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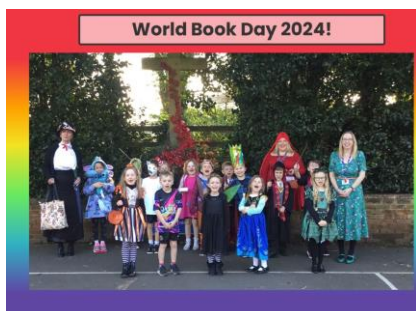
'Together in Faith and Learning'

15th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy time with so many different things happening across school over the past two weeks.

Last week we enjoyed celebrating World Book Day with children, staff and even Barney dressing up a book characters.



Our infant children led a lovely Mothering Sunday themed worship in school on Friday morning, there were lots of proud families and happy tears!

On Tuesday our KS2 Sports Hall Athletics Team travelled to Blackpool to represent West Lancashire in the county championships having qualified by winning the tournament at Burscough Sports Centre in December. They had an excellent day, finishing in 6th place out of 13 teams. The games organisers said 'they showed teamwork, passion and respect in all their activities and were excellent at representing West Lancs!' Thank you to Miss Travis for preparing them all for the competition, well done everyone!



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

Well done to our two girl's football teams who played in a friendly event at JMO. They played lots of games: winning some and losing some but, most importantly, they played as a team and supported each other.

Well done everyone!



Our Worship theme next week will be... 'The Easter Story'. We will be focus on the events of Holy Week including Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Garden and the Arrest. On Wednesday morning, Father Mark and Danny will lead our worship in school.

Science Day

On Tuesday 19th March, we will be hosting a Science Day in school where children will be taking part in a variety of scientific activities to celebrate National Science Week. 'The Friends, PTFA, have made a kind donation for a number of workshops for all children led by Whizz Pop Science throughout the day. Mr Blaylock has also kindly offered to come into school on the day to talk about his job in dentistry.

Cross Country Event

Next Friday 22nd March will see our rearranged annual cross country event. We will, once again, hold this year's cross country at the Village Hall. Children will be escorted to the park by school staff and will take all of their belongings with them for the afternoon. At the end of the day, children will be **dismissed from the park** with only the children booked into Tree House Club returning to school. All children take part in the run which will start with our Nursery and Reception children at 1pm. Children will need to **attend school wearing their outdoor P.E. kits and trainers** on the day. Families and Friends are warmly invited to attend the afternoon from 1pm during which 'The Friends' PTFA will be running a refreshment stall selling hot & cold drinks and cakes.

In order to keep our children safe please **do not park on the village hall car park** during the afternoon. Parking is available at The Hesketh Arms, thank you.

Teacher Trainees

We are pleased to be continuing our work in partnership with the Faculty of Education at Edge Hill University as we have are joined by three new trainee teachers. Miss McNeill is working with Ash Class, Miss McIlwrath with Maple Class, and Miss Savage with Oak Class. They will be working closely alongside class teachers until June.

Easter Competition

The children have been asked to design an Easter Egg. (Full details have been posted on Seesaw) All entries need to be returned to school by Monday 25th March and judging will take place on Wednesday 27th March. Winners from each year group will be announced on Thursday 28th March. Parents, Carers and friends are warmly invited to come and view the work from 3:15pm on Wednesday 27th March. The eggs will then be displayed in St Mary's Church over the Easter period.

Easter Worship

Elm Class will be leading an Easter worship on Thursday 28th March at 9am. We will be able to accommodate sixty visitors in the school hall to watch this performance with priority being given to families from Elm Class. You are welcome to join us for this worship, space permitting on the day.

Friends of Rufford School PTFA

Veg boxes: Please order by 15th April for collection or local delivery on 17th April.

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All payments to be made via: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofruffordschool> Payment should be made to 'Friends of Rufford School', Account number: 61064851 Sort Code: 40-24-14 stating the reference Veg. Please could you return any empty boxes or leave them at the school gate to be collected.

Cross Country Refreshment Stall if you are able to kindly donate cakes for the stall on Friday afternoon then please pass to The Friends on Friday morning or bring them along to the event at 1pm. Any volunteers to help on the stall throughout the afternoon will be welcomed.

Parent Pay – School Meals and Tree House Club Provision

Please would you check your account to ensure that any outstanding balances on Parent Pay are cleared before the Easter break, thank you.

Tree House Club

I would like to remind you that as school closes at **2pm** on the last day of term, **Thursday 28th March**, there will be no Tree House Club after school on that day.

School will close for the Easter holiday at **2pm** on **Thursday 28th March 2024** and will re-open for the start of the summer term on **Monday 15th April** at 8:45am.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Elleray
Headteacher



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