



ST RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friends of St Raphael's – Spring Term Newsletter 2018

We are delighted to announce the Friends of St Raphael's Easter Fundraising events for the Spring Term. These events will build on the strong community and Parish relationships we have whilst raising funds to deliver enrichment activities and achieve our one big fundraising goal for this academic year.

For 2017-2018 academic year our one big goal is to fundraise to replace the class set of iPad's we have in school which are now 4 years old and in need of upgrading to ensure we can support the children in the best way possible.

Lenten Fundraising – Willow Wood Hospice

The Year 6 children are leading our Lenten Fundraising project in school and will be selling Easter Flumpets on behalf of Willow Wood Hospice.



These will be available from the 15th March in school at £1.50 each – we have enough for every child to buy one each but in the last week of term (WC 26.03.18) children may buy more if they wish!

We have already received a Bronze Star for the fundraising work we do in support of the Hospice as part of their shining starts programme and are now aiming for a Silver award.



Easter Egg Bingo!

We will be holding Easter Egg Bingo in Retreat Week for the Children in School. This will take place on Tuesday 27th March 2018. If you would like your child to play please send £1.00 in a clearly labelled envelope.

All the children in School are also asked to bring a donation of an Easter Egg in support of the event – this is to ensure that all our winners receive a prize, but also that every child in school comes home with an Easter Egg at the end of the day!

EYFS will be playing their Bingo in the morning, with KS1 and KS2 playing their Bingo in the afternoon. If any parents would like to volunteer to help in the afternoon at this event please let the school office know.

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Family Easter Quiz

In retreat week we will be sending home our first St Raphael's Family Quiz! If you want to take part please complete the quiz at home over the holidays and return it to school in the first week back. The closing date for entries will be Friday 13th April!



The entry fee for the Quiz will be £1.00 per completed entry and family prizes will be awarded to the top three scores. Please look out for this in the last week and have fun!



First Holy Communion Breakfast

In recent years staff and parents from St Raphael's have supported the First Holy Communion programme by providing a breakfast and refreshments after the Service in the Parish Hall.

Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Heywood lead on the organisation of this and if any parents would like to volunteer to help at the breakfast it would be greatly appreciated, please let the office know. This year's service is on Saturday 19th May 2018 at St Peter's Church. The service is at 10.00am and we require helpers before and/or after the service.

Mental Health & Resilience – MIND Support



As part of our wellbeing support within school we have been working with MIND. Over the past 6 months pupils, staff and parents forum have participated in shaping a mental health and wellbeing programme at St Raphael's. Recently the MIND team have been into school working with years 5 and 6 on transition and providing a workshop for parents.

MIND also offer The Hive, which is a safe space for children and young people to visit and get involved in activities or access help for issues or problems in their lives. The Hive is open every Wednesday between 4.00pm-8.00pm for children aged 8-10, please visit www.togmind.org/youth-in-mind/services/8-10-the-hive.



DATES FOR THE DIARY!

Woodland Trust Tree Planting – Thursday 22nd March 2018, 2.00pm
Next Parents Forum/Friends of St Raphael's Meeting – Wednesday 2nd May at 6.00pm.
Everyone is welcome!

We will have further events to announce for the Summer Term and will write to you after Easter with more details!

Thank you in advance for your support,

The Friends of St Raphael's

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