

RAINFORD

NEWSFLASH

June 2024!

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

Our Christian value for this half term is:

Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God": Matthew 5:9



A message from Mrs Shawcross

We've all enjoyed a bit of warmer weather in school this week. It's lovely to see the children in their summer uniforms, enjoying playing out and doing more of their learning outside. The days just feels happier when the sun is shining!

What a fabulous month we have had at school. It has been a jam packed full of events: KS2 sports day; whole class Barnardo's sessions; Songfest; Y5 Quad Kids, Rainford in Bloom Nature Walk; Father's Day shop and tea party; Tri Kids, Summer Gala, and so much more!

I have come to the final stage of preparing the school budget for the next financial year and the staffing structure for the next academic year. This has now been agreed and I can let you know who will be teaching your child next year. Classes for next year are:

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Raindrops	Mrs. Garner and Miss. Willis	
Reception	Mrs. Rhodes	Mrs Byrne
Y1	Mrs. Dolan	Ms. Preston
Y2	Mrs. McVey	Miss. Smith
Y3	Miss. Jaeger	Mrs. Phillips Miss. Collins
Y4	Mrs Thompson	Miss Graham
Y5	Mrs. Rigby	Mrs Lawrenson
Y6B	Mrs Bradshaw	Mrs Dowdle Mrs Kelly
Y6G	Mrs Gallagher	Mrs Ashton

Children in Y6 will have received a letter today to inform you of which class your child is in.

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They have been told their new class for next year this afternoon. This is so they know who is in their class and what friends they are with- this is very important to them.

Transition day

I know that transitions between year groups are significantly important in the lead up to the new academic year. The whole school will spend a morning in their new class as part of transition on Friday 5th July. During the last two weeks of school, there will be other opportunities where teachers will swap classes to spend further time with the children. Staff have already completed a thorough handover of their classes and all information has been passed on. Dates for next year including our 'Parent Welcome meetings' in September will be included- transition is important for parents too! Staff are working on a handout with information you need to know beforehand that will be sent to you before we break up.

Thank you!

Thank you again for your support shown over the past few weeks, including your kind donations for our bring and buy sale. As always, we have shown what a kind and generous community we are. Your support is always greatly appreciated. When we work together, the sky is the limit.

Finally

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the incredible staff at Rainford CofE who go above and beyond what is expected of them daily. The commitment, passion and determination they show to ensure every child has the very best support and education in our school is second to none. I am sure you join me in appreciating all the effort and additional time given that goes on behind the scenes. I would also like to give an extra shout out to Mrs Rigby, Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Lawrenson and Mrs Kelly, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Dowdle and Mr Johnson, who supervised the Y6 and Y4 pupils during their residential trips this week, kindly giving up their own time with their families.

Summer is Here

Please ensure your child has a hat and water bottle. Sunscreen should be applied before school. We would recommend the 8 hour cream that is applied once and lasts throughout the day.



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Key Messages

Website

I am working closely with School Spider to redesign our school website. If there is anything you need that cannot be found on the website at the moment, please contact the school office and we will provide via email. We are looking forward to launching our new website in September!

Helping Hands Plans

Children who have Helping Hands Plans will have received their plan this week that have been co-written with their current teacher and teacher for next year. Please email sen.rainford@ldst.org.uk if you have not yet received this.

New School Rule

Results are in!

The children have worked together in classes to decide on a NEW school rule. Our 3 school rules were decided as staff 12 months ago and we think the children should be involved too!

They were given some examples to help them but they could also come up with their own:



Each class have chosen a rule and the winner was a majority with...

Be yourself!



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Wrap Around Care

We are receiving a high demand of calls on a Monday requesting children to be booked onto afterschool that evening. This is causing issues with staffing and buying in enough food as we don't wish to turn anyone away. We know how important this service is to our families. We have decided to keep bookings open until 6:00pm on Fridays for this reason. Please book on by that time for the following week.

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Y6 Leavers Service at Liverpool Cathedral

Our Y6 children were invited to Liverpool Cathedral along with other Church of England schools across Liverpool Diocese. This special service takes place every year for Y6 children to celebrate their primary school journey and bless them as they move onto new pastures. It was great to see the cathedral full of so many children and their families! The cathedral ran out of chairs which is no mean feat for the largest cathedral in the country. A huge thankyou to all the staff and parents who were able to go and support.

The important thing for the education team that led the service is that the children enjoyed themselves and took away something that will help them with their relationship with God, either now or in the future. This years' service, based on the early life of David, had a few important messages not just for the pupils but also for the adults that attended. One that resonated with our children was that:

David, young though he was, defeated Goliath because he relied on God. (1 Samuel 17:45)



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Tri Kids



What a FABULOUS two days' worth of exercise and learning! The Trikidz aim is to deliver triathlon coaching in primary schools throughout the North West to encourage children to be active and enjoy multisport. It was great fun and the children loved it! **To begin the event, we had a school Olympic parade round the hall to the Olympic anthem!**

The children learnt about the different stages that make up a triathlon and were given the chance to swim, cycle and run. They then had a race at the end of the session, where they took part in a whole class triathlon! Above is our school certificate we received from Tri Kidz. We scored a total of 6/10 medals collectively as a school. Next time they return, we know our score to beat!

The children showed so much respect to the instructors and will hopefully be inspired to one day take part in a triathlon race!



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Many of our parents are aware of the mental health support we receive in school. Emma Stewart is our mental health nurse who has worked with many of our children. Emma would like to share an event during the summer that can be accessed by our school. Please see below:



You are invited to join us at our St Helens Mental Health Support Team Summer Participation Event

Totally Wicked Stadium, Peasley Cross Lane, WA9
Wednesday 7 August, from 9:30am until 1pm.

On the day, you will complete our service questionnaires and provide feedback. You will then be able to watch the rugby players train and meet some of them afterwards. Parents and siblings are also welcome to attend, please state how many spaces are required in your email.



To book a place, please email events@merseycare.nhs.uk and include the child's name, age and school.

About Emma

My name is Emma Stewart and I am an Educational Mental Health Practitioner as part of the St. Helens Mental Health Support Team. I work within your child's school to support good mental health and wellbeing for all young people, in line with the Government Green paper 'Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision' (2017). Our aim is to promote good mental health, support teachers, pupils, and parents with any specific needs, teach tools and skills, offer resources and advice, and embed a positive attitude and ethos towards mental health within the schools that I support.

I have a background in Primary teaching and taught for many years through KS1 and Early Years in the St. Helens Local Authority, which led to my interest and passion for supporting young people with their wellbeing and holistic development.

I have two children of my own and a Labrador, all of whom keep me busy in my spare time. We love to spend our time walking, exploring new places and having family days out adventuring.

I look forward to meeting you and hopefully being able to help or support if needed in the future!

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Upcoming Dates

30th June 2024

Education Sunday

1st July 2024

Year 5 trip to National Justice Museum

PTA F.O.R.C.E.S meeting at REDS Café at 6:30pm

3rd July 2024

Trust Charity Day

Year 1 & 2 Multiskills

5th July 2024

Whole school transition
(including Year 6 to high school)

Year 6 Leavers Event 5:30pm to 7:30pm

8th July 2024

Library Service Assembly

9th July 2024

Year 6 Play at the Church Hall
More info to follow

Y6 SAT results sent home

10th July 2024

Rock Steady Concert 10:00am

11th July 2024

Year 6 interschool athletics

Year 6 Play at the Church Hall
More info to follow

12th July 2024

Y1/2 Trip to the beach!
FORCES Bingo night

12th July 2024

Reports sent home

15th July

Raindrop Stay and Play 2:30pm

19th July

Y6 Leavers Assembly 9:30am



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