

NEWSFLASH

January 2024

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

Our Christian value for this half term is:

The Lord takes delight in those who honour Him; who put their hope in his unfailing love (Psalm 147)



A message from Mrs Shawcross

As this is my first newsletter of the New Year, I would like to begin by extending my warming wishes to all for a safe, happy and successful 2024. We have begun the spring term successfully at CofE- time seems to be flying! This month we have had lots of things going on: Spirituality day, football competitions, Pupil leadership teams, Rainford's Youth Council meeting, and not to forget snow day! This is on top of the wonderful lessons and learning that go on every day. It is a joy to see our pupils so engaged with their learning. All pupils have returned from the Christmas break ready for the excitement this spring term brings. I am so impressed with their attitude and behaviour around school- playgrounds and classrooms. There have been lots of visitors to school recently and they all comment on how well-mannered and mature our wonderful pupils are.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to all the positive comments, thoughtful emails and words of encouragement from so many of you. I thank our Governing Body and LDST for entrusting me to lead our wonderful school in the interim period before a substantive Headteacher is appointed. I am delighted that my first taste of headship is at Rainford C of E Primary School - a place extremely close to my heart.



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Key Messages

Staffing updates

I'd like to give a warm welcome to Miss Griffiths, our admin assistant, who started in the school office at the beginning of the month.

Birthday Treat

Reminder: Children can wear their own clothes on their birthday (when in school) or a school day nearest to their actual birthday 😊

Knowledge Organisers

These are available on Class Dojo. They are designed so parents/carers understand and can consolidate learning at home. These organisers will be added in the website as well as Class Dojo after half term.

Children now come into school wearing their P.E kit on the day of their P.E lesson. Therefore, it is even more important that they are in the correct school uniform. Remember, black pumps in a small drawstring bag (named) can stay in school on your child's peg.

Attendance

Attendance & Punctuality remains one of our top priorities in school. Regular and punctual attendance at school is both a legal requirement and essential for pupils to maximise their educational opportunities. Improving school attendance is everyone's business and the Government has launched a new national campaign, aimed at parents and carers on the importance of school attendance.

0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ PERFECTION ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	NEARLY THERE
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	CAN BE IMPROVED "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS "CLASSIFIED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service

CAMPAIGN MANIFESTO

That moment they found a new best friend queuing up for pudding.
That time fractions suddenly clicked.
That day cavemen came to live in the playground.
That science lesson when a mento and cola 'rocket' sprayed everywhere.
Breaking a school record on sports day.
When they helped catch the escaped rabbit.
Helping to build props for the school play.
When they baked cupcakes that were actually edible (just).
Performing that encore at the school concert.
From the first day of term to the last, each moment, big or small, makes a big difference to a child's wellbeing.
Positive, real, life-changing moments.
And in a school year there are hundreds of them.
What a difference a school day makes.

Dojo Rewards

We relaunched our ClassDojo rewards at the start of the New Year which the children have been very excited about. There are incentives for the children to earn as many points as possible over the year. Dojos are rewarded for children following our CofE 'code' (see poster below). To earn 500 dojo points in 1 year would be exemplary and so, for this achievement, for children in KS2, we plan to organise an extra 'fun' trip in the summer term for those children who make the 500-dojos mark. In EYFS and KS1, we expect more children to meet the 500-dojos mark. This is because in the early stages of school, children are praised and rewarded more frequently while we teach, and they learn our 'code'. Their reward for 500 dojos is a pizza party in school.

CofE Code of Conduct

Please support our behaviour policy by talking through our code/ rewards and sharing these visuals with your child.

 Rainford CE Primary School
CODE OF CONDUCT 

Always try your best and never give up		
Respect each other and each others' belongings		
Be honest	Encourage one another	
Wonderful walking	Find the joy	
Sitting like stars		

KS1 Dojo rewards

500 dojos



400 dojos



300 dojos



200 dojos



100 dojos



KS2 Dojo rewards

500 dojos



400 dojos



300 dojos



200 dojos



100 dojos



Theme Day- Spirituality Day



A comment from one of our governors...

The whole atmosphere in school was peaceful, calm & happy as staff and children enjoyed working, learning & creating together.

It was a joy to go into Reception and see children creating images of their own faces, using mirrors to guide them & to hear them and other classes then talking about being 'unique' and 'loved' by God and to read their prayers of thanksgiving.

It blew me away hearing one class talking about their understanding of salvation, which they were creating artwork to depict.



Upcoming Dates

31st January 2024

Year 5 at Crucial Crew

1st & 2nd February 2024

Year 2 residential visit to Burwardsley

1st February 2024

Year 5 Football tournament

2nd February 2024

NSPCC Number Day

w/c 5th February 2024

Children's mental health week

5th February 2024

School Nurse Drop-in

6th February 2024

Choir to perform at Young Voices

7th February 2024

Lockdown practise

Raindrops Stay and Play

F.O.R.C.E.S. Pancake Fling

8th February 2024

Reception Class worship

9th February 2024

Dress to Express Day

Valentines Disco

School closes for half term holidays

19th February 2024

Year 6 catch up swimming starts every

Monday until 25th March 2024

28th February 2024

Y3/4 gymnastics competition

29th February 2024

Rock Kidz event!

7th March 2024

World Book Day

8th March 2024

F.O.R.C.E.S Mother's Day Shop

8th March 2024

Reception and Raindrops hosting

Mother's Day Tea Party 2:30pm

W/c 11th March 2024

British Science Week

12th March 2024

Reception Trip to Imagine That

19th March 2024

Year 4 football tournament

20th March 2024

Y4 and Y6 Easter Experience at All

Saints Church

W/c 25th March 2024

Easter Egg Displays can be brought into school

26th March 2024

Year 5 Easter Performance at 10am at

All Saints Church, Rainford

Raindrops Stay and Play

27th March 2024

Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Multi skills

competition

28th March 2024

Easter Bonnet Parade

School Closes for Spring holidays