



# RAINFORD NEWSFLASH –July 2018

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

### Note from the Headteacher

We come to the end of another busy year and what a year it has been. We have seen the Rainford CE ‘family’ grow through the birth of five babies – all of whom are beautiful and doing well. Congratulations to Miss Hardman who has had a lovely baby girl, Poppy (7lb 9oz) this month. We welcome back Ms Fox and Mrs Shawcross this month after their maternity breaks.

We have lots of school celebrations as well. Here are just a few of our children’s achievements this year:

- Outstanding church inspection (SIAMS)
- KS2 SATs results – particularly the % of greater depth children
- Amazing play performances by Y2, Y5 and Y6
- Fantastic artwork by all the school for Rainford Art Exhibition
- Y4/5 boys’ football reached semi finals
- Y5/6 girls’ football team were 4<sup>th</sup> out of 20 teams
- Y5/6 netball reached Merseyside finals
- Y6 netball finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 16 in Merseyside Games
- Y5/6 Swimming reached 9<sup>th</sup> out of 16 at Merseyside Games
- Y4 girls’ football winners in St Helens

Well done to the staff and children and enjoy your much deserved rest.

### New Horizons

The end of term sees some staff moving on. We would like to thank Mr Attrill for his work on behalf of the school for the past three years. We also say goodbye to Mrs Skilling who has been a valued learning support assistant for the past 12 years. We say thank you and best wishes to three temporary members of staff: Mr Kane, Mrs Greenlees and Mrs Aspinall. We welcome Miss E Wensley as class teacher next term.

### The Amazing Adventures of Superstan

We were thrilled with the Year 6 performances in the end of year play. The play was among the best we have ever done. The children gave very confident performances and delivered their lines (and jokes) brilliantly. We are sure some of our children could have a career on the stage if they wished. Many thanks to Mrs Kelsey and all the staff team who worked so hard to make the play such a fantastic success.

### TEXT APP

Some parents are having problems receiving texts from school. Please download the Parents2Schools app. You should then receive all texts.

### Race for Life

The Race for Life raised a phenomenal £1,552.95. This is by far our biggest charitable collection. Many thanks for all the massive support from children and families. Thanks also to the office staff and School Council who organised and ran the event

### Y6 SATs Results

Well done to Year 6 pupils for their great SATs results this year:

Subject	School Expected Standard	Nat Av. 2017
Reading	77%	72%
GPS	91%	77%
Writing	85%	76%
Maths	74%	75%

### Greater Depth Standard

Subject	School GDS	Nat Av. 2017
Reading	40%	25%
GPS	43%	31%
Writing	26%	18%
Maths	25%	23%

**NB. These are still unvalidated results as we have disputed some scores and percentages may rise.**

**(GPS = grammar, punctuation and spelling)**

We would like to wish all our children and families a very happy and relaxing summer break. We look forward to seeing you on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

### House Badges

All children are given a house colour when they join the school: red, yellow, green or blue. Children earn points for their house through good work, helpfulness, being a good friend etc. Each week the winning house is announced during Celebration Assembly. This year, we will purchase house badges so that all children can wear their house colour proudly as part of their uniform. The badge will be free but additional badges can be purchased for 20p each from the School Office.

### Back to school

We have two INSET days planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September so children will restart on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

#### Uniform

Summer uniform can be worn until October half term.

#### Logo

Outfitters will still be selling uniform with the old logo for this September. We expect when the new logo is stocked that we will see children wearing both logos for a period of time as younger children may wear older siblings clothing.

### Residential Trips

#### PGL

The children had a great time at PGL and were a credit to the school. They didn't sleep much but kept up their energy levels for all three days.

*"It was amazing and had everything I wanted." (Kate)*

*"The zipwire was epic!" (Milly)*

#### Y4 Trip to Conway

Year 4 had an amazing time at Conway. The children all came back excited and thrilled with their time away.

Many thanks to the staff for giving up their free time to take the children away.

### Sports News (Merseyside Games)

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July our netball and swimming teams represented St Helens in the Merseyside School Games at Wavertree Sports Park.

#### Netball

The competition was divided in to 2 groups with 8 teams in each group. Our team won and lost some matches and came 4<sup>th</sup> in their group. Our final position in both groups was 8<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams. Well done to all the children who took part.

#### Swimming

Well done to our swimming team who came 9<sup>th</sup> out of 13 teams.

### Dragon's Den

Year 6 raised a phenomenal £632.11 from Dragon's Den which is a record. Y6 have suggested we spend the money on sports equipment including kits and nets.

### Reading through the Rainbow

We will be finishing Reading through the Rainbow this term. The staff would like to concentrate more on Accelerated Reader and the certificates and rewards associated with this.

Those children who have 'read through the rainbow' this year chose a film as their end of year treat and invited their classmates in to enjoy the fun.

### New entrance

Great News! The Local Authority has approved a new entrance for the school. The current entrance is too small especially for any wheelchair users. The new entrance will be where the School Office is at the moment. We had hoped this building work would be completed in the summer break but unfortunately due to contractual issues, it looks like this will go ahead in the autumn term. We will update you with any changes before the work starts.

### Farewell Year 6

Our current Year 6 have been fantastic and we wish them well as they move onto High School.