



The Saint Raphael's News

Summer 2 June 2019

John 20:22:

Jesus breathed on them and said 'Receive the Holy Spirit'



ANOTHER BUSY HALF TERM! The children had a busy Summer Term 1 with lots to be proud of. Highlights have included:

- **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** The children journey celebrated a beautiful Mass for their First Holy Communion. Thank you to everyone, both in school and in the parish, who contributed to make this such a special celebration. Thank you to Father Philip, Miss Taylor and Mrs Kirkpatrick for leading the programme. 
- **WILLOW WOOD FLOWER FESTIVAL:** We were delighted to take part in the annual Flower Festival. The display looked beautiful and some of the children made lovely Willow Pattern paper plates to further enhance our display. Thank you to everyone who helped or supported this event.
- **VE DAY CELEBRATION** Year 4 had a lovely celebration of VE Day with food and dancing. Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate with them.
- Year 1 had a wonderful '**PARTY ON THE MOON**' to celebrate their enjoyment of the book they had been reading.
- **NETBALL TOURNAMENT:** The netballers played well at the Tournament and proudly represented St Raphael's - well done!
- **GOLD HEALTHY SCHOOLS PROJECT-** St Raphael's have been awarded the gold level from the Tameside healthy schools project. Well done to all the children and staff who have worked hard to achieve this.
- **SUMMER PICTURE BOOK PROJECT** Each class will be reading a picture book in the summer term and will be completing cross-curricular work on these. Look out for the displays on these books.

SATS 2019

SATS: Well done to the children in Year 2 and Year 6 who have completed their SATS tests last half term. They all worked really hard and approached the tests with a great attitude. Results will be reported in the School Reports being sent home in July.

PHONICS SCREENING: The Year 1 children have completed their Phonics Screening test during the week beginning Monday 10th June. The test is statutory and involves each child sitting with Mrs Neale and reading 40 words, some of which are real words and some are nonsense. The test checks their ability to 'decode' words - to break words down into the sounds that make them up and say the word. Nonsense words are included to ensure that the children have to decode the words to be able to read them and not simply recognise or remember them. The results will be reported to parents when the children's reports are sent home in July.

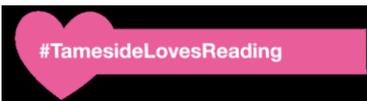
FRIENDS OF ST RAPHAEL'S MEETING: As requested, our last Parent workshop of this year takes place as follows:

- Maths written Calculations workshop run by Mr Matthews on Monday 17th June at 6pm. All are welcome although the content will be most applicable to KS2 pupils.

SWIMMING: A reminder that the children in Year 5 and Year 6 will have Swimming lessons every Tuesday afternoon until the end of the summer term.

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SUMMER TERM 2 EVENTS



#TamesideLovesReading

The children will be enjoying and writing poetry in school as part of a Poetry Competition which *Tameside loves Reading* is promoting. The theme is 'Places.' We will publish some of the poems on our school website.

Outdoor field project: Our work on the school field continues. The area is now level and over the summer the grass will be seeded there. We hope to be able to use the area in September. More details of this exciting project will follow in September.



STAFFING NEWS: We send our congratulations to Miss Wilson and her family on the birth of her baby daughter. We also send congratulations to Mrs Shields who is expecting a baby in October. We are currently in the process of recruiting a teacher to cover her Maternity leave and will keep you informed.

SCHOOL REPORTS Reports will be sent home on 12th July. A drop-in session will be available on 15th July after school from 3.30pm-5.30pm should you have any questions about the reports. Please let your child's teacher know if you wish to see them on the drop-in evening.

MISSION TOGETHER: Following Mrs Murphy from Mission Together visit if you would like to donate then please return your collection box to school by July 12th 2019. As we learnt at the assembly 'small change can make a big change.' Thank you for your support with this.

CURRICULUM AT ST RAPHAEL'S: The Summer 2 half term overviews were sent home last week so that you can see the key themes that the children will be learning about. They are also available on the website.

OTHER FAITHS' WEEK: Each year the children have three weeks set aside to learn about specific, non-Christian, world faiths. This half term the children will be learning about Hinduism.

NEW CHILDREN MEETING: The meeting for parents of the new Nursery and Reception children who will join our school in September 2019 will take place on Tuesday 2nd July at 6.00pm. This is an exciting time when our children embark on their first steps in full time education and the foundation stage team will be available to discuss any questions you may have.

Following this - on Thursday 4th July - there will be an opportunity for the new Reception children to spend a morning in class and have lunch in school (no charge). The details for the induction of the Nursery pupils will be discussed at the new parents' meeting.

SPORTS DAY: This year we have planned for the sports Day to take place on Thursday 11th July with Nursery and Reception in the morning and Years 1 to 6 in the afternoon.

The children are asked to wear their school PE kit but may substitute the school t-shirt for one in their own house colour.

ROCK AND RIVER RESIDENTIAL TRIP 2019: The Rock and River trip for Year 5 and 6 is fast approaching. We have a meeting to share the final arrangements on Monday 8th July at 3.30pm. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact school. Please also be reminded the trip must be paid in full by Friday 21st June 2018.

OTHER TRIP NEWS: It is a busy time with the children participating in school trips. Last half term Foundation Stage had a great day at Chester Zoo. Year 1 and 2 are soon to visit Lyme Park and Year 4 are going to be evacuees for the day at the East Lancashire Railway.

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YEAR 6 PRODUCTION! The children of Year 5 & 6 are busily getting ready for their production in the final week of term. Keep Tuesday 16th July in your diary when the children will perform in the afternoon at 1.45pm and in the evening at 6.30pm. It is sure to be a fantastic production when the children show their immense talents.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' DAY: On Monday 22nd July the children in Year 6 will be out of school enjoying a day of fun with their friends and teachers as they prepare to move on from St Raphael's. This has become an annual celebration in the school's calendar of events and will be followed in the evening with a Leavers' Mass for the children in the School Chapel at 6.00pm. The day will be non-uniform, but we ask that the children wear their uniform for the evening Mass.

SUMMER STARTS HERE: On the same day - Monday 22nd July - we also have our Summer Starts Here Day for all the children from Nursery to Year 5. This will be a non-uniform day with the children in House Colours, we celebrate this to reward the children for their hard work, great behavior and dedication to school over the past year.

SUMMER RAMBLE: On Friday 12th July, the children will be taking part in our annual Summer Ramble. The Year 6 children plan this and we ask that the children bring a £1.00 donation in support of the outdoor learning project. Thank you for your support with this. Foundation Stage will ramble around the school grounds, Year 1 and 2 will do a short morning walk, while Key Stage 2 go on a longer route in the afternoon.

CARRBROOK SUMMER FETE: Saturday 13th July, Noon-4.00pm: Is a great day out for the local community on Woodview in Carrbrook Village. Children from St Raphael's are entering the art and poetry competition for the Fete.

CASHLESS SCHOOL - THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

SCHOOL MEALS: Please ensure for children in nursery and years 3-6. school meals are paid for regularly on the Tameside website. A new half termly letter will be emailed home with details on how you pay for school meals and the cost for the half term.

SCHOOLMONEY: Please ensure you are up to date with payments on SchoolMoney - particularly breakfast club and wraparound fees as you may find you have outstanding payments. Again, a new half termly letter will be emailed home with details on how you pay using SchoolMoney.

CONTACT DETAILS: All of the online systems we use for Text Messaging, Email, Parents Evening, SchoolMoney rely on school having the correct mobile number and email for your primary contact. In addition, we also need this to make sure we can reach you in an emergency. If you have changed any details recently please let the school office know.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES: The final class assembly for this academic year will be this Friday (21st June 2019) where our Nursery and Reception children will lead their class assembly.

ATTENDANCE: Please continue to maintain the children's good attendance at school. Good attendance is essential for all children so that they make their expected progress. Every Friday morning Miss Southworth will report on attendance in Praise assembly and give out 100% badges to classes to put on their attendance bears. Our target for this academic year is 97%.

REUBEN'S RETREAT: Two of the year 6 pupils have been raising money for Rueben's Retreat this week by a 'Guess the Name of the Teddy' competition. They have raised £21.00 to donate to this excellent cause.

PARKING: Thank you for your co-operation and consideration when parking near school. Please take care when dropping children off or collecting children from school. Parking is available on the church car-park and at Revive Church, please take care when crossing the road. Parking is not permitted on the school driveway and we ask you to park safely on the main road.

EYFS PLAYGROUND: Please could we politely ask parents when dropping off in a morning that the children do not use the equipment that we have set out for the day's activities. In addition, we ask that children do not use the climbing frame before or after school hours for health and safety reasons.

PARISH MASSES: the timetable for this half term is below. The Thursday school Mass will be at 10.00am and all are welcome to join us in the chapel.

Date	Mass Class	Date	Mass Class
Thursday 20th June	No Mass	Thursday 11th July	Mass Year 4
Thursday 27 th June	No Mass	Thursday 18th July	Mass Year 5
Thursday 4 th July	Mass Year 3	Monday 22 nd July	Leavers' Mass

St Peter's and Raphael's Church, Castle Hall Close, weekend masses are on Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 11.00am. If you wish to contact Father Philip, his phone number is 0161 338 2575.

WATER BOTTLES: Hopefully the warmer weather will return and when it does the children may bring in a bottle of water from home to have in class. We have discussed this in school and at our FOSR meetings and as such have ordered school branded water bottles which can be purchased from School. This is something which we have.

The bottles will have space for your child's name and can be brought to school every day. The cost to school of the bottles is 95p and we will be selling these at £1.50 with the proceeds going into School Fund towards the purchase of the second set of Ipad's.

If you would like your child to have a bottle please purchase one from the school office or send £1.50 in a clearly labelled envelope for your child to come and collect one at morning breaktime.

The water bottles will need to be taken home and cleaned each evening or at the end of a full week.

SCHOOL DIARY

PLEASE USE THE CURRENT NEWSLETTER AS DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO SLIGHT ALTERATIONS.

June 2019		
Monday 17 th	Parents' Workshop Maths Written Calculations	6.00pm
Tuesday 18 th	Full Governing Board Meeting	5.00pm
Thursday 20 th	Year 5 LPA Mass @ St Paul's Church, Hyde (Details to follow)	10.00am
Friday 21 st	EYFS Assembly	9.05am
Thursday 27 th	Bookstart in Nursery	9.15am

July 2019		
Tuesday 2 nd	New Parents' Meeting for Nursery and Reception children	6.00pm
Thursday 4 th	Taster Day for New Reception children Year 6 Induction Days at Secondary Schools	8.45am All Day
Friday 5 th	Year 6 Induction Days at Secondary Schools	All Day
Monday 8 th	Design and Technology Week Healthy Schools Week Freddie Fit Day Rock and River Residential for Year 5 & 6 Parents' Meeting	All week All Week All Day 3.30pm
Tuesday 9 th	Year 5 Experience Day @All Saints Catholic College	Details to follow
Thursday 11 th	Sports Day	See Newsletter
Friday 12 th	Summer Ramble Reports out to parents	See Newsletter 3.15pm
Monday 15 th	Parents' Drop in following reports	3.30-5.30pm
Tuesday 16 th	Year 5 & 6 Production	1.45pm & 6.30pm
Wednesday 17 th	Year 5 go to Rock and River	AM
Thursday 18 th	Year 6 go to Rock and River and Year 5 return	AM/PM
Friday 19 th	Year 6 return from Rock and River	PM
Monday 22 nd	Summer Starts Here - Non-Uniform Year 6 Leavers' Day - Non-Uniform Leavers' Mass - Uniform	All Day All Day 6.00pm
Tuesday 23 rd	School closes for summer	1.30pm

September 2019		
Tuesday 3 rd	School re-opens for new academic year	8.45am
	Meet the Teacher	3.30pm and

End of Year Letter from Headteacher and School Office: July 2019

Next Newsletter: September 2019

Thank you for your continued support throughout this school year.
I wish you a restful and happy Summer holiday.

As always if you have any questions or wish to speak to a member of staff please get in touch with school.

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