



Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers, we have reached the end of a very busy and action packed half term. The children are producing excellent work and, on the whole are displaying amazing learning behaviour. They as well as our fantastic staff are ready for a well earned break.

We say goodbye to Mrs. Hoffgen today from breakfast Club and thank her for her tremendous contribution to the families of our community over the time she has been in post. It is not a complete goodbye as we will still have her working in our kitchen which is lovely.

Breakfast Club

There is still a vacancy in Breakfast Club. Please see me or Mrs. Biggins if you are interested.

Remembrance

After the holiday we will be having our usual sale of Poppies. This year we have also been sent a pack of other items including rulers and rubbers. These will also be available after the holiday.

Year 6 will be joining me at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day itself. If you would like to join us there then that would be great. We will be arriving in time for the minute silence at 11am.

Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number of Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
FS2 Mrs. Lord	1	91.4
Year 1 Mr. Terry	5	90.0
Year 2 Mrs. Potts	3	97.2
Year 3 Miss Davis	4	98.3
Year 4 Mrs Butler/Mrs Russell	2	90.4
Year 5 Mr Searson	6	99.3
Year 6 Mrs Briggs	4	91.2
<u>School Totals</u>	25	94.3%



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We are disappointed with our attendance this week as it falls very short of our 97% target, What is more disappointing are the number of times learning has been disrupted due to children arriving late, I cannot stress enough the importance of arriving at school on time. It not only disrupts the education of the other children in class but has a negative impact on the well being of the child who is late. Let's make every effort to reduce our number of late marks to 0 next half term! Thank you to those of you who are always on time.

Peace garden

Following a very moving Class Mass with Year 2 I am considering renaming the Peace Garden the "Friendship Garden" Some governors had suggested we have a friendship bench and so I am considering this idea as well with the School Council.

IPADS

We now have 11 of our 30 IPADs in school. Mr. Searson has been busy making sure they have everything on them that we need. The children are getting excited about using them. If you use any really good educational APPs at home then please pass the names of them to Mr. Searson for us to consider.

IT Equipment

Mr. Searson expressed his vast ICT knowledge in a quiz on Tuesday and won: A digital camera, 3 notebook computers and some music creating software- all for school. Well done Mr. Searson!

Bonfire Night Poster Competition

Mrs. Shaw , our new Cook in the kitchen, would like the children to create Bonfire Night Posters ready for our themed dinner day in November. When the children have completed a poster she will select a winner from each class who will receive a prize.

School Christmas Dinner

This will be on Wednesday 9th December. Each meal will cost £2 (Free for children in FS2, Y1 and Y2)

Mass on Thursday 5th November

This will be in church at the normal time and will be led by Year 5

Thursday Gymnastics

This will begin after the holiday on Thursday 5th November. The children who are going to be attending will have been given a letter today to bring home.



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Diary Dates

Monday 2nd November
Friday 6th November
Monday 9th November
Monday 11th November
Saturday 14th November

Monday 16th November
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Tuesday 17th November

Monday 30th November

Tuesday 1st December

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Wednesday 2nd December
Friday 4th December

Monday 7th December

Thursday 10th December
Thursday 10th December

Friday 18th December

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Monday 4th January 2016

School Reopens
Attendance Panel Meeting
Alistair Sharp Assembly
Y6 visit to Cenotaph for 11am
Parish Jumble Sale in the school Hall. 10am
Anti Bullying Week
KS1 Matball event after school at RCS- children taking part will be given more details nearer the time.
Anti Bullying Parent Drop in 3pm in the hall.
Blessing of Advent Wreaths
Assembly for the children 9:15am in the hall.
Y4 Sports sessions at St Pius- 11am- 2:30pm
Y5 and Y6 WW2 Showcase in the school hall at 2:15pm.
Y6 Visit to Robinwood
Y1 and Y2 topic Showcase in the school hall at 2:15pm
Carols by Candlelight- Carols in church at 7pm and then refreshments afterwards in the school hall
Giving Mass in church 9:15am
Y3 and Y4 Egyptian showcase in the school hall 10:30am
Carols in the school hall 1:30pm
KS2 classes will perform
KS1 nativity in church 2pm.
School closes after the Nativity
School Reopens