



# The Saint Raphael's News



June Newsletter 2023/  
Feast of St Peter and St Paul

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy half term so far. The children are all working hard and enjoying the many activities in the summer half term. We had a lovely class assembly this morning when Year 4 used their incredible range of talents to retell the story of Evacuees. We also enjoyed this half term Year 3 leading us in Internet Safety and making smart choices online. We now look forward to the Reception assembly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 9.05am. All welcome. We are immensely proud of all the children. They have approached their various assessments this term with a calm determination to achieve their best.

**STAFFING NEWS:** We welcomed Mrs Murphy back to Year 2 following her Maternity leave. We would like to thank Miss Smith for all her hard work in Year 2 and wish her well in her new job.

We welcome Miss Unsworth to our school staff in September following her appointment as a permanent member of staff.

Mrs Blay is leaving St Raphael's in the summer to take up a new job. We would like to thank her for all her hard work at St Raphael's over many years and we wish her well in her new role.

## Staffing arrangements for September 2023

The chart below outlines where staff will be teaching in September.

Class	Teacher	TA
FS1	Mrs S McLeod	Mrs Z Wells
FS2	Mrs C Shields (Mon, Tues, Wed) and Mrs K Neale (Wed, Thurs, Fri)	Mrs C Melville Terry
Y1	Miss C Taylor	Mrs J Stevenson
Y2	Mrs S Murphy	Miss G Unsworth
Y3	Mrs K Neale (Monday) Miss L Wilson (Tues-Fri)	Mrs MA Rankin/Mrs C Tortoisshell
Y4	Mrs J Lee	Mrs MA Rankin
Y5	Miss G Pollitt	Mrs K Stoddard
Y6	Mr D Matthews	Miss L Gavin

**END OF YEAR REPORTS:** The children will bring reports home on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Due to the delay in Year 6 SATS results being published their reports will be sent home the following week.

You will be made aware of your child's progress and attainment in their end of year reports. Results from SATS, phonic tests and times tables tests will also be on the reports.

**CLASS MASSES:** Father Philip regularly comes to school to celebrate Mass on Thursday at 10.00am. The classes in KS 2 attend on a rota. All are welcome. Please see the Parish newsletter or ask if there is a Mass on a particular week.

**PARENTS' MEETING for new Reception and Nursery children:** On Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm we are inviting parents and carers who have children starting in Nursery or Reception in September 2023 to a meeting. The purpose of this is to provide the opportunity for parents to meet the staff, share information and ask questions and to look around the setting. The children can also attend this meeting.

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

The Reception children will then attend from 9.00am on the morning of July 6<sup>th</sup> and will stay for lunch at school and be collected at 1.15pm. If your child is in nursery and stays in the afternoon then they will stay as normal for the afternoon session. Further details have been sent in a letter to parents. We are looking forward to welcoming new parents into school.

**YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS:** We have been informed by the Local Authority that due to the NEU strike action there will now be one transition day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 will now attend St Raphael's. The secondary school that your child will attend in September should have contacted you regarding transition days.

Please note there will be no Friday Assembly on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**SPORTS DAYS:** Please see the dates below for sports days for EYFS and Key Stages 1 and 2 joint sports day.

**YEAR 5 TASTER DAY:** Year 5 have been invited to take part in a taster day (9.15am-2.30pm) at All Saints Catholic College on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> July. More details will follow in a letter to Year 5.

**PARKING:** As you are aware parking in the mornings and at the end of the school day is in short supply at school. We are fortunate that Reach Church allow us to use their carpark at these times. However, I have been approached by Reach Church with safety concerns around parking there. Please could we ask that if you use Reach carpark to park you do so carefully and respect other uses and Reach Church members. Apparently there have been several near misses where children or adults could have been hit by cars. Nobody wants an accident to occur. Reach Church are also giving out leaflets requesting safe parking which I have seen and fully endorse.

**CONTACT DETAILS:** Please ensure that school has the correct contact details for you at all times. 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 and we can keep in touch with you.

**OUTSIDE AREA:** The children have enjoyed making the most of our outdoor area during the recent good weather. We have purchased four parasols to provide shade for the children when they are enjoying the wonderful outdoor facilities that we have developed over the last few years. The area has enriched the curriculum and the children approach their forest school sessions with great joy and enthusiasm.

Please see the diary dates below for dates for the remainder of the summer term.

Thank you, as always for your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

*Mrs L. Lakner*

Mrs Lynn Lakner

## Dates for the Diary

JUNE 2023		
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 assembly	9.05am
JULY 2023		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Freddy Fit Day to start Healthy Schools Week	All day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	KS 1 and KS 2 Sports Day	9.30pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery and Reception (Admissions Sept 2023) Parents' Meeting in school	6.00pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception children for Sept 2023 Taster morning	9.00am-1.15pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day at their high schools	All day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production Shakespeare Rocks	1.30pm and 6.30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Sports Day	9.15am
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Taster Day at All Saints Catholic College	9.15-2.30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Class Assembly -rearranged date	9.05am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Rock and River Trip	All Day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Mass in school	2.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer starts here - Details to follow	All day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers' Assembly	9.05am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School closes for Summer	1.30pm
September 2023		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School opens	8.45am

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