

RAINFORD NEWSFLASH –October 2022

Learning and growing together to achieve our best in the love of God.

Our Christian value for this half term: friendship

‘There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.’ Proverbs 18.24

REMINDER - INSET

This Friday 21st October is an INSET training day for staff and the school will be closed.

Winter Uniform

On return to school after half term, children should wear their winter uniform:

- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress;
- white shirt or blouse;
- red and grey striped tie;
- red sweater, cardigan or sweatshirt;
- grey socks/tights;
- school shoes (not trainers).

Knowing more and remembering more

As a teaching staff, we have been looking at how children's brains learn and how we can help our children move what they learn in lessons from their short term memory into their long term memory. One of the strategies we use is to revisit past learning at the start of lessons and for children to try and recall what they can remember about a topic they have been taught in the past.

Online Safety

As we come to half term when children may have more time to be on devices and the internet, you might be looking for advice for keeping them safe. There are some useful links for online safety on the NSPCC website. If you would like tips regarding talking to your child about online safety visit

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Advice for parental controls can be found here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

There is also lots of useful advice and videos for parents and children on the BBC website. This includes links to report worries and concerns about social media also: <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curation/staying-safe>

Poppies

Poppies will be on sale after half term.

Christmas Fair donations

We will be having an Own Clothes Day on Wednesday 9th November for Christmas Fair donations. Please send in items for the tombola:

Raindrops/Reception – Any confectionary gifts e.g. box of chocolates, biscuits, Christmas chocolates

Y1/2 – (Children's tombola) – games, puzzles, toys, craft items, new cuddly toys, Christmas items

Y3/4 - Any unwanted/unused gift sets

Y5/6 - Any bottles or jars - mulled wine, pickles, chutney, jam, wine, fizz, spirits etc.

Sports News

Well done to our Year 5 football team who recently won the Year 5 St Helens Football Competition.

Well done to our Year 5/6 rugby team who came second in the recent rugby competition.

Christmas Gift Appeal

Since 2010, St Helens Borough Council has successfully run a gift appeal for children aged from birth to 21 years at risk of waking up on Christmas Day without a present. The items they are looking for include new toys, books and clothing, gift vouchers, confectionery, toiletry and gift sets as well as cash donations. If you would like to donate to the appeal, please visit their website to see drop off locations for donations:

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/christmasgiftappeal>

Rather than run our own Christmas box appeal this year we would like to support our local children in this way. If you do donate, and would like to let us know, please email the School Office. Thank you.

Andy Reid

Congratulations to Andy Reid who has successfully climbed Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for his Standing Tall Foundation. He wore a t-shirt signed by some of our children at the summit which was very brave considering the temperature!

Upcoming trips

Thursday 10th November

Y5/6 trip to Knowsley Safari Park

Friday 9th December

Y4 trip to Liverpool World Museum

Friday 16th December

KS1 and Reception trip to Lowry Theatre in Manchester to see Room on a Broom

Children in Need

Own Clothes Day on Friday 18th November. Donations should be given via School Money please – this will be set up closer to the time.

School Photographer

John Hunt Photography will be at school on 25th November for individual and siblings photographs

Film Nights

The cost will be £3.50 per child, refreshments included. **5pm - 7.00pm**

Y4 Fri 11th November 2022

Y3 Fri 18th November 2022

Y2 Fri 25th November 2022

Y1 Fri 13th January 2023

Rec Fri 20th January 2023

Upcoming Dates

Friday 21st October

School Closed for inset day

Monday 31st October

School Opens after half term. C9 swimming (on Mondays for 7 weeks)

Wednesday 9th November

Non uniform day for Christmas Fair donations

Thursday 10th November

Y5/6 trip to Knowsley Safari Park

Friday 11th November

Remembrance Service
Year 4 film night
5pm-7pm

Monday 14th November

Flu Vaccinations Preschool-
Year 6

Wednesday 16th November

Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 18th November

Own clothes day for Children in Need
Year 3 trip to Eureka
Year 3 film night
5pm-7pm

Friday 25th November

John Hunt Photography
Individual and Siblings photographs
Year 2 film night
5pm-7pm