



# Rufford Church of England Primary School



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*'Together in Faith and Learning'*

9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

The start of the final half term of this academic year has seen many different activities across school. On Tuesday afternoon Year Six pupils welcomed a specialised team of officers from Lancashire Police Force who talked to them about making good decisions around staying safe, particularly when using mobile phones, the internet and online gaming. They also reflected on the age of criminal responsibility being ten, and how unwise relationships and actions now can have a negative influence on the rest of their lives. It was a hard hitting session but well received by the children. Yesterday they enjoyed a practical workshop where they learnt simple self-defence techniques.



This week Reception children enjoyed their first Mini-wheeler session with West Lancashire Sport Partnership learning all about bikes, bicycle safety and how to ride independently.



Thank you to Mrs McCready who organised a European Café at morning break time yesterday. Everyone enjoyed the delicious brioche, pan au chocolat and croissants.



This morning a team of ten Year 3 and 4 pupils represented school at a TASA Sport's Day event held at JMO, Skelmersdale. They finished in second place, well done all of you!



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**Our Worship theme next week will be... 'The Rules Jesus gave us'.** We will be following up on this week's theme of rules for living by exploring the teachings of Jesus from the Bible. We will look at the messages Jesus gave in the Sermon on the Mount, especially the rule to love one another. We will continue to apply these messages to our own actions in school and to our school rules which are all based around our Christian values. Father Mark and Danny will lead worship on Wednesday morning on the theme of Respect including respect for God's creation and one another. They will focus on the reading in Genesis Chapter 2.

### **Confirmation**

This evening, nine of our KS2 pupils will be confirmed by Bishop Philip at Tarleton Holy Trinity Church. Please keep Charlie, William, Arthur, Ava, Mia, Isabelle, Holly, Florence and Lorna in your prayers.

### **Phonic screening**

Year 1 and some Year 2 pupils will undertake their Phonic Screening assessments next week, they have all worked very hard. Results will be communicated to families with the end of year reports which are due to be sent home on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

### **Online Safety Workshop for parents/carers**

Thank you to those families who joined the workshop last night, it was extremely informative. A link to the recording of the workshop along with helpful resources for parents/carers will be available from early next week. Once again our grateful thanks to The Friends PTFA for their donation to allow us to facilitate this workshop.

### **Sport's Day**

Our annual sport's day event for all pupils takes place on **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June**, weather permitting. Due to the field being out of action we are moving the event to the Village Hall this year. Children will leave school at 12:40pm for a prompt start at **1pm**. All children should attend school wearing their Rufford School P.E. kits consisting of navy shorts or joggers, a pale blue t-shirt and pumps or trainers, a navy hoody/sweatshirt may also be worn. All children will need a water bottle on the day, this will be re-filled as necessary. The children will be issued with caps and sashes in their team colour to wear for the afternoon and will be seated under gazebos.

Refreshments will be available for visitors to purchase courtesy of The Friends. During the afternoon we will also hold a pre-school/toddler race which any young children are welcome to join in with.

We look forward to a lovely afternoon and hope you will be able to join us, spectators will be asked to view from the playground side of the park.

Should the weather be against us on the day then the reserve date for Sport's Day is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July where the same arrangements will apply.

### **Transition**

As we prepare for the start of a new school year in September we will be involving the children in a number of transition activities to give them the opportunity to get to know their classroom surroundings, teachers and support staff. Part of this work will involve transition afternoons on 28<sup>th</sup> June and 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Letters informing you of your child's class and teacher for September 2023 will be sent home on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023.

Transition opportunities for Year Six pupils moving on to high school are ongoing and children new to the Reception Class in September will start their induction programme next week with a meeting for parents/carers on Monday evening, home visits, an invitation to join us for Sport's Day and then two afternoon visits to school on the transition afternoons.

We look forward to welcoming them and their families.

### **Poetry celebration Event**

Next Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, we will be joining with other schools in our TaRDiS Cluster to welcome the poet David Bowden. Children from Mere Brow Primary School will join us for a whole school assembly, following which, Year 3 and 4 pupils will enjoy workshops delivered by David. These two year groups will then go on to write individual poems over the next couple of weeks on the theme of 'Respect'. Two winning poems will be chosen from our school to attend the celebration of poetry event at Banks Leisure Centre on Tuesday 4/7/23

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at 6pm where they will perform/read their winning poems. Parents and family members of the winners will be invited to attend. Each winner will receive a voucher and certificate. The costs of this exciting project are being met by TaRDIS Cluster.

### **Friends of Rufford School PTFA**

**Cake Stall** the Friends will be running a cake stall and serving cold drinks on Sport's Day, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 1pm. If you are able to donate cakes then please contact a member of The Friends Committee to let them know and either bring them on the morning of the event or at the start of the afternoon.

**Pre-loved Uniform** Pre-loved uniform items, including cardigans, jumpers and summer dresses are available to purchase by contacting Abi Williamson on 07739 566821.

**Veg Boxes** Orders for July's Veg. Boxes need to be placed by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** for local delivery or collection on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. Please use the following link to order:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofruffordschool>

Friends of Rufford School, Account number: 61064851, Sort Code: 40-24-14, Ref: Veg

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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