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'Together in Faith and Learning'

13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year 5 & 6 football team enjoyed their first success of this academic year on Tuesday afternoon. They represented school at the TASA Football Competition finishing in second place in their league and as overall winners of the medium sized schools with 4 wins and 1 draw. Miss Travis and Mr Newsham were so proud of them and their amazing performance. Congratulations to the whole team!



Surakarta, our local pharmacist, came to school this week to support Rowan and Maple classes with their Science and PSHE learning. He very kindly shared his knowledge on medicines and drugs and their safe use. Thank you to Surakarta, we are very grateful, the children really enjoyed the sessions.



On Tuesday each class took part in sessions delivered by The Yogi Group. They experienced activities designed to give them specific skills to help improve their mental wellness, including anxiety-relieving techniques, breathing techniques, mindful movement and poses.



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

Our Worship theme next week will be... 'The Elderly' We will be thinking about elderly members of our own families and talking about the role of grandparents and how they support us. We will pray for people in care homes and in hospitals. We will challenge the children to see the value of the elderly in all our lives. Father Mark and Danny will lead our whole school worship on Wednesday morning celebrating St. Luke on his feast day.

Cross Country Event - Poppy Run

Next Friday 20th October will see our annual cross country event supporting the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**. Due to the success of last year's event we will, once again, hold this year's cross country at the Village Hall. Children will be escorted to the park by school staff and will take all of their belongings with them for the afternoon. At the end of the day children will be **dismissed from the park** with only the children booked into Tree House Club returning to school. All children take part in the run which will start with our Nursery and Reception children shortly after 1pm. Children will need to **attend school wearing their outdoor P.E. kits and trainers** on the day. We also ask that they **wear something red** to show their support for the Poppy Appeal. If you are able to donate towards this worthy cause then please send your **donation with your child on Friday 20th October, there will be collection boxes in each class.**

Families and Friends are warmly invited to attend the afternoon from 1pm during which 'The Friends' PTFA will be running a refreshment stall selling hot & cold drinks and cakes.

In order to keep our children safe please **do not park on the village hall car park** during the afternoon. Parking is available at The Hesketh Arms, thank you.

St Mary's Church

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 this 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

Friends Social Event The Friends invite new and existing parents and carers to meet for a chat and to get to know other families. Please join them if you are able to on **Tuesday 17th October, 2pm** for coffee at Tastebuds at the marina.

Cross Country Refreshment Stall if you are able to kindly donate cakes for the stall on Friday afternoon then please pass to The Friends on Friday morning or bring them along to the event at 1pm. Any volunteers to help on the stall throughout the afternoon will be welcomed.

Autumn Discos will take place on **Thursday 2nd November** priced at £3 per disco dancer. The admission charge includes a drink and a snack. Bookings and consent forms should be completed online via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofruffordschool> by Monday 30th October.

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**. The discos are not open to nursery children.

Veg Boxes Orders for October's Veg. Boxes need to be placed by **Monday, 6th November** for local delivery or collection on **Wednesday 8th November**. 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

Rufford Beaver Scouts

Rufford Beaver Scouts are looking for new members to join. Beavers is for children aged 6-8 years old. They meet on Monday evenings 6-7.15pm at the Scout Hut, Flash Lane, Rufford. If your child is interested in joining, please get in contact via email: ruffordbeavers@yahoo.com

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Parent Pay – School Meals and Tree House Club Provision

Please would you check your account to ensure that any outstanding balances on Parent Pay are cleared before the half term break, thank you.

Half term holiday

School will close for the half term break next Friday, 20th October, following the Poppy Run. All pupils should be collected from the Village Hall with only those children attending Tree House Club being dismissed from school at the end of their session.

School will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 31st October at 8:45am for the 2nd half of the autumn term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Elleray
Headteacher



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