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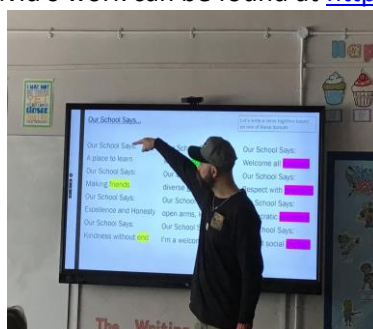
'Together in Faith and Learning'

16th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic morning we had on Wednesday as we welcomed the poet David Bowden and children from Mere Brow Primary School. David led an exciting and inspirational workshop with the whole school during which he performed his unique style of poetry and music, the children loved it and responded with great enthusiasm.

During the morning, David worked with Year 3 and Year 4 pupils to compose and perform rap style poems on the theme of 'Respect'. He said that it had been "an utter joy" and from their responses the children certainly felt the same! The Y3&4 children are now challenged to write poems on the same theme before two of them will be chosen to attend a celebration of poetry event at Banks Leisure Centre on Tuesday 4/7/23 at 6pm. During the evening they will perform their winning poems alongside pupils from other schools in our Tardis Cluster. We are very grateful to Mr Draper from Banks Methodist Primary School for organising the event. Further information about David's work can be found at <https://wordguerrilla.com/>



Congratulations to the KS2 pupils who were confirmed by Bishop Philip, Bishop of Blackburn, at Tarleton Holy Trinity Church last Friday evening. Our grateful thanks to Father Mark and Danny for preparing them all for confirmation.



Yesterday a team of Year 3&4 children attended the TASA Quad Kids event at Edge Hill taking part with twenty-five other schools. Miss Travis and Mrs Ewins, who accompanied them to the event, said that they did us proud, especially as it was such a hot evening. Their teamwork and support for one another was great to see and shines through in this photograph. Well done to you all.



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

Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Following Rules'. We will consider how, as Christians, we follow rules to show our love for Jesus and for each other. We will think about our own lifestyles and behaviours and challenge each other to follow rules to enable us to improve for the good of everyone. Danny will lead worship on Wednesday morning on the theme of 'Trust and Peer pressure' focusing on the bible story of David & Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

Sport's Day

Our annual sport's day event for all pupils takes place on **Wednesday, 21st June**, weather permitting. Due to the field being out of action we are moving 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. All children 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.

We look forward to a lovely afternoon and hope you will be able to join us, spectators will be asked to view from the playground side of the park.

Should the weather be against us on the day then the reserve date for Sport's Day is Tuesday 4th July where the same arrangements will apply.

Well-being Day, Monday 26th June 2023

The Young Minds group have been busy planning a whole school well-being day which will take place on Monday 26th June. During the day children will work on mixed aged groups and take part in activities designed to promote positive mental health and well-being. Young Minds would like everyone to attend school wearing bright and colourful clothes for the day.

School Meals – September 2023

Over this academic year Mrs Blundell has worked very hard to maintain the high level of lunchtime service she provides whilst facing the issue of rapidly rising food prices. Due to increased costs it has become necessary to increase the price of school meals from the start of the new academic year. From September 2023, school meals will be priced at £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week. This is the first price rise for school meals in over 3 years.

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

Building work

The final parts of the decarbonisation project will take place prior to the start of the new academic year. New windows and external doors will be fitted to improve insulation across school with this work due to commence on Monday 26th June.

The school field, I am assured, will be ready for use from September 2023.

I am delighted to announce that, following a successful bid to Blackburn Diocese, work will start on an extension to the current staffroom during the summer. This work will mean that from October half term we should have a new Key Stage 2 classroom in this extended space meaning that the staffroom and classes can be relocated accordingly. Further details will be released as soon as we have them.

Transition

As we prepare for the start of a new school year in September we will be involving the children in a number of transition activities to give them the opportunity to get to know their classroom surroundings, teachers and support staff. Part of this work will involve transition afternoons on 28th June and 5th July.

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Letters informing you of your child's class and teacher for September 2023 will be sent home next Friday 23rd June 2023.

Friends of Rufford School PTFA

Cake Stall the Friends will be running a cake stall and serving cold drinks on Sport's Day, Wednesday 21st June, 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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