

Learning and growing together, to achieve our best, in the love of God.

Note from Mrs Richardson

I have been so proud our Rainford CE children this term. They continually impress us with their enthusiasm, determination, creativity and joy.

This is evident in all they put their hand to: sporting achievements, spiritual and artistic achievements: particularly shown by Year Five recently in a very moving portrayal of Easter Events; support of whole school events such as World Book Day; charitable events such as Odd Sock Day; and throughout each day during lessons and play.

We have been celebrating all that the Rainford CE family have been doing in our new Facebook page and via Twitter as well as on our website. If you haven't had chance yet to check out the new FB page – please have a look. Many thanks to Mrs Hirst for the tremendous job she is doing keep us all up to date with all that is happening.

After such a busy term, the children (and staff) deserve a well-earned rest this Easter and I wish each family a relaxing break.

F.O.R.C.E.S.

Mother's Day Shop

The shop was very successful and raised over £500 and hopefully mums and grandmas were as pleased with their presents as the children were when they bought them. We give thanks to all the parents who gave up their time and energy to help on the day.

Easter Trail

We had excellent weather for the Easter Trail and families had a great time. The children clearly enjoyed their first Easter egg of the year! We raised over £800.

Bingo Night

Save the Date
11th May at Rainford Labour Club

World Book Day

Well done to everyone for the fantastic effort made on World Book Day. We were so impressed with the costumes. Each child shared a book with an older/younger child and it was a special time.

The whole school enjoyed basing a unit of work around 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna and have produced some fantastic writing.



School Trips

Y5/6 Trip – Liverpool Islamic Mosque

Children thoroughly enjoyed the trip to the Mosque and the discussion they had with their guide about appreciating diversity.

Raindrops – Imagine That!

The children had an amazing time. They particularly enjoyed making slime, magnets and bath bombs to bring home. It seems a highlight of the trip was the coach journey!

Y2 Residential

Year 2 had a fantastic time at Burwardsley. For the first time, the children sang around a campfire as well as enjoying the traditional den building and candle making. It was a truly special time.

Reception Song Fest

The children had a lovely time performing with other schools. The songs about transport were great fun!

Y5 Easter Play

We were very impressed with our Year Five children who put together a moving performance of the events of Easter Week. The singing, acting and reading was excellent. The children clearly did their best and made us all proud!

Well done Year Five!

STAFF NEWS

We say a sad goodbye to Mrs Loftus who has had to retire from teaching due to ill health. She will always be a part of the Rainford CE family and hope she pops in to see us often. We are sure parents will join with the staff in wishing her well and extending our thanks for her boundless energy and enthusiasm on behalf of the school. Mrs Loftus promoted the school in many ways over the years and as a result we achieved the Gold Artsmark Award and two Educate Awards. She will be missed.

We also say a temporary farewell this half term to Mrs Shawcross and Mrs Cornthwaite as they take maternity leave. We look forward to meeting the new members of their families in due time and wish them well.

Mrs Dearden will have a phased return to work after having her baby and she will take over in C9 over the next few weeks. It will be great to have her back.

We are pleased to share the news that Miss Hardman in Raindrops is also expecting a baby in July.

Mrs McVey will become leader of EYFS: Nursery and Reception in Mrs Shawcross' absence.

School Crossing Patrol

We have received confirmation that Ruth, our School Crossing Patrol lady, will be with us for at least another 16 months. We are very grateful to the Local Borough and Parish Councillors who have made funds available to keep this valuable service in operation.

Thinking Day Photo



It was lovely to see so many children wearing their Guides, Scouts, Beavers and BB outfits on a day that was devoted to thinking about international friendship and the positive impact of the guiding movement.

Reception Stay and Play



It is always a joy to enable parents to share in their children's learning at school and we are grateful to all parents who were able to come along.

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Sports News

Gymnastics 5th March

Well done to our Y3/4 school gymnastic team that competed well in their recent competition in St Helens.



Football 16th & 21st March

Both our Year 4 and Year 5 football teams have reached the semi-finals in the Everton Cup. Well done everyone!



Handball

We took a team of 10 from Year 6 who won every group game but missed out by 2 goals in the semis. Each achieved a bronze medal. Well done team.

Charitable Giving

Odd Sock Day – we raised over £250 for Alder Hey. Thanks to Mrs McNeil who arranged for Oli the Elephant to visit school on the day.



Willowbrook Easter Toys – we raised £192 for the hospice.

Sport Relief –each child had the opportunity to be involved in a fun sports activity on the day and we raised £237.

Thank you for all your support for these charities – it is much appreciated.

Parking Derby Drive –

We have had some complaints from residents in Derby Drive as their driveways are being blocked at pick up and drop off times. Please ensure residents have access and park considerately.

Internet Safety

We have been advised that a popular online game 'Fortnite' can bring children in contact with unknown adults. Please be aware of this possibility and take appropriate precautions.

Summer Uniform

Children are allowed to wear summer uniform from 16th April 2018

Girls: Red and white check gingham dress or grey skirt and white polo shirt with white socks and black shoes.

Boys: Grey short or long trousers and white polo shirt with grey socks and Black shoes (not trainers).

Parent Forum

The next Parent Forum will be held in the school on Wednesday 18th April at 5pm. Previous parent forums have given us opportunity to receive some great ideas from parents. All welcome.

End of term info

29th March

School Closes at 2:30pm for Easter Break

Afterschool Club will close at 4:55pm

Easter Holiday Club

Major Sports & Dance Coaching are running a Sport and Glee camp in the school hall.

Dates: 3rd – 6th April

Times: 9am – 3:30pm

Cost: £40 or £12 per day

Booking Line: 07739417562

Summer Holiday Camp (also run by Major Sports and Dance Coaching) will be held at Rainford High School – The dates will be confirmed.

Upcoming Dates

16th April

School opens

1st May

Y5/6 Communion

3rd May

Class 6 Act of Worship (Please note change of date)

4th May

Class and Team Photos

School Discos

Infants 5pm – 6pm

Juniors 6:30pm – 7:30pm

7th -11th AND 21st – 24th May

KS1 SATS

14-17th May

KS2 SATS

24th May

Y6 Trip to Alton Towers

25th May

School closes for half term break

We would like to wish you all a Happy Easter!

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