

The Saint Raphael's News

Spring 2 March 2024/ John 3:16

"God loved the world so much that He gave his only son"



CATHOLIC LIFE

LENT: We are continuing our journey through Lent in school. The Year 6 Worship Leaders have led each class in a Lenten collective worship service. Also the worship leaders are opening the chapel at 8.30am each Wednesday for prayer and reflection time during this special time of the Year.

Our main charity event for Lent will be the Bunny Hop for Willow Wood Hospice in Ashton. You have received a separate letter outlining plans for this event on Tuesday, 26th March.

We are also holding a Cake Sale with proceeds going to CAFOD on Monday 25th March

More details of Easter Retreat week activities will follow soon.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: The children celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week with great reverence. They are now preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Thank you to Father Philip and Deacon Antony for their constant help and support with this.

The key date is:

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

We are looking forward to celebrating with families these special occasions in the life of our children and our school and parish.

Parish Masses - Please see the parish website for the most up to date information on services at St Peter's and Raphael's Church. If you wish to contact Father Philip his phone number is 0161 338 2575.

MARIST CENTRE: As part of their Lenten journey the Year 6 pupils attended a retreat day at the Marist Centre in Manchester last week. We were very proud of the children as they took part in drama, prayer and reflection activities.

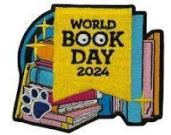
YOUNG VOICES: The children from Year 5 and 6 who participated in the Young Voices concert at the AO Arena in Manchester did an amazing performance. Well done to them- we were very proud of them. Thank you to Miss Gavin for organising this and preparing the children so well.

EYFS COFFEE MORNING: On Wednesday 10th March at 10am EYFS will be holding a coffee and cake morning. (See Tapestry for details)

CLASS ASSEMBLIES: Year 2 Class assembly will be on Friday 22nd March at 9.05am. All welcome.
Year 3 Class assembly will be on Friday 3rd May at 9.05am. All welcome.
Year 1 Class assembly will be on Friday 24th May at 9.05am. All welcome

May God's love shine in our lives as we care, share and learn together

WORLD BOOK DAY: We are celebrating World Book Day in School on Friday 8th March. This will be a non-uniform day and the children can come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. The children will be taking part in a variety of activities in school to promote a love of reading. We will also be having a book swap if the children want to bring a book in to school on Friday 8th March to swap for a different book. The children will be given a World Book Day voucher which they can exchange for a £1 book or can choose a book and get £1 off the price.



SAFER INTERNET DAY: The children looked in February at how to keep themselves safe online as part of Safer Internet Day work. Please see our website for links to sites which can help with internet safety and also the Celebration newsletter which has a page about Internet Safety.

LANCASHIRE CRICKET COACHING TEAM: We are fortunate to have Lancashire Cricket Coaches in school on Monday 11th March. They are doing cricket coaching sessions during the school day with years 1-6.

PARENTS' EVENINGS: Tuesday 16th April and Wednesday 17th April 2024. Parents' evenings will take place in the School Hall. Links to book your appointments online will be sent out nearer the time. Books will be available to look at in your child's classroom.

FOREST SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: The children in Reception (Tuesday) and Year 5 (Friday) will be doing outdoor activities this half term. (Spring 2) Please could they bring outdoor footwear eg wellies or old trainers and coats etc on these days.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION - CHANGES & MAGIC BOOKING LAUNCH!

The new online booking system will be in effect from Tuesday 9th April 2024 on our return from the Easter Holidays, as of this date all bookings for before and after school provision must be made via the NEW online booking platform - [Magic Booking](#). Bookings for SU1 will go live from Monday 11th March 2024. **More information is available on the school [website](#).**

If you haven't yet done so please set-up your parent account, you will need to do this in order to access your account and then make, check and pay for bookings. Ensure you bookmark the website and make a note of your user name and passwords. You can create your account [here](#).

UNIFORM: The children continue to look really smart. Please could we ask that PE kits are in school each day. We have a lot of nearly new uniform that parents have kindly donated. Please look on the clothes rail near the reception classroom and help yourself to any uniform that you need or ask a member of staff at the gate. Also can we ask that in line with our Uniform Policy earrings or retainers are not worn in school or plasters covering earrings. Thank you to parents for their support in following our Uniform policy.

ASSESSMENTS 2024

SATS Year 6: SATS week begins on Monday, 13th May. More details will follow nearer the time.

SATS Year 2: SATS are now not statutory in schools and are now optional. In order to help us to monitor the children's progress we will be using the optional KS1 SATS tests and the children will complete these during a two week period in May.

PHONICS SCREENING: This will take place in June for Year 1

MULTIPLICATION CHECK: Year 4 will do the statutory multiplication check the week beginning Monday 10th June.

CONTACT DETAILS: Please ensure that we have the correct contact details for your children in school. If there are any changes to your mobile numbers and/or email addresses please inform us as soon as possible to ensure we have the correct contact information on our systems.

If you have any questions please contact school. Thank you for your continued support as we 'care, share and learn together.'

Mrs L. Lakner

Mrs Lynn Lakner (Headteacher)
head@st-raphaels.tameside.sch.uk
 0161 338 4095

Next Newsletter: Easter 2024

SCHOOL DIARY

MARCH 2024		
Monday 4th	Zoo2u in school for EYFS and KS1	All day
Wednesday 6th	Full Governing Board Meeting	4.30pm
Friday 8th	World Book Day - Non-Uniform	All Day
Friday 8th	Catholic Swimming Gala	Evening
Wednesday 20th	Finance Governing Board Meeting	4.30pm
Friday 22nd	Year 2 Assembly	9.05am
Monday 25th	Easter Retreat Week (Details to follow)	All week
Wednesday 27th	Easter Retreat Prayer Trail for parents, families and children	3.15-4.15pm School Chapel
Thursday 28th	Stations of the Cross (on field weather permitting) - All welcome School Closes for Easter	10.00am 3.15pm
APRIL 2024		
Monday 15th	Little Bikers in for 6 Monday sessions for Reception class	Details to follow
Tuesday 9th	School opens for Summer 1 Term	8.45am
Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th	Parents' Evening	3.30pm-6.00pm
MAY 2024		
Friday 3rd	Year 3 Assembly	9.05am
Saturday 11th May	First Holy Communion @ St Peter's and St Raphael's Church	10am
Monday 13th- Thursday 16th	Year 6 SATS Week (Details to follow)	All week
Friday 24th	Year 1 Assembly School Closes for Whit holiday	9.05am 3.15pm
JUNE 2024		
Monday 10th	School opens for Summer 2	8.45am

May God's love shine in our lives as we care, share and learn together