



Rufford Church of England Primary School



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'Together in Faith and Learning'

12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the spring term 2024.

As we start the spring term we welcome two new teaching assistants to school; Miss Whitehead is covering Miss Tearne's maternity leave, and Miss Caunce is supporting Little Squirrels, and acting as a welfare assistant at lunchtimes, we are very pleased to have them as part of the school team.

The extension work to provide a new classroom base for Rowan Class is almost complete. It is a lovely bright and open space. To avoid any disruption to the timetable, staff will be moving furniture, computers and resources on the INSET day at the end of this half term, 19th February. This will mean that on our return to school for the second half of the spring term Rowan Class will be sited in the new room with Ash Class returning to their original base and the staffroom/additional teaching space locating back to just off the school foyer.

We are thrilled that Father Mark has offered to bless the new classroom as it comes into use.

Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Happiness'. We will be thinking about what makes us feel happy and how can we make others happy? We will consider what the bible teaches us about spreading happiness and joy.

The Young Minds Group will lead worship on Monday morning outlining their plans to build our resilience and to support each other to bounce back from challenges and difficulties.

Danny and Father Mark will lead a worship on Wednesday morning with the first of a series of worship times focusing on parables starting with the parable of the yeast.

Class Photographs

The photographer will be in school on 24th January to take class photographs.

Class newsletters

Class newsletters outlining curriculum content for the spring term should have been sent to you via Seesaw and are also available to view on our website by following this link and selecting your child's class:

<https://www.rufford.lancs.sch.uk/teaching-learning/classes>

Diary dates

Diary dates for the spring and summer terms can be view on our school website:

<https://www.rufford.lancs.sch.uk/parent-information/term-holiday-dates>

Lunchtime French Clubs

Mrs McCready's French Clubs start at lunchtime from next week.

Infant French Club Tuesday lunchtime, 12.30-1pm

Junior French Club Friday lunchtime, 12.30-1pm Please follow the link if you would like to enrol your child.

<https://www.clubenrolment.com/LCfrufford/newuser.php?userType=3&mode=0>

School Meals

Payment details (via Parent Pay) for school meals for the first half of the spring term 2024 are as follows:

Spring Half Term 8/1/24 - 9/2/24, 5 weeks, £12.50 per week, £62.50 for the half term.

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

Admission to Primary School

Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024? Then for Lancashire resident families you need to apply for a school place, even if an older brother or sister is already attending your preferred school/academy. The means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools It is quick and easy to use and offers an e-mail receipt of all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the "submit" button when you are ready to send in your completed on-line application. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application. The closing date for applications for September 2024 is **next Monday 11-59 pm, 15th January 2024**

If you are applying to our school and would like your application to be considered on faith grounds then you will need to complete the supplementary form, available through the school office and return this directly to us.

Friends PTFA

Do you have any unwanted Christmas gifts? If so The Friends, PTFA, are collecting donations to be used as future raffle and tombola prizes.

If you have any pre-loved Christmas jumpers, tee shirts, dresses or pyjamas then The Friends will willingly take them off your hands to be sold next Christmas to raise money for school. Please add any donations to the boxes at the school gates next week.

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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