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'Together in Faith and Learning'

15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations this week to all our Year 5 children who have passed their Bikeability course run by West Lancashire Sport Partnership. Over the three days training they were taught how to deal with traffic on short journeys such as cycling to school, how to safely pass parked or slower moving vehicles and side roads, ways to identify and react to hazards in the road, signalling and using the Highway Code, particularly when it comes to understanding road signs. Thank you to a parent who very kindly took the time comment on the children's exceptional behaviour, politeness and listening skills when she saw them out cycling in the village. Well done Year 5, we hope you can all enjoy safer cycling with confidence now.

Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Caring'. We will be thinking about ways in which we care for the environment, animals and objects. We will consider how we can care for each other, for our school, homes and surroundings. We will focus on Jesus' direction that teaches us all to value what we have and to care. Father Mark and Danny will lead our whole school worship on Wednesday morning focusing on the theme of Forgiveness.

Head Lice

As we start a new school year and move into the autumn and winter months please check your child's hair regularly for the presence of head lice. Information on the most effective ways to treat and prevent head lice can be found via the following NHS link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

School photographs

Proofs of school photographs will be sent home with your child today. Should you wish to order photographs then you will need to order directly with 'Tempest' by following the instructions for orders and online payments provided with the proof. An offer of free back to school delivery is available for all orders placed within 7 days.

Tree House Club

School offers wraparound care for your child between the hours of 7:30am and 5:30pm through the provision of a before and after school club known as The Tree House Club (THC). THC caters for children in all year groups who attend the school from Nursery to Year 6. Bookings for sessions at Early Drop-Off Club, Breakfast Club, Early Pick Up Club or After School Club must be made via ParentPay, our secure online payment system. Please book as early as possible as places cannot be automatically guaranteed due to staff ratios. The cut off time for booking an after school session is 2pm on the day of the session. We will however make every effort to ensure all your childcare needs are met.

Breakfast Club is held in Oak Classroom (EYFS entrance) each morning. After School Club takes place in Maple Classroom on Mondays and Fridays and Rowan Classroom each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Children arriving for Early Drop Off at 8.20am must enter school via the main entrance and not through the school gates, thank you.

Inhalers

If your child requires an asthma inhaler in school please return **inhalers**, the **School Asthma Card** and the **Emergency Inhaler Consent Form** as soon as possible. Should your child have just joined us or has been recently diagnosed as needing an inhaler then please contact Mrs Shaw in the office for the relevant paperwork.

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

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**.

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

'**Sunday Club**' meets for the first time this academic year on Sunday morning at 9.15am.

'**Diamond Disciples**' for young people aged 7-11, has resumed each Thursday evening 6.30-8pm at Tarleton Holy Trinity Parish Room. The group is led by Danny and a fantastic team of volunteers and focuses on fun and friendship allowing children to grow their faith. If you would like more details or to offer your help as a volunteer then please speak to Danny or Father Mark for more details.

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 **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 lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Ellera
Headteacher



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