

The Saint Raphael's News

16th July 2023 / 15th Sunday

'Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit' Matthew 13:8



We have arrived at the last few days of the academic year. The term has been full of wonderful events and trips for the children. The whole year has been a very busy and successful one at St Raphael's. There have been lots of things to celebrate and to be proud of. I would like to take this opportunity to offer thanks to our whole community.

Firstly, our **pupils** who have been amazing in their attitude, behaviour and hard work this year. The children live the values of St Raphael's every day. I am sure you are as proud of the children as we are for their brilliant achievements this year.

I would also like to thank all our **parents, carers and extended families** for their support this year in everything that we do at school.

On behalf of the school community I would like to thank **Father Philip and Deacon Antony** for their continued support and help this year.

Also the **Governors** for their support and commitment to St Raphael's. I would like to thank Mrs Bardsley, our chair of Governors for all her help and support. I would also extend my thanks to Mrs Clare Stewart who has been a governor here for many years and has stepped down as foundation governor. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and contributions to the life of St Raphael's over many years.

Finally, I would like to thank **Mr Matthews and all the staff** who work tirelessly to make St Raphael's the special place that it is.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS: The Year 6 Leavers' Play Shakespeare Rocks was brilliant and showed the talents and confidence of our pupils. Well done to all involved in making this such a success. The Leavers' Mass will take place in school on Thursday 20th July at 2pm. All are welcome. The Leavers' Assembly will take place on Friday 21st July at 9.10am. All are welcome although due to time there will not be certificates for each class and achievements from outside of school will be celebrated in class.

The whole community sends love, prayers and best wishes to our Year 6 pupils as they leave us and begin life at their secondary schools. They have been an amazing set of pupils that it has been our privilege to teach and to see grow into the brilliant young people they are today. We are immensely proud of you and know that you will continue to flourish and succeed at your new schools. We will miss you and thank you for everything that you have done at St Raphael's.

We also say goodbye to a number of families this year as our Year 6 pupils leave. These families have contributed to life at St Raphael's in a variety of ways over many years and I would like to thank you for all that you have done. You will always be a part of the St Raphael's family.

END OF YEAR RESULTS: The children have worked really hard this year and we are delighted with the excellent results that they have achieved. The results from EYFS, phonics screening, Tables Test, KS1 and KS2 tests all far exceed both Tameside and National averages once again. Well done to everyone, staff and pupils, for these tremendous results. We are so proud of their achievements and full details on our results will follow once verified by the DFE in the Autumn Term and will be displayed on the school website.

READING BOOKS: Please could we ask that any school reading books are returned to school before the summer holidays.

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INSPIRE SUMMER CAMPS: Inspire Active who work with our children at lunchtimes in school have Summer Camps available. These are being held at St Raphael's and bookings can be made via the link below.

They will be offering a range of sports, fun games, activities, treasure hunts, cheerleading and much more.

<https://inspire-sports-coaching.classforkids.io/>



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE The Summer Reading Challenge run by Tameside libraries is running again this year and I know that lots of our pupils have enjoyed taking part in this in previous years. The theme this year is Ready, set, read and there are lots of activities planned at Tameside libraries.

GARDEN COMPETITION: We have enjoyed being involved in a garden project and competition with Reach Church. Neave in Year 6 won the competition, and we went to see the garden which is beautiful. Thanks to Mrs Chadwick at Reach for her work with this.



STAFFING NEWS: We send our thanks and best wishes to Mrs Blay as she leaves to take up a new job. We wish to thank her for all her hard work and St Raphael's over many years. We also say thank you and best wishes to Miss Smith who has worked in our reception class this year. We welcome Miss Unsworth as she takes up a permanent role at St Raphael's.

The staffing arrangements for next Year are in the table below:

Class	Teachers	TAs
FS1	Mrs S McLeod	Mrs Z Wells
FS2	Mrs C Shields and Mrs K Neale	Mrs C Melville-Terry
Y1	Miss C Taylor	Mrs J Stevenson
Y2	Mrs S Murphy	Miss G Unsworth
Y3	Miss L Wilson	Mrs C Tortoishell
Y4	Mrs J Lee	Mrs M Rankin
Y5	Miss G Pollitt	Mrs K Stoddard
Y6	Mr D Matthews	Miss L Gavin
<p>Mrs K Neale will teach in Year 3 on Mondays Mrs G Southworth Inclusion and Family Liaison Manager Mrs C Tortoishell will work in KS 1 and KS 2 doing intervention and support work. She will also be focusing on nurture clubs and outdoor sessions in our outdoor classroom area. Miss Sellers will teach in Year 6 on Mondays</p>		

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SCHOOL UNIFORM: We know that parents will be purchasing school uniform during the summer holidays ahead of the Autumn Term. Our children always look smart in their uniform. The list of school uniform is below, and I would like to draw your attention in particular to the following;

- Our uniform is black school shoes not trainers or trainer style shoes, not boots please- thank you for your support with this
- In PE children will need plain, navy blue PE shorts not cycling shorts or skorts please.
- Black pumps will be worn for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor PE only.
- Extreme hairstyles, tram lines and dyed hair are not permitted.
- Jewellery, apart from watches, is also not permitted this includes no ear piercings even if covered with plasters or retainers.

Winter Uniform - Autumn Term

- Grey Skirt / Pinafore / Trousers.
- Y1-Y6 - Plain Blue Shirt.
- Y1-Y6 - Blue and Yellow Tie - Rip Tape / Clip or Traditional.
- EYFS - Plain Blue Polo Shirt / School Branded Polo Shirt.
- School Branded Blue Jumper / Cardigan

Footwear

- Sensible, closed toe, black shoes only.
- Boots /Trainers /Heels are not allowed.

PE Kit - Reception to Year 6

- Indoor - Navy Blue PE Shorts, School Branded Blue PE T-Shirt and Black Pumps.
- Outdoor - Years 1-6 - Navy Tracksuit/Sweatshirt/Jogging Bottoms, School Branded Blue PE T-shirt and Trainers.
- Children also need a PE bag which is clearly marked with their name.

School Bags

- Reception Class and Year's 1-4 use a school book bag as their schoolbag.
- Year's 5 and 6 may use their own schoolbag.

Details of the full uniform and stockists can be found on the school website [here](#).

Finally, thank you again for all the support that you have given to your children and to school this year. I hope that you and your families stay safe and well during the summer holidays and enjoy lots of family time. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school on the email address below.

**School closes at 1.30pm on Friday 21st July 2023.
All children will need to be collected by an adult please.
School re-opens on Monday 4th September 2023.**

With best wishes and prayers,
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(Headteacher)

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END OF YEAR MESSAGES FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE:

As we reach the end of the academic year;

- Please ensure any outstanding monies are paid via School Money. Any outstanding monies after this time will remain on SchoolMoney. In addition, any remaining credit will also transfer. Payments are collected online at [SchoolMoney](#).
- Please ensure all payments for Before & After school provision are up to date and any vouchers have been transferred to the end of July. Any debts of 1 month or more may result in your place being paused. Payments are collected online at [SchoolMoney](#).
- Please ensure any outstanding dinner monies are paid by the end of term online at [Tameside](#).
- School Meals in September will start new on day 1, therefore if you are planning on changing this is the best time to do so as after this day the standard two weeks' notice is required. School meals are priced at £2.68 per day currently but this may increase from 1st September 2023.
- The menu for school meals from September can be found [here](#).
- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still receive a free meal each day under the UIFSM initiative.
- Children moving into year 3 must now pay for school meals online at [Tameside](#)
- If you think you may be eligible for a benefits related Free School Meals please check the criteria and apply online [here](#).
- Nursery Wraparound and 30 Hours Childcare will start from W/C 4th September 2023 for **existing children** and the 11th September for all **new children**. Please make sure you have renewed your 30 hour eligibility code before 31.08.2023. All parents need to sign the parental declarations, these will be done in the first few weeks.
- Please return any B&A booking forms of Autumn Term 1 along with a signed copy of the revised terms and conditions by Friday 21st July 2023, or at the very latest Thursday 31st August 2023. B&A Bookings received after this date may not be processed immediately and therefore, we cannot guarantee places in the first week of the new term. Forms are available [here](#).
- The B&A agreement is required from every pupil at the start of each academic year, we ask parents to read this carefully, particularly in relation to cancellations, additional bookings and a new late collection penalty which will be applied from 1st September 2023.
- For any other information please visit the school website where you will find the school prospectus and pages on all aspects of school life including links to external information where available.

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