



Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our new school term. It has been; lovely to hear about all the exciting adventures the children have had during the summer.

The majority of the children have returned to work with excellent attitudes to learning and have shown their new teachers that they are going to work hard all year. Please instill this in the children as their attitude to learning needs to be positive at all times. Refusal to engage in learning is not an option and the children will be encouraged to demonstrate resilience and to have a go.

OFSTED

I have been informed by OFSTED that our final report will be available at the end of next week.

You will all receive a copy with the newsletter next Friday and it will be placed on the school website.

Newsletters

My newsletter is added to the school website when it is updated. This year we will send a paper copy of the newsletter to all parents. However, if you have 2 or more children in the school the eldest sibling will bring home the newsletter. If you do not receive a newsletter then please download from the website.

Safety of the children

From next Monday, 12th September, the gates to the school car park will be locked from 8:40am and then again from 3pm, despite previous requests for Parents to not use the main drive we still had parents walking down the drive to then come onto the yard. The car park is not a safe place.

Please use the entrance at the side of our church. Children arriving late will also need to use this entrance and then walk up to access the reception area. A reminder that children should be on the premises by 8:45am as school begins at 8:50am.

You will have noticed that the teaching staff have all been available on the yard each morning, as a result of this I would ask that parents do not come into the cloakrooms with their children unless via a previous arrangement with the class teacher or myself.



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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If you need to speak to your child's teacher then please make an appointment at the end of the day as they are more likely to be able to give you more time.

Attendance

We are working very hard to instill routines with our children. Learning begins as soon as the children arrive in school. If our child is absent from school then they will miss vital steps in learning and will quickly begin to fall behind. The same is true if they arrive late on a frequent basis.

Please work with us to ensure your child is at school on time every day, unless of course they are ill.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Class Newsletters

Your children will be bringing their class newsletters home over the course of the next few days. Please read them carefully and take note of any dates mentioned within them. Sometime circumstances dictate that dates that we let you know of may have to change at short notice. Please be assured that we will only do this as a very last resort.

You were given the opportunity to meet your child's teacher at the end of last academic year. This was very well received by parents and as a result I have asked the teachers to invite you again- the dates for each class will be contained within each Class Newsletter.

Year 3 Dinners

Please note that Year 3 now need to pay for school lunches as they do not come under the Universal Free School Meals Initiative.

Free School Meals Entitlements

We will be sending information about entitlements to free School Meals. There are forms to complete that then in turn enable us to access additional funding, known as Pupil Premium, to support the children. If you think you may be entitled please see Mrs. Biggins. This includes any children who are in FS2, Year 1 or Year 2- even though they will be in receipt of a free school meal without this.

School Uniform

Please ensure that you supply the correct school uniform for your children. This includes sensible outdoor shoes and indoor pumps. Please ensure everything is clearly labelled. Thank you for your co operation with this.

80th Anniversary

On Friday 30th September 2016 we will celebrate the 80th birthday of our school. The day will begin in church with Mass at 9:15am.



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The celebrations will continue in the afternoon with events such as:

A cream tea/ picnic lunch
1930's PE
Music from St Pius Choir
Bingo

If you would like to be involved in the organization then please see Mrs. Curran or myself.

School Council Elections

These will be held in school on Tuesday 13th September. Please encourage your children to take part and to speak about important issues for them within school.



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 13 th September	School Council Elections
Tuesday 13 th September	Y6 Class meeting 2:30pm in Year 6
Wednesday 14 th September	Y2 Class Meeting 2:30pm in Y2
Wednesday 14 th September	Y1 Class meeting 9am in Y1
Wednesday 14 th September	FS2 Class meeting 9am in class
Thursday 15 th September	FS2 Parents Meeting 2:30pm in FS2
Thursday 15 th September	Y5 Mass in church
Monday 19 th September	Year 4 Class Meeting 2:30pm in the Year 4 Classroom
Thursday 22 nd September	Y4 Liturgy in the school hall at 9:15am
Friday 23 rd September	Year 6 Visit to St Pius all day.
Wednesday 28 th September	Year 6 Visit to St Marie's Cathedral
Thursday 29 th September	Year 6 Visit to Crucial Crew
Friday 30 th September	School 80 th Anniversary Celebrations