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'Together in Faith and Learning'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a very special time we had yesterday as we celebrated the 200 Year Anniversary of the opening of School with over 100 guests.

It was an afternoon of memories shared with existing and previous pupils, families, staff, governors and volunteers. During the afternoon the Year 6 pupils led tours around school as classes took part in Victorian themed lessons. We were thrilled that three of our former Headteachers were able to join us, Mr Tittershill, Mrs Brough and Miss Farrington. Rowan Class and Mrs Newsham prepared a display of photographs and memorabilia from across the years whilst Mrs Blundell and her team served refreshments.

The children enjoyed cakes on the school field and we ended with an outdoor thanksgiving service led by Year 6 and Worship Group.

We are very grateful to everyone who was able to come along and for the lovely messages we have received about the afternoon. I'd like to thank everyone who made the afternoon so successful and so joyful.



Thank you so very much to everyone for my beautiful flowers and extremely generous gift, presented to me at the end of yesterday's celebrations. I was very overwhelmed when I opened the envelope last night. It is going to be an emotional few weeks in the lead up to the end of term but it only adds to the many happy memories I will take with me when I retire.

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

Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Communication'

We will be considering the ways in which we communicate with each other and the kind and positive words we should adopt. We will follow up on Father Joe's worship on prayer, by thinking about ways in which we communicate with God, using Bible verses to help us to understand that we can pray anywhere. Father Mark will lead our worship on Wednesday morning continuing the Diocesan Year of Prayer theme as we pray for animals.

Young Minds Well-being Day – Monday 23rd June

Mrs Coogan's Young Minds Group have planned a day of well-being and mindfulness activities for next Monday. All children will work in family groups to move around a series of activities throughout the day including yoga, mindful colouring, guided meditation, emotion cards and sensory activities.

Everyone should attend school wearing colourful clothing suitable for physical activity.

European Café

Thank you to Senora McCready and everyone who supported the European Café on Thursday morning. It was very popular and a good precursor to next week's visit from our Lanzarote Pen-Pals.

Pen-Pals visit – Tuesday 24th June

On Tuesday morning the Key Stage 2 classes will welcome their Pen-Pals from Lanzarote to school for the morning. Over the year, our children have been corresponding with them as part of their Spanish lessons. Twelve pupils and three staff members will spend the morning in classes before joining us for lunch.

Sport's Day – Wednesday 25th June

Our annual sport's day event for all pupils takes place next **Wednesday** on the school field, weather permitting. **The main gates on Flash Lane will open to families at 12.35pm with the first races starting between 12.50pm and 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 trainers, a navy hoody/sweatshirt may also be worn. Individual **water bottles** should be brought on the day, these 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 are asked to view from The Paddock side of the School Field, please bring your own seating.

Should the weather be against us on the day then the reserve date for Sport's Day is Wednesday 16th July where the same arrangements will apply.

Friends of Rufford School PTFA

Thank you to the committee who provided refreshments at the meeting for the families of the new intake children on Monday evening.

The Friends will be running a refreshment stall on Sport's Day (25th June). **Donations of cakes** will be gratefully received on the day. Please pass into school on Wednesday morning or bring them with you in the afternoon. Thank you.

Wishing you all pleasant weekend in the sunshine.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Ellera
Headteacher



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