

RAINFORD

NEWSFLASH

February 2024

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

Our Christian value for this half term is:

*'Just as the Lord has forgiven you so you must also
forgive others' Colossians 3:13*

FORGIVENESS

A message from Mrs Shawcross

As always at this time of year, I find it hard to believe that we already find ourselves halfway through the school year and very soon we will find ourselves in the final term of this academic year! February has flown by in school and it is lovely to reflect on some of the enriching activities and events we have experienced.

Thank you for your support for 'Number Day' and 'Dress to Express' Day in honour of Mental Health Week. There certainly were some fabulous outfits and accessories.

The Valentine's Disco was a huge success last half term. All the staff and children who attended had a fantastic evening of dancing and singing together. The juniors disco ended with a foam party which was really was the highlight of the event! In total, we raised an incredible £723.82. These funds will contribute to redesigning a well-being room within school for children.

As I am writing this newsletter, there is a buzz of anticipation and excitement as we look forward to Rock Kids Day. This day will truly be one that the children will never forget! The Rock Kids Team will be out on the playground at the end of the school day to introduce themselves to parents and sell their merchandise. We decided not to offer this before the event because I do not want parents to feel pressured into buying their accessories before the event.

Finally, I am SO excited to tell you (although I am sure you most of you will have already heard) that we have FOUR gorgeous little guinea pigs who joined our Rainford C E family this week. Our new friends are so friendly, content and happy after receiving so much love from all the children this week. FB post to follow!

Key Messages

World Book Day

There has been a letter sent out for World Book Day (7.3.24). We are looking forward to spending some of the day reading:



Polite reminder

Please could long hair be tied in a bobble during school time. This is to avoid cases of headlice in school and for health and safety reason in P.E and outdoor activities during playtime and breaktimes.

Parent helpers

Thank you so much to the parents who have offered to come into school to read to children. This is very welcomed by all the staff and we appreciate you giving up your time to do this. This offer still stands if any parents would like to join 😊

Church news

The next Messy Church is on 17th March. Get yourselves along for a great morning!

Healthy Snacks

We would like to remind everyone that children may bring in a snack for mid-morning as long as it is a healthy one. This can be fresh fruit, a packet of dried fruit or a cereal bar.

Mother's Day Tea Party (8.2.24)

EYFS are sending their invitations to this event on Friday. Look out for these in book bags.

Attendance

As you know 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. School attendance is also an essential component of safeguarding children. We work in conjunction with St Helens' School Attendance Service who closely monitor our school attendance, with a focus on children whose attendance is causing a concern at 92% and below. As of September 2023, there have been some changes to the issue of Education Penalty Notices and school will issue an Education Penalty Notice for more than 20 sessions (10 days) in any 10-week period of consecutive unauthorised absence including an unauthorised leave of absence e.g. holiday. We want to support all of our families as much as we can, and we do recognise exceptional circumstances. If you need any support around attendance, please get in touch with the school office.



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Our School Rules

Safeguarding is one of our top priorities at Rainford C of E Primary. To support us in doing this we follow school rules to keep everyone safe when they are in and moving around school. The children know and understand our 'Code of Conduct' which I shared last month. They also know the importance of following our three school rules. The three school rules are: **Be Ready, Be Responsible, Be Safe**. Our current three school rules apply for when the children are in school and when they are on trips. We are currently in consultation with classes to introduce a fourth school rule. We want all stakeholders to be involved in creating our fourth school rule. Once the children have worked together in school to create their ideas, we will be in touch with parents to have your input- watch this space! Once we have our four school rules, we will make a visual with some examples of our four school rules in their categories.

There are consequences in school for not following school rules and I would like to share these with you so you can reinforce this message at home. Luckily, most children in our school follow our school rules brilliantly and consistently. Children who demonstrate good behaviour are rewarded by a whole list of rewards such as: receiving dojo points, recognition cards, star awards, hot chocolate, stickers, verbal praise, celebratory emails home, Headteacher visit, sending a child to another adult in school for additional praise, five minutes extra play, praised and celebrated during worship or assemblies.

Recently, as a staff, we have worked on our behaviour policy and clarified what consequences are given when certain behaviours are shown. We have done this because, following a pupil voice meeting, it has come to our attention that many children do not *always* understand what happens if they do not follow the rules, so we have made a child friendly visual explaining these consequences which will be shared in class and discussed in a PSHE lesson next week. You can find this visual at the end of this newsletter.

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

Which total is your child working towards? Well done to everyone!

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	

Y2 Trip to Burwardsley



Year 2 had a fantastic time on their trip to Burwardsley. They participated in a range of fun and exciting activities during their stay. They took part in a jungle survival skills session, learning how to tie a range of knots to create jungle camps. They also participated in team building games and especially enjoyed orienteering. In the evening, they enjoyed a campfire, singing songs and toasting marshmallows.

Parent Survey

Between the 8th March and the 22nd of March, a Parent/Carer survey will be made live for you to complete. This survey has been created by LDST and will hopefully provide us with valuable information from yourselves. Please could you all complete the survey. The views of parents and carers are important in helping us be the best we can be! I will send an email that will include a link and a QR code to the survey.

Wraparound Care






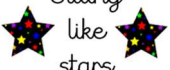
This is the booking policy for our Breakfast and Afterschool Club:

- Places for Wraparound Care must be booked using the School Money app
- Allocation of places will be on a first come first served basis
- Deadline for booking is 3.30pm on the Friday before the booking.
- Requests for new bookings may be asked for after this deadline has passed and will be considered on a case by case basis and maybe accepted if there is capacity.
- Deadline for cancellations is 3.30pm on the Friday before the booking. Cancellation in the week of the booking will be charged at the full rate unless cancellation is owing to child's absence from school due to illness
- A place cannot be guaranteed because of the strict staff/children ratios school has to comply with
- Emergency bookings will be allowed if staff/child ratios permit this

Police Visit

Earlier this week, the community Police Officers came to visit EYFS and Y1 to talk about their role in the community. The aim was for them to see that the police are their friends and are there to help people. After the talk, everyone went out to the playground, where a police vehicle was parked and the pupils were able to get into it and turn on the lights and sirens.



The Code	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<p style="text-align: center;">Rainford CE Primary School CODE OF CONDUCT</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p>Always try your best and never give up</p> </div>  </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Respect each other and each others' belongings</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p>Be honest</p>  </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p>Encourage one another</p>  </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p>Wonderful walking</p>  </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p>Find the joy</p>  </div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Sitting like stars</p>  </div>	<p>Talking in the line Talking over the teacher Tapping equipment Drawing on whiteboards Not sitting like STARS Not wonderful walking Bringing toys/sweets into school 'Play fighting' Getting out of seat during lessons</p>	<p>Second instance of not following the rules <u>or</u> a serious incident such as:</p> <p>Ignoring an adult's instruction Not lining up when the whistle is blown Pushing in the line Coming into school unattended Unkind name calling Mobile phones out on the yard Using technology inappropriately</p>	<p>Third instance of not following the rules <u>or</u> a very serious incident such as:</p> <p>Hitting/ kicking/ punching/ biting Climbing on furniture or equipment outside/ out of windows Swearing Spitting Any racism, sexism, homophobic comments or bullying Violation of privacy (in the toilets) Stealing Fighting/ barging into one another Vandalism Damaging school property Damaging others' work Inappropriate online behaviour</p>
<p>Following the school's rules at all times will help you to learn in every lesson and to earn all of our wonderful rewards!</p>	<p>A verbal warning</p>	<p>Miss 15 minutes of the next playtime</p>	<p>Miss 15 minutes of the next two playtimes</p> <p>A letter of concern home to parents/carers explaining the incident. Letter uploaded to school monitoring files</p> <p>Three letters of concern in one half term will result in a meeting with parents/carers</p>
<p>(<u>not</u> including Reception or Y1 - consequence given appropriate to their age/development)</p>			

Notes:

- Incidents involving outdoor equipment will result in a ban if using that equipment e.g. football, pogo stick, table tennis
- Children with additional needs may have their own behaviour plan that will use the above in an adapted way.

Upcoming Dates

4th March 2024

FORCES PTA Meeting at 6:30pm
at REDS Cafe

7th March 2024

World Book Day
Y3 Football Competition

8th March 2024

F.O.R.C.E.S Mother's Day Shop
Y1/2 Girls Football Competition
Y3/4 Girls Football Competition
Y5/6 Girls Football Competition
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
Rock Steady Launch
School Nurse Drop in 10am

13th March 2024

Trip to St Helens Transport Museum

15th March 2024

POKEMON Cup Day

19th March 2024

Year 4 football tournament
Y4 Easter Experience at All Saints Church

20th March 2024

Y6 Easter Experience at All Saints Church

W/c 25th March 2024

Easter Egg Displays can be brought into
school
Parents' Evening

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

Parents' evening

28th March 2024

Easter Bonnet Parade
School Closes for Spring holidays
2.30pm
Afterschool Club will finish at 4:55pm