	1	99.7
Year3 Miss Davis	2	98.6
Year 4 Mrs Butler/Mrs Russell	1	86.4
Year 5 Mr Searson	2	98.6
Year 6 Mrs Briggs	4	95.0
School Totals	12	95.9

7th- 11th September 2015

Well done to Foundation who have had everyone at school on time. Please ensure your child is in school on time each day as latecomers disrupt the learning of other children and themselves. Well done to Year 3 and Year 5 who were our joint winners this week. Every day really does count. Please remember that holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Attendance is monitored rigorously both by school and by the Education Welfare Service. Parents of children whose attendance falls below 90% will be invited to attend an Attendance Panel.

Teaching and Learning

The staff have been working on developing our assessment systems over the last few weeks. Mrs. Butler who is our Science Leader will be involved in some training for the Science curriculum next week and Mrs. Curran and Mrs. Vicckeraage have attended Pediatric First Aid Training this week as well.

Our Spanish lessons have now started and the children seem to be having fun with a new language. Mr. Searson has been working with Years 3-6 on the Computing programme and the Ukulele's have been sounding..... interesting!

We have had the largest take up of After School Clubs for a long time so thank you for responding quickly. We have tried to ensure that each child has been allocated a place in at least one of the clubs they wanted.

The Support Staff have been involved in Gross Motor Skills training with our Learning Support Service Teacher today and will be implementing this across both Key Stages.



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I am still working with Mr. Dungworth of SJD Sports to be able to offer an additional gymnastics session.

Thank you to the Parents who have responded to the feedback about Class Meetings. We will be discussing this within Professional Development Meetings and with Governors in the next few weeks.

If you need to speak with a member of staff please make an appointment to see them after school. The mornings are extremely busy and the teachers are unable to always give you the time you may need.

Robinwood

Would parents of Year 6 children please send payments for Robinwood. If you would like to know how much you have left to pay then please see Mrs. Biggins. Weekly payments can be made so that there is not one large payment to find before we have to pay the final balance.

School Blog

Mr. Searson and Miss Davis have been working hard on building a school blog. This will be accessible through the school website and allows us to update items quicker. Keep your eyes open over the next couple of weeks.

PE

There are a number of children who repeatedly do not have their PE kit. While we do have a few spares for the children who genuinely forget, we are unable to provide kit permanently. Please ensure your child has the correct kit on the correct day. Thank you for your co operation with this.

Earrings are not allowed to be worn for PE- children need to be able to remove earrings themselves or have them removed by a parent in the morning.

Congratulations to the children who took part in the Cross Country event on Wednesday.

They were all brilliant ambassadors for our school and 2 of them have made their way into the next round at Herringthorpe Stadium. Well done everyone

The school football team are entered into the G4S trophy which is held during half time games at New York Stadium. Our fixture for this will be held on Tuesday 20th October . Details will be given to the children chosen to the team nearer the time. Please complete the form attached if you wish to take advantage of discounted tickets,



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St Pius Open Evening

This will be held on Tuesday 22nd September at St Pius between 6pm and 8pm. This is an excellent opportunity to meet the staff of St Pius and enables you to make informed choices about your child's next step on their faith and educational journey.

And finally.....

We say goodbye this weekend to our wonderful Parish Priest Father Kieran. We all wish him a long and happy retirement in Goa and look forward to hearing his wonderful stories when he comes back to visit. He has given us so many lovely memories and I know he will be missed by the school community. God Bless and thank you for all your hard work and commitment to St Joseph's over the last 19 years.



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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 23rd September

Friday 25th September

Saturday 26th September

Monday 28th September

Wednesday 30th September

Friday 2nd October

Friday 9th October

Tuesday 13th October

Thursday 15th October

Tuesday 20th October

Tuesday 20th October

Thursday 22nd October

Friday 23rd October

Monday 2nd November

Y1 and Y2 visit to Eureka

Macmillan Coffee Morning in
School.

Neighbourhood Macmillan Coffee
Event- 11am-2pm in the school
grounds

Y3 and Y4 visit to Weston Park
Museum

Y6 visit to Crucial Crew

Y3 CAFOD Assembly 2:30pm in
the hall.

Harvest Festival in the hall

Parents Evening

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Year 4 Science Day at St Pius

G4S Trophy Football Game. At
New York Stadium. 7:45pm. Y5
+Y6 children

Year 6 Robinwood Information
evening. 3:15pm in Y6 classroom.

School Closes for Half term

School Reopens