



# Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



## Newsletter

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23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very interesting week in school- a Power Cut, the burglar alarm going off intermittently one afternoon, a visit to the Mayor of Rotherham and making plans for our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next week.

The children responded very well to being in the dark and the staff in many classes used it as a learning experience in itself.

Next week is a very busy week- especially for Year 6 who are visiting St Marie's Cathedral as part of our pilgrimage work associated with the year of Mercy and then to Crucial Crew.

### **Thought for the week**

"I can say how I feel"

This is really important for the children to understand. Whether our feelings are happy or sad it is important that we verbalise them. Sometimes children who struggle to verbalise their feelings become aggressive and can lash out. This is something that must be talked through at home, about how we can convey our feelings in a positive way.

### **Teaching and Learning**

All of our Subject Leaders have been developing their Action Plans for the coming year- in line with our OFSTED areas for improvements. They have also been updating our policy documents for each subject.

We have been carrying out an evaluation of Reading this week as a staff. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at our approach to the teaching of reading and the teachers and support staff will be involved in training. I will be looking at samples of reading records as part of our monitoring cycle. There will also be training available for any parents who would like to support in school with Reading.

In her role as Maths leader, Mrs. Potts has been working on the Mastery Approach within Maths- which has a specific focus on challenging the children who are confident within Maths and she has attended some initial training. We will be working closely with the St Pius group of schools on this. Mrs. Potts is also organising a day of Maths for World Maths Day which is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. She will be producing a leaflet to inform you of the types of activities we will be doing.



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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Mr. Terry has been strengthening partnerships with the Historical Society and has secured their involvement in the anniversary celebrations next week.

Mrs. Curran and Mrs. Glossop have attended further Thrive training this week and will be sharing their activities with staff over the next week.

### **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Thank you to the group of Parents and Carers who met with Mrs. Curran to plan the events for next Friday.

Following the very productive Parent's meeting this morning, the format for the day will be as follows

9:15am Mass in church

10:30 am Activities back in school (After morning break for the children)

Straight after the Mass there will be a cake sale to support Macmillan charity.

After break there will be games through the decades on the yard and other activities and stalls.

12:15pm Picnic lunch (There will be no cost for the picnic for the children) If adults would like to stay and join the children for lunch please let your class teachers know by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The cost of an adult meal will be £2:10

There will be a cream tea at 2pm and there will be some light entertainment from some of the clauses on the stage weather permitting.

There will be Bingo in the hall from 1:30pm until 2:15pm

The Parents group has asked if you are able to send anything that is suitable for a Bingo prize please do so by Thursday morning. Any donations for a cake stall would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any photographs that you would like to share please send them in and I will copy them and return ASAP.

Any money raised will be shared between The Macmillan Nurses charity and School Funds.



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### **Behaviour**

Thank you to those parents who are supporting us in addressing low level disruption in classes. The children must understand that they are to be respectful to each other and to the staff. In particular, they must listen when others are speaking and take it in turns. Please discuss this with your child. We will be visited next week by a behaviour consultant to evaluate our positive approach to behaviour management.

### **Robinwood**

Please ensure that you are up to date with your payments for Robinwood as the final day is fast approaching.

### **Year 4 Class Meeting**

This will now take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 2:30pm in the Year 4 classroom.

### **Sports Ambassadors**

The Sports Ambassadors now have their new T shirts and look amazing. They are enjoying the responsibility within school and are a great asset to Mr. Rockett and to St Joseph's. Thank you boys and girls.

### **School Dinners**

The price of a school dinner is now £2:05

### **Free School Meals**

If you think you would be entitled to free School Meals, even if your child is in FS2, Y1 and Y2 (Who all receive a free school lunch through the Universal FSM scheme) then please complete the form attached to this letter. Alternatively you can do this online at [www.rotherham.gov.uk](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk)



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### Diary Dates

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Visit to St Marie's Cathedral
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Visit to Crucial Crew
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	School 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 4 Class meeting 2:30pm in the Year 4 classroom.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	National Poetry Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Mission Together Assembly
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	World Maths Day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Robinwood meeting 3:30pm in the Year 6 classroom.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	School Closes for half term at 3:15pm