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'Together in Faith and Learning'

29th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week saw the first worship time this academic year which was planned and led by Key Stage Two pupils. Harry, Max and Henry spoke to the infant children on the theme of family. Thank you for volunteering boys and for working hard to prepare a special worship.



Today our Worship Group for Year 5 & 6 pupils met for their first session. Over the coming weeks they will be planning special worship times and creating reflection and prayer spaces for both school and church. Some members be reading and leading prayers at the Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church on 8th October.



On Wednesday 11th October at 9am in our school hall, Jane Booth from the 'Headssup Project' and Carol from JHD Counselling Service, invite parents and carers to join them for an informal 5-15 minute chat about each of their services. Refreshments will be available. There won't be any hard sell and the session is completely free and optional. 'Headssup' <https://www.headssup.co.uk/> is an emotional wellbeing proactive project and will be supporting our Year 6 pupils with their transition to high school once again this year.

'JHD Counselling Service' www.jhdcounselling.co.uk have been established for 10 years and offer a no wait service for children aged 7 years and over, up to and including adults. They have 40 counsellors in their company nationwide which enables them to match the client to the correct counsellor and offer the no wait service virtually, face to face or blended. Please do come along if you are interested.

Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Autumn and Harvest'. We will consider the season of autumn and what makes it different to the other seasons. We will ask the question 'Which church festival do we celebrate in autumn?' We will thank God for providing our food, livestock and for a rich harvest whilst considering the work of farmers and those involved in food production, reflecting on the value of this work in everyone's lives. Maple Class will share their Harvest worship with everyone. On Wednesday morning, Father Mark and Danny will lead our whole school worship assisted by members of our Worship Group. They will be focusing on one of our School Christian Values, Joy.

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

Harvest

Harvest in School - On **Friday 6th October** Maple Class will be presenting their Harvest worship time. The whole school will share this worship on Thursday morning, allowing the Friday morning to be accessible to parents/carers/governors and visitors. We look forward to welcoming everyone on Friday at **9am**.

Harvest at St. Mary's - The Harvest Festival at St Mary's Rufford will be held on **Sunday 8th October** and children from Maple Class and Worship Group will be taking part in the service at **9:15am**. Little Squirrels and Oak Class will be creating scarecrows to decorate church.

Harvest donations- We will be collecting **tins and packets of non- perishable food items** as our harvest thanksgiving gifts. These will be taken to church to support the work of the **Trussell Trust Food Bank**. If you are able to donate any foodstuffs (long dated if possible) then please send into school by **Thursday 5th October**, or place them in the food bank collection box which is always available for donations by the school garden at the main gates on Flash Lane.

National Poetry Day

On Thursday of next week we will be celebrating National Poetry Day, with a day of exploring and enjoying poetry. This year's theme is: 'Refuge'. Each class will, amongst other activities, study a selected poem as a starting point and will work towards producing a performance piece to be shared with the whole school. Images and work from the day will be posted on class Seesaw pages. Further information about National Poetry Day can be found by visiting this link <https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/celebrate-national-poetry-day/>. Thank you to Mrs Murphy for planning the day for us.

Data Collection Sheet

Children will bring home data collection sheets today for you to make sure that the information we hold about your child is correct. I would be grateful if you could check details on these sheets and make any amendments necessary. The sheets should then be signed and returned to school by Friday 6th October. Further information on how the data is used can be found in our 'Privacy Notice' which is available on our school website by following this link <https://www.rufford.lancs.sch.uk/parent-information/privacy-notice-gdpr>

School photographs

The closing date for **free delivery** back to school is this **Sunday, 1st October 2023**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

'Flu Vaccinations

Families with children in Nursery, should have received paper consent forms to complete for immunisations against 'Flu'. Parents and carers of children from Reception to Year 6 need to complete an online consent form to arrange for your child to be immunised in school by clicking this link

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/f72daa4d>

All consent needs to be completed by **Thursday 5th October 2023** and the 'flu' immunisations will take place on Tuesday **17th October 2023**.

If your child has their immunisation at the GP, if any details change after form completion or you have any queries, please contact Intrahealth on 0333 358 3397, Option 2 – Option 1.

Admission to Primary and Secondary School

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on **15 January 2024**.

Secondary school admissions: If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

The closing date for secondary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on **31 October 2023**.

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For guidance on school transport see: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/>.

Open Afternoon/Morning

Our annual Open Afternoon takes place on **Wednesday 1st November between 1:15 and 3pm**. The afternoon is an ideal opportunity for you to see what makes our school so special. You are welcome to drop in on the day from 1:15pm to take a guided tour with one of our Year 6 pupils. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore school facilities, meet the pupils and staff and get a feel for the Vision and Values that set us apart.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and anyone you know, who has a child due to start school next September, to come and see our school in action.

We will also be offering tours of school on **Saturday 4th November between 9am and 12 noon**.

St Mary's Church

A **Harvest Ceilidh** will take place in the village hall on Friday 6th October at 7pm. Tickets are priced at £12.50 per adult £3.50 per child (11 years and under), further details are available through Jim Whittingham 01704 822878/07711 047082.

Fundraising Appeal Sadly, the church spire and tower at St Mary's Church are in need of urgent repair. Early estimates put the cost of repair at between a quarter and a third of a million pounds. Members of the local community are invited to contribute towards the cost, either online [here](#) or by calling in to church to see the Wardens and Father Mark on Saturday **October 14th between 10am and 3.30pm**. Contributions will be added to church monies in reserve and will go towards match funding for grants which will be applied for.

Friends of Rufford School, PTFA

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 October's Veg. Boxes need to be placed by next **Monday, 2nd October** for local delivery or collection on **Wednesday 4th October**. 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 everyone a pleasant weekend

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Elleray
Headteacher



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