



Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

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7th October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We celebrated our 80th birthday in style last week and the feedback from all involved was that it was a fantastic day. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in preparing for it with the children and to the children themselves for embracing the historical theme throughout the half term.

Special thanks must go to our newly energized group of Friends of St Joseph's. They gave their time in preparing for the day in the weeks beforehand and were invaluable on the day itself. Thank you it is very much appreciated and testament to how we are going to move our school forward- together.

As a result we raised £415.24. We will be sharing this with the Macmillan Charity. We would like to use our half of the money to purchase new playground equipment. I would like our Friends of St Joseph's group and the School Council to determine what kind of equipment would be the most effective.

When I spoke with the children on Monday about how they felt the day had gone their responses were overwhelmingly that they had had a good time. When probed further many of them explained that it was because there was so much to do at lunch time.

Thank you again to everyone involved.

School Meals Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

Starting Date: ASAP

Salary: Band B (LW) £15,238 - £15,507 pro-rata

6.25 hours per week

Hourly rate: £7.90-£8.04 approx

An SMSA is required as soon as possible to assist our supervisory team at lunchtimes in our school. The successful applicant should be reliable, conscientious, honest and cheerful, and should be able to relate well to children aged 4-11 years. You will be required to work one hour 15 minutes per day (11:50am-1:10pm). We need someone with a good sense of humour and a friendly but assertive manner. Above all, we want someone who enjoys working as part of a team and with children



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The successful applicant will be appointed following rigorous safeguarding checks and will be subject to a full DBS
Please contact me if you are interested.

Thought for the week

"I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt"

This is something we have been working on in school. Please talk to the children about not standing by if they see someone being hurt. We will also be beginning our work around Start a Heart with the children after half term.

Teaching and Learning

This week all of our staff team have been working on developing behaviour strategies. I will be informing you of some changes to our behaviour policy after half term. This follows our work last week with Behaviour consultant Jason Bangbala. So far the majority of the children are responding well. It is imperative that the children follow the school rules, in particular in the way they speak to adults. This MUST be modelled at home.

We have also been implementing some changes to our reading approaches within school. Each class has now has a Core Reading Time daily. This is time for the children to become immersed in a Each KS2 class has also reorganised their whole class reading sessions. This is allowing for a sharper focus on comprehension skills and to be able to illicit information from text that is not obvious.

Mr. Howard and Mrs. Butler have been involved in training around the Reasoning aspect of our Mathematics curriculum and will be sharing their new ideas within our Professional Development Meeting next week.

A reminder that it is World Maths Day next week.

Mr. Terry and Miss Davis have been involved in developing their teaching skills through a Learning Community wide programme. Their first session this week focused upon effective questioning which is essential for moving the children's learning forward. This will be one of the ways in which we address the area, highlighted in our recent inspection, around challenging our most able children.

Mrs. Briggs has been involved in training around assessment systems and will be working with the technical team for our current system in order that it can provide further information around how well the children are doing in certain areas. Next week is assessment week in school, so staff will be informing you of how well your children are doing before half term.



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Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number Of Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
FS2 Miss Cooper	1	93.2
Year 1 Mrs Potts	0	96.2
Year 2 Mr Terry	2	95.4
Year 3 Miss Davis	2	97.3
Year 4 Mr Searson	0	96.0
Year 5 Mrs Butler/Mrs Briggs	1	96.7
Year 6 Mr Howard	0	95.5
School Totals	6	95.7

Congratulations to Year 3 who are our winners this week, however it is disappointing to see the other classes below our target of 97%

I am pleased that learning has not been interrupted by late comers too much in the last week. Thank you to parents for ensuring their children are in school ready for learning.

Robinwood

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

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

Parish Jumble Sale

This will take place in the school hall tomorrow 8th October at 10am. Come and get yourself a bargain

School Meals Theme Week

Monday 31st October- Friday 4th November will be theme week for school lunch.

Monday- Winter Warmer Lunch

Tuesday- Italian Day

Wednesday-Roast Dinner Day

Thursday- Under the Sea

Friday- Bonfire Night Theme Day

Please see the posters around school for the available items on each day.



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Spoons!

A plea from the kitchen staff! If your child has brought home a school spoon could you please return it/them as soon as possible.

Parents Evening

These will take place on Tuesday 1st November and Wednesday 2nd November.

G4S Trophy

We will be taking part in the half time football competition at New York Stadium on Saturday 22nd October when Rotherham United play Reading. The children who are in the team (who will find out next week) do not need to pay. Any child in the team will need to be accompanied by an adult and the adult ticket price will be £10. Please complete the forms that are attached to this newsletter if you require a ticket for the game.

Mission Together

The children have taken part in a Mission Together assembly this morning (Friday) and will be bringing home a Mission Together pack which includes the little houses for collecting small change. Please do what you can to support this cause and collect your spare change. Please return the full houses ASAP.

Quiz Night

The governors would like us to have a Parents Quiz night next half term. If you would be interested in helping to organise this then please see Mrs. Curran or myself.



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th October

Friday 14th October

Tuesday 18th October

Thursday 20th October

Thursday 20th October

Friday 21st October

Monday 31st October

Tuesday 1st November

Wednesday 2nd November

Thursday 3rd November

Monday 7th November

Thursday 11th November

Thursday 17th November

Thursday 24th November

Monday 28th November

Tuesday 29th November

Wednesday 30th November

Thursday 1st December

Thursday 3rd December

Friday 4th December

Thursday 8th December

Thursday 8th December

Monday 12th December

Tuesday 13th December

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Wednesday 14th December

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Thursday 15th December

Year 4 Science Visit to St Pius

World Maths Day

Attendance Panel Meetings

Y6 Robinwood meeting 3:30pm in the Year 6 classroom.

Harvest Festival 9:15am in the school hall

School Closes for half term at 3:15pm

School Reopens

Parents Evening

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Year 2 Mass in church

New Lunch Menu begins

Year 6 visit to the Cenotaph

Year 1 Mass in church

Year 5 Liturgy in class

Advent Wreath Blessing in the hall 9:15am

Year 5 and Year6 Showcase 2:30pm in the hall

Y6 Residential to Robinwood

Year 3 and Year 4 Showcase 2:30pm in the school hall

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Year 1 and Year 2 Showcase 2:30pm in the school hall.

Giving Mass 9:15am in church

Christmas Dinner Day

Year 6 Advent Presentation 9:15am in the school hall

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St Pius Advent Service 6:30pm at St Pius.

Y4 Advent Presentation 9:15am in the school hall.

Year 3 Advent Presentation 9:15am in the school hall,

KS2 Carols 1:30pm in the school hall



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Thursday 15th December
Friday 16th December

KS1 Nativity 2pm in church.
School Closes for Christmas at 2pm