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'Together in Faith and Learning'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday after school, pupils from Gardening Club went across to St Mary's Church to tend to their patch of the church grounds, it was hot work! Thank you to them and to Mrs Newsham and Miss Lester for running the club this term.



Congratulations to Nate, Jack, Alexa and Arabella who represented school at the Tardis Poetry Celebration Event at Banks Leisure Centre on Tuesday evening. They performed their winning poems brilliantly on stage with poet David Bowden, following which they were presented with their prizes and certificates. The standard of poetry was very high throughout the competition on the theme of 'Positivity'. Well done to all Year 3 and 4 pupils who entered the competition.

Rowan Class travelled by train to Preston on Tuesday for a day exploring the Lancashire Archives, courtesy of Community Rail Lancashire. They took part in an interactive session called 'Steam to Green with the English Queen', which has been inspired by the late Queen Elizabeth II opening the electrification of the West Coast Line 50 years ago.

The experience is designed to showcase the progress of the railways from steam to electrification. It is a new workshop and Lancashire Archives were delighted that we got involved.



Our Worship theme next week will be... 'The Environment'

We will be focusing on our joint responsibility to care for our world. Linking our thoughts to respecting God's creation and to recycling projects in school.

Father Joe will lead our worship on Wednesday morning continuing the Diocesan Year of Prayer themes.

On Friday morning we will join Bishop Philip and other schools from across Blackburn Diocese for a celebration worship on Zoom, marking the end of the Year of Prayer together.

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

Transition

A further transition session will take place on Wednesday 9th July.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are aware they have any particular concerns about the move into the next year group so we can offer further reassurance and support.

School Council Games afternoon.

Next Friday afternoon, School Council are organising a number of fun games in the hall to raise money for school funds. For a total of £1, each child will be able to access as many of the games as they wish with their class during the afternoon. Please send all money into school with your child on the day, correct change only please.

Reading Books

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 Monday 14th July.

Lost Property

There will be a table outside school next Thursday and Friday afternoons with items of lost property, please do check to see if anything belongs to your child. Any items left at the end of Friday will be donated to The Friends Pre-loved Uniform collection.

Friends of Rufford School PTFA

In celebration of the 200 year anniversary of the opening of Rufford School, The Friends are selling tea towels featuring self-portraits of each child in school.

Orders can be placed via this link:

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

All orders will be sent home with your child before the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support.

School will close for the summer holiday at **2pm on Tuesday 22nd July** and will re-open to pupils for the autumn term on **Tuesday 2nd September at 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 lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Elleray
Headteacher



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