



# Rufford Church of England Primary School



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*'Together in Faith and Learning'*

26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday our Head Girl/Boy, their Deputies and Worship Group attended the Holocaust Memorial Day Service at Tarleton Holy Trinity Church alongside parishioners and staff and pupils from both Tarleton Holy Trinity and Mere Brow schools. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who helped with transport and attended the service.

During the service pupils performed the song 'Hope for a better tomorrow' giving us all the opportunity to understand our roles in ensuring the world can hopefully be a peaceful one in years to come.

Ava read from Exodus, Chapter 1, verses 8-15 and a candle was lit in memory of those who died in the Holocaust and those who continue to die in atrocities around our world.

Thank you to Father Mark and Danny for allowing us to take part in such a poignant service.



**Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Comfort'.** We will be thinking about those things that bring us comfort, our favourite people, places and times. We will reflect on when we feel most comfortable and consider the comfort and security we can gain through our faith in God.

Danny and Father Mark will lead worship on Wednesday morning continuing their exploration of the parables with the parable of the prodigal son.

## **KS2 Liverpool Philharmonic Visit**

A reminder that the deadline for contributions to this trip are due by next Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Thank you, once again, to The Friends PTFA for their generous donation towards the cost of this trip making it more affordable for families.

## **NSPCC Number Day**

Next Friday we will be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun whilst also raising vital funds for the NSPCC charity.

Throughout the day, the children will have fun with number-based maths activities.

Children are invited to wear or bring something with a number on in return for a donation of your choice to the NSPCC. Ideas include a sports shirt, cap, watch, calculator, number cards/games, birthday badge, birthday card, thermometer, stopwatch, tape measure etc. Be as creative as you like!

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

### **School Council**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, School Council members are organising a sale of a warm chocolate drink and biscuit for £1.00, to raise money for their chosen national charity this year – the R.S.P.B. (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds). All special diets will be catered for and all money raised forwarded to the charity.

### **Cross Country**

Sadly, we had to postpone the Cross Country event in the autumn term. We have set a new provisional date of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 1pm. We will confirm further details nearer the time.

### **Endeavour Holiday Camps**

West Lancashire Sport Partnership will run Holiday Camps over the half term break between 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 8.30am-4.20pm, for children aged 5 to 12 years. For more information, please email [holidaycamps@endeavourlearning.org](mailto:holidaycamps@endeavourlearning.org).

To book a place for your child please follow this link: <https://ec.schoolactivity.co.uk>

### **Friends PTFA**

**School Lottery:** 2023's School Lottery raised £291.00, the full amount of which will be donated to school to purchase resources for the children. If you are interested in joining the School Lottery monthly draw then a letter was sent home with the children on yesterday.

For those of you who are existing members, if you wish to continue for this coming year and don't have a standing order already set up, please make your payment no later than 3.15pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Payments can be made via:

Bank transfer or standing order - payment monthly (£2 per month per number) or one payment of £24 per number

Account Name: Friends of Rufford School, Reference: (Your Surname) Lottery (e.g. Smith Lottery)

Sort Code 40-24-14, Account Number -61064851

**Veg Boxes:** Orders for February Veg Boxes should be made by midday on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February for local Rufford delivery or collection from Tarleton on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. To place an order please visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofruffordschool>

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

School will close for the half term holiday at **3:15pm** on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** and will re-open, following the staff INSET day, on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** at **8:45am**

Please contact school should you have any questions. Wishing you all a very happy weekend

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Ellera  
Headteacher



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