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'Together in Faith and Learning'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Our Year 6 children have had a very enjoyable residential visit to Robinwood Activity Centre, Todmorden this week. During the three days they took part in fourteen different activities including team building exercises, raft building, caving and the zip wire. The children were a credit to school and had a fantastic time.

Huge thanks to both Mrs Newsham and Mrs Croft for accompanying them.



Next week we look forward to celebrating Year 6's final few days with us as they perform their play, 'Cruel Times' and celebrate their achievements at the Leaver's Service at Tarleton Holy Trinity Church and the Leaver's presentation evening in school.

Today, helped by a kind donation from The Friends, each class has taken part in a 'Stomp' style body percussion workshop delivered by Katie from the company, 'Beat Goes On'. This enhancement to our music curriculum has been a very positive experience and enjoyed by all. Videos of individual class sessions will be posted on Seesaw.

Thank you to The Friends for helping to make this possible at no extra cost to our families.



On Tuesday afternoon Ash Class enjoyed a visit to Fiddler's Crisp Factory as part of their science and geography topics this term. They had a fabulous time learning how a single potato is turned into a packet of crisps and they were able to ask some great questions to further their understanding.

Thank you to the Fiddler Family for their continued support and to all the volunteers who helped on the day. The best bit was of course enjoying tasting the delicious warm crisps as they came off the production line!



Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Endings'. We will thank God for the experiences and times we have enjoyed over the past school year and will ask for God's help as we move on to new times in our lives. We will consider, with anticipation, things to come including new classes or new schools whilst celebrating

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the memories we take with us. We will consider how it feels when change happens and the fear of the unknown or of facing new challenges.

Reading Books

We have experienced a number of reading books going missing at home this year and as such not being returned to school. As you can imagine, this impacts on our available reading book stock in school and the variety of books that children can take home to read. Sadly this is having a severe impact on the school budget as we are having to replenish stock more frequently than planned for. Please could we politely ask that books are cared for at home and returned to school each week, thank you.

In order to complete a stock take and prepare books to be issued for the new academic year, reading books and class library books will be collected in from today. If you haven't yet returned all school reading and library books then please do so by Monday, thank you. The children are encouraged to join the summer reading challenge through the library service – full details have been posted on Seesaw and the children have been introduced to the challenge in classes.

Parent Pay – School Meals and Tree House Club Provision

On our return to school in September, for planning purposes, we will assume that those children who had a school meal prior to school closure will require a school meal each day. If you intend to change your child's meal provision to a packed lunch from home then please email Mrs Shaw prior to the start of the new term. This is vital to assist Mrs Blundell with ordering supplies and organising lunchtimes for the new school year. Parents of children who will be moving into Year 3 will need to ensure that Parent Pay accounts are credited for school lunches as Universal Free School Meals only apply to Reception, Year1 and Year 2 pupils.

School meals for Yr 3-Yr 6; from 4th September – 20th October - 7wks at £2.50 per day = £87.50
Payments should be made in advance either daily, weekly or half termly via ParentPay. Could I please ask that you ensure that your accounts have sufficient funds credited to them for Tree House provision and school meals as school restarts in September.

If anyone requires Tree House Club provision from September and hasn't yet received a new registration pack for 2023/24 then please contact Mrs Shaw who will arrange for a pack to be sent out to you.

Friends of Rufford School PTFA

Frozen Friday The Friends will be selling frozen treats and canned drinks on the playground at the end of the school day today.

Pre-loved uniform if anyone wishes to donate any pre-loved uniform, in good condition, or purchase any items ready for September, please contact Abi Williamson on 07739 566821

School will close for the summer holiday at **2pm next Friday, 21st July** and will re-open to pupils for the autumn term on **Monday 4th September at the new time of 8.45am**. Please note that, as school closes at **2pm, there will be no after school Tree House Club on the last day**.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable weekend from everyone at school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Ellera
Headteacher



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