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'Together in Faith and Learning'

23rd June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We are thrilled to announce that we have once again been awarded the School Games Gold Level Mark Award for 2022-23. Congratulations to all of the children who have taken part in sport across this academic year. A huge thank you to Miss Travis for her ongoing commitment and enthusiasm for developing sport, P.E. and fitness throughout school.



You may have been startled by the 'Police Officer' standing by the school gates on Holmeswood Road this week. The School Council have been trying to spread the message to encourage drivers through our village to slow down to keep us all safe. This is part of continuing work on our road safety campaign. Our grateful thanks to Mr Andy Pratt, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and Mr Lawson Pryke from the Parish Council for their support with this campaign.



This week all classes had road safety talks from PCSOs Tracey McKenna and Susie Lovick. All of the infant children are currently completing their Right Start road safety training.



Congratulations to Lorna from Rowan Class who this week completed a 24 hour sponsored silence raising over £200 for the mental health charity MENCAP. Well done Lorna, this was a tricky challenge for a very important cause.



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

Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Summer'. We will thank God for the summer weather and beauty and reflect on the gifts of nature we share in the summer time. We will consider which experiences we can enjoy together during the summer months. Father Mark and Danny will lead worship on Wednesday morning asking us all to think about the plans God has for our lives.

Well-being Day, Monday 26th June 2023

The Young Minds group will be leading a whole school well-being day on Monday, 26th June. During the day children will work in mixed aged groups and take part in activities designed to promote positive mental health and well-being, including meditation, calming art, sensory activities, sport and stories. At the request of Young Minds, children should attend school in **bright and colourful clothes on Monday**. As some of the activities will be outside and will involve sport then please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing and footwear, for example **shorts, tee shirts, leggings, tracksuit bottoms and trainers or pumps**. Thank you.

Lanzarote Pen-Pals

Over the past few months Key Stage 2 pupils have been corresponding with a group of children from Lanzarote as part of their Spanish lessons in school. Next Tuesday we are excited to welcome 18 of the pen-pals and 4 staff to school for a morning of activities and lunch. Our thanks to Mrs McCready and Mrs Lowe for organising this experience.

Sport's Day

Thank you for understanding the difficulties we faced this week when we had to make the decision to postpone our annual sport's day event. Unfortunately, staff absence due to illness, and the condition of the ground due to heavy rain, meant that it was not safe to hold the event. As published at the start of the academic year, the reserve date for Sport's Day is **Tuesday 4th July** weather permitting.

Due to the field being out of action we are moving the event to the Village Hall this year. Children will leave school at 12:40pm for a prompt start at **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 pumps or trainers, a navy hoody/sweatshirt may also be worn. All children will need a **water bottle** on the day, this 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 will be asked to view from the playground side of the park.

Friends of Rufford School PTFA

Cake Stall the Friends will be running a cake stall and serving cold drinks on Sport's Day, **Tuesday 4th July**, 1pm. If you are able to donate cakes then please contact a member of The Friends Committee to let them know and either bring them on the morning of the event or at the start of the afternoon.

Summer Discos will take place on **Thursday 6th July** priced at £3 per disco dancer, admission charge includes a drink, ice pop and snack. Bookings and consent forms should be completed online via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofruffordschool> by Tuesday 4th July.

The early disco **4.30-5.30pm** is for **Reception to Year 3** children and the later disco **5.45-7pm** for pupils in **Years 4 to 6**.

Pre-loved Uniform Pre-loved uniform items, including cardigans, jumpers and summer dresses are available to purchase by contacting Abi Williamson on 07739 566821.

Veg Boxes Orders for July's Veg. Boxes need to be placed by **Monday 3rd July** for local delivery or collection on **Wednesday 5th July**. Please use the following link to order:

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

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

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School Meals – September 2023

Over this academic year Mrs Blundell has worked very hard to maintain the high level of lunchtime service she provides whilst facing the issue of rapidly rising food prices. Due to increased costs it has become necessary to increase the price of school meals from the start of the new academic year. From September 2023, school meals will be priced at £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week. This is the first price rise for school meals in over 3 years.

Year 6 Trophies

It's that time of year again when we must ask our 2022 Year 6 leavers to return their trophies to school to enable us to prepare for our 2023 leaver's celebrations. If you have a trophy from last year please could arrange for it to be returned to school as soon as possible. If you know of anyone with a trophy then please pass this message on. Thank you

Transition

As we prepare for the start of a new school year in September we will be involving the children in a number of transition activities to give them the opportunity to get to know their classroom surroundings, teachers and support staff. Part of this work will involve transition afternoons on 28th June and 5th July.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable weekend from everyone at school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Ellera
Headteacher



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