

The Saint Raphael's News

W/E 20th October 2023 / 28th Sunday, Year A, Matthew 22:1-14 'Many are called but few are chosen'



END OF AUTUMN TERM 1: At the end of the first half term the children have made a wonderful start to the new school year. They have settled really well into their new classes and are working hard. We are very proud of the way that the children come into school every day ready to learn and ready to fulfil the Gospel values at the heart of our school life. We had a lovely end to the half term today with a virtual poetry workshop from the poet Ian Bland. The children had great fun listening and doing the actions as he read his poems and then wrote poems of their own. This was part of our work celebrating National Poetry Day. Thank you to Mrs Murphy for organizing this.

YEAR 6 LEADERS: Our Year 6 all have their leadership roles now and are approaching these with great enthusiasm.

ST RAPHAEL'S DAY AND PRESENTATION OF RECEPTION CLASS BY THEIR BUDDIES: Thank you to everyone who made St Raphael's Day such a special celebration. We welcomed the reception children to St Raphael's as they were each presented by their buddies.

CATHOLIC LIFE: Thank you for sharing the October Rosary books with the children. The worship leaders in Year 6 have also planned and led collective worship on the theme of October the month of the Holy Rosary in all classes.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: The Sacramental Programme for the current year 3 children will start after Christmas. More information will follow after the half term holiday when we will send a letter out for families to enrol their child on the Sacramental Programme.

The dates below are for the current Year 3 children.

Enrolment Meeting 16th January, 2024 @3.30pm in the school hall

Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesday, 28th February, 2024 @ 6pm
St Peter's and St Raphael's Church

Sacrament of First Holy Communion Saturday 11th May, 2024 @ 10am
St Peter's and St Raphael's Church

PARENTS' EVENINGS: Tuesday 7th November and Wednesday 8th November 2023. This is an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher and to look at your child's work. Links to book your appointments online have been sent out. Bookings will close on Monday 30th October.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: Thank you for your donations of cakes and for attending the MacMillan Coffee Morning. The total raised was an amazing £700- thank you to everyone for their help. Thank you to Miss Taylor for organising this event.

HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - FINAL REMINDER: The deadline for submitting your applications for High School for Year 6 children is fast approaching. Applications are done online via the Tameside Admissions portal. The deadline for applications is the **31st October 2023**. All applications must be made online and are managed by Tameside Council - <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions>

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RECEPTION ADMISSIONS: The Tameside Admissions Portal will open for applications to Reception for September 2024 on 1st November and closes on 15th January 2024. Further information is available at <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions>. The school is holding an **open morning on Wednesday 22nd November** between 9.15am and 11.00am for prospective parents and their children and all are welcome.

HARVEST: Thank you for your donations for the Harvest collection. Year 6 led our Harvest Assembly beautifully. The food will be given to Barty's Foodbank in Stalybridge.

SPORTS: Well done to all the children who have represented St Raphael's so wonderfully in various sporting events this half term. Thank you also to Miss Wilson, Mr Williams and all staff and parents who have helped with these events.



POPPY APPEAL: We will be selling Poppies after half term on behalf of the Royal British Legion Annual Poppy Appeal. The children will be able to purchase a poppy for a small donation if they wish to.

EARRINGS: Please could we remind parents that in line with our Uniform policy earrings and retainers are not permitted in school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

FRUIT AT BREAKTIMES: Children in classes Reception, 1 and 2 receive free fruit daily from the Government scheme. Children in any class can bring a snack for breaktime but this needs to be fruit please not a cereal bar or fruit winder. Thank you for your help with this.

NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS: Intrahealth will again be carrying out the Nasal Flu Vaccination programme at St Raphael's on **Wednesday 1st November 2023**. Thank you for your support in returning the consent forms, these have now been collected by Intrahealth and only children who have returned a consent form will receive the vaccination in school. Nursery age children are not included in the programme and you should consult with your own GP should you wish your child to receive a vaccine.

PARKING: Please could we ask that parents do not park in the Millbrook Apartments car park in front of school. We have had a complaint from the residents. Please park either on the church carpark or on Reach Church car park.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS: More details about Christmas activities for the children will follow in the Christmas Newsletter which will be sent home after half term. However, dates for nativities and other events are in the diary list below.

Thank you for all your support during this half term. Have a lovely half term break. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact school.

With best wishes and prayers,

Mrs Lynn Lakner (Headteacher)

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DIARY DATES

Further details and arrangements for all Christmas Events will follow in the Christmas Newsletter!

OCTOBER 2023		
Thursday 19 th	School Closes for Half Term	3.15pm
Friday 20 th	Staff INSET Day	All day
Monday 30 th	School Opens	8.45am-8.55am
NOVEMBER 2023		
Wednesday 1 st	Nasal Flu Vaccinations	AM
Tuesday 7 th & Wednesday 8 th	Parents' Evening	3.30pm-6.00pm
Friday 10 th	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 5	9.05am
Monday 13 th	Anti-bullying Week - Theme Make a noise about bullying	All week
Wednesday 22 nd	Open Morning for prospective Nursery and Reception parents	9.15am-11.00am
DECEMBER 2023		
Friday 1 st	Non-Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations for Fair - Thank You	All Day
Sunday 3 rd	First Sunday of Advent (Quiet Liturgies will be held in school during Advent)	
Tuesday 5 th	Non Uniform Day - Bottle Donations for Fair - Thank You	All day
Wednesday 6 th	EYFS - Nursery & Reception Nativity	9.15am
Thursday 7 th	Christmas Fair in school	3.30pm
Monday 11 th	Bikeability - Year 6 Day 1	All day
Tuesday 12 th	Bikeability - Year 6 Day 2	All day
Tuesday 12 th	Christmas Dinner	Lunch time
Wednesday 13 th	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play	2pm & 6pm
Thursday 14 th	Mass to celebrate Advent Whole school	9.15am
Tuesday 19 th	Party Day - Non -Uniform Day Party Dinner	All day Lunchtime
Thursday 15 th	Mass to celebrate Advent Whole school	10.00am
Wednesday 20 th	School Closes	3.15pm
JANUARY 2024		
Thursday 4 th	School opens	8.45-8.55am

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