



Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

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14th October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been celebrating World Maths Day today and some of the outfits are brilliant. Thank you to all the parents who have spent time helping to make costumes- I love the t shirts that have been customised!

The children are getting excited about our upcoming sporting event and preparations are underway with the 2 football teams!

Manners at lunch time

Unfortunately our lunch time staff have expressed concern over the manners of a small number of children when in the dinner hall, this includes throwing food and spitting. This is unacceptable behaviour and if children are found to be doing this again then parents will be contacted and consequences will be put in place. Please explain the importance of having good manners and lead by example at home. Thank you to the children who always behave beautifully at lunch time.

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

The successful applicant will be appointed following rigorous safeguarding checks and will be subject to a full DBS

Closing date 9am Friday 21st October 2016

Please contact Mrs. Pink, Mrs. Firth or Mrs. Biggins if you are interested.



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Thought for the week

"I understand that rights match responsibility"

Please talk with the children at home about this. They have many rights, however, they must also see that these bring with them responsibilities. Again this must be modelled at home in the same way as we model respect and good manners.

Teaching and Learning

We have continued to refine our positive behaviour management strategies this week. Our Behaviour system in class revolves around the use of a 1,2,3 system.

- 1= stop what you are doing
- 2= put everything down and fold your arms
- 3= Look at me.

We are finding that the children are very quickly becoming accustomed to this. However staff are reporting that there are a small number of children who seem to think they can ignore these instructions. Please talk with the children about the importance of following the rules and that failure to do so will result in consequences.

Dojo's are awarded to children who consistently follow the rules and who demonstrate positive attitudes towards their learning. This includes attempting their work without adult support in the first instance.

Well done to all of the children who are doing exactly as is expected.

It has been assessment week in school this week and children have been showing off their expertise in Maths, Reading and Writing. There will be information based on the outcomes of these assessments shared with you at Parents Evening in November.

Mrs. Briggs and Mr. Searson have been working alongside colleagues from other schools to look at our reading approaches- you will remember I explained that this is an area we are working on in school this year. They have brought back some ideas for us to try.

Miss Cooper has been attending CPD around the approaches to teaching in the Foundation Stage this week and she has been completing Baseline Assessments for all of the children.



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Attendance

I am pleased to say that we will not be inviting any parents to the next Attendance Panel Meetings. There are certain children whose attendance is being monitored closely over the next half term and so Parents may be invited to attend the next meetings planned for November if attendance does not improve.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number Of Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
FS2 Miss Cooper	0	92.3
Year 1 Mrs Potts	0	100
Year 2 Mr Terry	2	99.2
Year 3 Miss Davis	1	98.0
Year 4 Mr Searson	0	98.7
Year 5 Mrs Butler/Mrs Briggs	4	95.9
Year 6 Mr Howard	2	96.2
<u>School Totals</u>	9	97.0

Congratulations to Year 1 who achieved 100% attendance last week- keep it up. Well done to everyone else as we have met our target of 97%. Please remember holidays in term time will not be authorised.

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

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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Parents Evening

These will take place on Tuesday 1st November and Wednesday 2nd November, There will be a letter sent next week to enable you to book appointments with your child's teacher.

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.

Operation Mischief

I have been in contact with our local PCSO who has explained that the local Police Force is currently involved in Operation Mischief. This is where there are increased patrols during the evenings to eradicate instances of Anti Social Behaviour as we approach Halloween and Bonfire Night. We will be welcoming a representative from Rawmarsh Police Station next week to talk to the children about Firework Safety.

Harvest Festival

We will celebrate our Harvest Festival next Thursday 20th October. at 9:15am in the school hall. If any parents would be able to help with the selling of the produce after the Liturgy that would be most appreciated. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Scholastic Book Club

If you would like to order anything from the magazine sent out by Mrs. Devine a few weeks ago then please return order forms by next Monday. Alternatively you can order online from the website stated on the order form.



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Diary Dates

Thursday 20th October

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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

Tuesday 13th December

Wednesday 14th December

Wednesday 14th December

Thursday 15th December

Thursday 15th December

Friday 16th December

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

Year 5 Advent Presentation 9:15am in
the school hall.

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

KS1 Nativity 2pm in church.

School Closes for Christmas at 2pm



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

