



Rufford Church of England Primary School



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'Together in Faith and Learning'

15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday afternoon we welcomed family, friends and members of the local community into school for a festive Coffee, Community and Choir event. Visitors were able to enjoy refreshments prepared and served by Mrs Blundell, Mrs Ainscough and Mrs Hall whilst the School Choir, under the leadership of Mrs Lowe, performed a number of Christmas carols and songs. Thank you to all the staff and pupils involved and to everyone who attended to ensure the afternoon was so successful.



Thank you to the School Council, Miss Bell and Mrs Newsham for organising yesterday's cake sale, and to all families who donated cakes to sell. They were able to raise £63 for Derian House. It was certainly very popular!



Yesterday saw the culmination of a DT project in Elm Class as the children prepared their Christmas themed pasta salads. It was a really busy morning with each child trying out their skills at peeling, slicing and grating. It all smelled delicious and I know the children had a great time doing it.

Thank you to Mrs Worden and Miss Tearne for all your hard work to plan and deliver and support the children and to ensure that everyone had their own unique pasta salad to take home at the end of the day, no mean feat!



Our Worship theme next week will be 'Gifts' we will be thinking about the reason we exchange gifts at Christmas time and the meaning of the gifts we give. We will also consider God's gifts to us and challenge each other to share gifts that cost nothing – What will you give?

On Wednesday and Thursday our infant children will be performing their nativity play, 'A Wiggly Nativity'.

'Let your light shine in the world' (Matthew 5:16)

Whole School Christmas Activity Day

On **Monday, 18th December**, all the classes will be joining in our ***Christmas Activity Day***. This is a day of fun festive themed activities. The children will be placed in mixed aged teams to support and enjoy the day together, moving round every activity. The day will be Christmas themed **non-uniform**, however, I would ask that children wear sensible footwear as some of the games and activities will require them to run about. Please also make sure that your child has a coat with them on Monday. **No PE kits will be necessary.**

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you for all of your donations so far. Mrs Armitage has been taking them to the foodbank for us and they are extremely grateful, as the demand is so high. Donations of non-perishable food or toiletry items can be brought into school each day until Tuesday 19th December to allow time for them to be passed on to the Trussell Trust Foodbank before Christmas.

St Mary's Church

The School Choir will be taking part in the Village Carol Service next Wednesday evening 20th December 2023 at 7pm.

Christmas Services - Christmas Eve 10am Eucharist, 3.15pm Christingle and Crib Service, 11.30pm Midnight Mass **Christmas Day** 9.15am Eucharist and Carols.

School Meals

Payment details (via Parent Pay) for school meals for the first half of the spring term 2024 are as follows: Spring Half Term 8/1/24 - 9/2/24, 5 weeks, £12.50 per week, £62.50 for the half term.

Please ensure that any outstanding ParentPay balances are cleared as soon as possible, thank you.

Admission to Primary School

Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024? Then for Lancashire resident families you need to apply for a school place, even if an older brother or sister is already attending your preferred school/academy. The means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools It is quick and easy to use and offers an e-mail receipt of all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the "submit" button when you are ready to send in your completed on-line application. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application. The closing date for applications for September 2024 is at 11-59 pm on **15th January 2024**. If you are applying to our school and would like your application to be considered on faith grounds then you will need to complete the supplementary form, available through the school office and return this directly to us.

Friends PTFA Christmas Events and fundraising

Rainbow Raffle Tickets for the Rainbow raffle will be sold on the playground along with Christmas Tuck Shop Treats at the end of school today. The Rainbow Raffle Draw will be held on Wednesday 20th December.

Christmas Holiday

Please note school will close, for the Christmas holiday on **Friday 22nd December at 2pm**; therefore, there will be **no Tree House Club after school** on that day.

School will re-open for the spring term on **Monday 8th January 2024 at 8:45am**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rachel Ellera
Headteacher



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