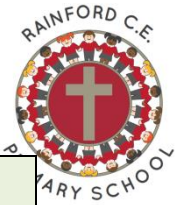


## RAINFORD NEWSFLASH –October 2021



***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***

### **Note from Mrs Richardson**

On the last newsletter, I welcomed everyone back to school for what we hoped was more ‘normal’ school life. It hasn’t turned out that way unfortunately due to the higher than expected prevalence of Covid-19 in our school community. However, we have now returned to mixing on the playground and Years 5 and 6 have returned to sets in the mornings. Thank you for all your support.

After half term, we will restart whole school assemblies again. We plan to start Junior Choir and to welcome Zumba back to school for the first time in 18 months which will be wonderful to see.

### **Children in Need**

We will be having an Own Clothes Day on 12<sup>th</sup> November for Children in Need. Money should be donated via School Money please.

### **School Photographer**

John Hunt Photography will be at school on 25<sup>th</sup> November for individual and siblings photographs.

### **School Crossing Patrol**

St Helens Council are currently trying to recruit a replacement for Ruth. We will keep you informed of their progress. In the meantime, please continue to help your child cross safely.

### **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 or white socks/tights;
- school shoes (not trainers).

**PE Kit** – red shorts, plain white top (no logos) and pumps

**Outdoor PE Kit:** black jogging bottoms and black sweatshirt top (no logos), plain white top and trainers.

### **Parking**

We have been informed that Derby Arms carpark will be open for parents to park in at drop off and pick up times. We are very grateful to them for their help.

### **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.

### Film Nights

Unfortunately, we had to cancel some film nights due to Covid-19 this half term. Those have been rearranged in January.

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

Y2 Fri 12<sup>th</sup> November

Y1 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> November

Rec Fri 26<sup>th</sup> November

Y6 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> January

Y5 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Y4 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Y3 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January

### Polite Reminders

Water bottles in class should only contain water. Children can bring juice if they wish in their lunch boxes. Break time snacks should be healthy. Chocolate bars can be sent in lunch boxes but not for snack. Thank you.

### Upcoming Dates

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

School Closed for inset day

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

School Opens after holidays  
C9 swimming (on Mondays for 8 weeks)

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Non uniform day for Children in Need (donations via School Money)

Y2 Film Night 5pm-7pm

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Reception and Y6 height and weight checks

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Y1 Film Night 5pm-7pm

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November

John Hunt Photography  
Individual and Siblings photographs

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Non uniform day for Christmas Fair. Donations for Tombola to Class teachers please (more info to follow)  
Reception Film Night 5pm-7pm

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Flu Vaccinations

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Choir at Christmas Tree  
Festival opening 10am  
Christmas Fair 5pm

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Dinner and  
Christmas Jumper Day

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Raindrops and Reception  
Christmas Party

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Christingle Service at All Saints  
Church, Rainford (2:30pm &  
4:30pm)

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10am

Y2 Nativity Performance

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**2pm**

Y2 Nativity Performance

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Y3/4 Christmas Party

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Y5/6 Christmas Party

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Rainford CE Talent Show  
2:30pm – School Closes for  
Christmas holidays  
Afterschool Club will close at  
4:55pm