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'Together in Faith and Learning'

19th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Year 2 children successfully completed their SATs. We have all been very impressed by their attitude and effort each day. This afternoon they have celebrated by watching a film whilst enjoying some tasty snacks. Well done all of you, we are very proud of you!

On Wednesday afternoon we held the first Coffee, Community and Choir afternoon since the pandemic. Guests were treated to delicious refreshments kindly provided by Mrs Blundell and served by Mrs Ainscough and Mrs Hall, our grateful thanks to them all.

The School Choir performed brilliantly and really 'let their light shine!' They performed a number of songs taken from different musicals and managed to raise £114 for their 2 chosen charities The WWF and Cancer Research, thank you to everyone for your generous support.

A huge thank you to Mrs Lowe for her continued work with and dedication to the choir, and of course to the children of the choir for their enthusiasm, commitment and beautiful singing.



Monday afternoon saw the return of the Gardening Club run by Mrs Newsham. The children planted plants sourced by Mrs Ryding, kindly donated by Lovania nurseries, thank you! The planters and baskets around school are looking a lot brighter. Gardening Club's next task is to plant up the planters in the reflection area and sow seeds gifted to each school to celebrate King Charles III's coronation.



Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Pentecost'

We will explore the Bible stories about the arrival of the Holy Spirit and how the disciples were affected. We will focus on the signs and symbols used to depict the Holy Spirit, wind, fire and breath. Father Mark and Danny will also explore this theme with the children on Wednesday morning and the feast of Pentecost will be celebrated in church on Sunday 28/5/23

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

St Mary's Church

Everyone at St Mary's Church would like to say a 'Big Thank You' to all the volunteers and children who come to Sunday school each week. Just a reminder that "All Age Worship" takes place on the second Sunday of each month and everyone is welcome.

The children do all sorts of fun activities, as well as taking part in the church services each month. If you would like to get involved and lend a hand, please contact Mary on 07801 236452.

New school opening hours from September 2023

The Government White Paper 'Opportunity for all' sets out the expectation that mainstream schools are to open for at least 32.5 hours by September 2023. This equates to 6.5 hours per day for pupils. On our return for the new academic year in **September** the school day will run from **8:45am until 3:15pm**.

The school gates will be open, and children supervised on the playground from 8:35am. The whistle will be blown at 8:45am for registration. Those families who make use of the Early Drop Off facility with Tree House Club will be able to drop children from 8:20am.

Online Safety Workshop for parents/carers – 8th June at 7pm

Last week you should have received information about a virtual Online Safety Presentation taking place on Thursday 8th June at 7pm via Zoom. During the 90 minute session, Richard from the Stay Safe Initiative, CIC, will help us to understand young people's digital lives a bit more, including the risks. He will provide straight forward help and advice to keep everyone safe. It is hoped that, by running this event online, and enabling participation from the comfort of your own home, we can maximise uptake and attendance.

We are very grateful to The Friends PTFA for their donation towards this workshop.

Reminders will be sent out in the coming weeks but please see the message posted on Seesaw on 2nd May or check your emails for the Zoom link.

Friends of Rufford School PTFA

The Friends are trying out a new idea for Father's Day Gifts this year.

Last month the children designed a Father's Day chocolate bar wrapper in school. Orders are now being taken for these personalised Father's Day chocolate bars via the PTA events page and must be placed by 7th June - one per child please.

In addition, you may also order DIY kits for 'Someone Special' to create at home suitable for grandads, uncles or other loved ones - order as many as you like.

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

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

The next Friends meeting will take place in the school hall on **6th June at 2pm**, everyone is welcome.

Orders for June's Veg. Boxes need to be placed by Monday 5th June for local delivery or collection on Wednesday 7th June. 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

INSET and Half Term Holiday

School will close for the half term holiday at 3:15pm on **Thursday 25th May (Friday 26th May is staff INSET – school is closed to pupils)** and reopens on **Monday 5th June at 8:55am**. Tree House Club will run as normal on the afternoon of 25th May for those families who need to make use of it.

We hope you all enjoy a happy and safe weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Ellera
Headteacher



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