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'Together in Faith and Learning'

30th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Monday was a fantastic day as the pupils in 'Young Minds' led our Well-being Day. Children spent the day in mixed aged groups, from Nursery to Year 6, named Relaxing Rabbits, Tranquil Tunas, Happy Hippos, Mindful Meerkats, Calm Cats and Positive Ponies. Throughout the day all children enjoyed each different activity, including a positive mind-set story, obstacle course, meditation, calming art, sensory activities and dance. Thank you to our Young Minds Team of Flo, Alistair, Joseph, Mia, Hannah, Dylan, Ruby, Anna and Mrs Coogan for their hard work and careful planning to help us all to look after our positive mental health and well-being, everyone loved it!



On Tuesday morning we welcomed 18 students and their teachers from Lanzarote to school. Over the past few months Key Stage 2 pupils have been corresponding with the children as pen-pals to enhance their Spanish lessons in school. During the morning the junior children all took part in activities with each group, enjoying making badges, playing games and practising their Spanish speaking. The whole school then joined the visitors for worship and lunchtime. Our thanks to Mrs McCready and Mrs Lowe for organising this great experience and to the staff and pupils from Lanzarote for spending time with us. It was such a positive morning which we are hoping to repeat annually.



Following the successful poetry workshop with David Bowden, Year 3 and Year 4 pupils were invited to enter a poetry competition to write poems on the theme of 'Respect'. There were some great entries and judging was very difficult.

Congratulations to Hannah and Jacob, Year 3 winners and to Noah and Henry, Year 4 winners. They, and their families, will all attend a Celebration of Poetry Evening with David Bowden and other winners from across our local cluster on Tuesday evening. During the evening they will perform their poems and be presented with their prizes.

A huge well done to the Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Team who represented school in a TASA competition on Tuesday afternoon. They had a great time and finished in 3rd place!



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

Our Worship theme next week will be... 'The Environment'. We will be considering how best to care for our school environment both inside and outside. We will think about how we can help to protect God's world and everything in it. We will reflect on the ways we treat our surroundings and each other. Danny will lead worship on Wednesday morning focusing on the theme of leaving comforts behind.

Sport's Day

Weather permitting we are hoping to hold our Sport's Day next **Tuesday, 4th July**.

Due to the field being out of action we have moved 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. They 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.

Fingers crossed the weather will be kind to us and we can look forward to a lovely afternoon. We hope you will be able to join us, spectators will be asked to view from the play area side of the park.



Sparkle Day – Wednesday 5th July

As detailed in a letter issued on Wednesday, we will be holding a fundraiser to support 'The Sparkle Bean Trust' next Wednesday. We will be taking part by holding a **non-uniform day** and encouraging the children to **wear something sparkly** for a donation of your choice. We will also be selling snap bands to show our support for the charity, priced at £1.50 each. All donations will be collected in your child's class on Wednesday morning and children wishing to purchase a snap band will have the opportunity to do so during the week. I am sure that you will agree, this is an excellent way for our school to join others and come together to support the charity and therefore children and school communities in their darkest hour.

End of Year reports

Reports will be sent home with the children on Friday 7th July. Please acknowledge receipt of your child's report by returning the slip enclosed, adding any comments you may wish to make, by Friday 14th July, thank you.

Parent Pay – School Meals and Tree House Club Provision

On our return to school in September, for planning purposes, we will assume that those children who had a school meal prior to school closure will require a school meal each day. If you intend to change your child's meal provision to a packed lunch from home then please email Mrs Shaw prior to the start of the new term. This is vital to assist Mrs Blundell with ordering supplies and organising lunchtimes for the new school year. Parents of children who will be moving into Year 3 will need to ensure that Parent Pay accounts are credited for school lunches as Universal Free School Meals only apply to Reception, Year1 and Year 2 pupils.

School meals for Yr 3-Yr 6; from 4th September – 20th October - 7wks at £2.50 per day = £87.50

Payments should be made in advance either daily, weekly or half termly via ParentPay. Could I please ask that you ensure that your accounts have sufficient funds credited to them for Tree House provision and school meals as school restarts in September.

If anyone requires Tree House Club provision from September and hasn't yet received a new registration pack for 2023/24 then please contact Mrs Shaw who will arrange for a pack to be sent out to you.

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 Friday 14th July. The children are encouraged to join the summer reading challenge through the library service – full details will be posted on Seesaw.

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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

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

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Ellera
Headteacher



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