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'Together in Faith and Learning'

21st April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the summer term, we have a busy time ahead of us with many events to look forward to.

Details of planned diary dates will be issued via Seesaw and also posted on our website.

Before the Easter holiday our School Choir took part in a TARDIS Performing Arts Festival held at The Hub at Banks. They performed a medley of songs from the musical Matilda. It was a great evening with many different performances showcasing the talent in our schools. Thank you to Mrs Lowe for preparing them all so well for the event.

Congratulations to the members of the choir who took part, you were fantastic!



Earlier this week the School Council Members met with Mr Andy Pratt MBE, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, to discuss our ongoing campaign for safer roads around school. The children shared their ideas to discourage speeding on Holmeswood Road and to encourage safer parking near to school. They came up with a number of different thoughts which they put to Mr Pratt and he was very impressed by their enthusiasm and knowledge.

Also in attendance were 3 local Police and Community Support Officers and Mr Lawson Pryke from the Parish Council.

It is hoped that the meeting will lead to a number of new initiatives over the coming months to enable families and members of our local community to feel safer.



Yesterday our Football Team took part in the Liverpool Cup, organised by West Lancashire Sport's Partnership. There were 20 teams in the whole event and our team finished in 9th place overall. Well done to them and thank you to Mr and Mrs Newsham, James and Miss Travis for their ongoing coaching commitment with the squad.

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

You may remember last year we worked with a local artist, Briony Machin, to produce a mosaic which reflected our school vision. Now the roofing work has been completed and the scaffolding removed the mosaic has been framed and installed outside school for everyone to enjoy. Thank you, once again, to The Friends for their support in funding this project.



Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Appearances of our Lord' We will be thinking about the events leading up to Ascension Day, including the bible stories of the road to Emmaus, Doubting Thomas, and the appearance of Jesus on the Shore. We will consider how it feels to lose a friend or to be lost. Father Mark will lead our worship on Wednesday morning when he will explore the account of the events on road to Emmaus in more detail.

Class Newsletters

Newsletters outlining the curriculum content for the summer term will be issued via Seesaw early next week. They will also be available on the school website by following this link and selecting the relevant class page: <https://www.rufford.lancs.sch.uk/teaching-learning/classes>

School website

We have a new school website which can be accessed via the existing website address www.rufford.lancs.sch.uk Alongside the new website there is a new School Jotter 3 App which, once downloaded, ensures that you receive all essential information about school, including newsletters and reminders about calendar events, direct to your phone.

Earlier this week we sent out personal access codes for the App. I apologise for the issues around installing the App, I am assured by 'Webanywhere' that these codes are now valid and should allow you to access the App. Please contact us if you experience any further problems.

King Charles III Coronation Celebrations

The week preceding the coronation on 6th May, we will be celebrating this historic event in various ways across school. Classes will study King Charles and his life and will also learn about the symbolism of the coronation service itself.

Tuesday 2nd May - Coronation themed lunch – the menu is available to view on Seesaw or the school website. If your child does not normally have a school meal and you would like them to on this occasion then please contact Mrs Shaw by **27th April** at the latest for ordering purposes, thank you.

Tuesday 2nd May - Coronation themed Design Technology Day. During the day all classes will be challenged to design and create a piece of work that King Charles would enjoy or use for his coronation or something which has a royal theme. Families are invited to view this work after school on **Friday 5th May between 3:15pm and 3:45pm.**

Friday 5th May – Outdoor celebration worship at 2:30pm the pupils from Worship Group will be leading this service and everyone is welcome to join us. Children are invited to **attend school dressed in red, white and blue for the day.**

NEU Strike Action

The National Education Union have announced two further days of industrial action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. School will remain open on both of these days.

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School Council Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported this event before the Easter holiday. The school council members were thrilled to raise **£90.06** which will be donated to **Alder Hey Children's Hospital**.

Friends of Rufford School PTFA

The Friends are holding their next meeting on **Thursday 27th April at 7pm in The Hesketh Arms**. Please do go along if you are able to, the committee is always in need of new volunteers to support their invaluable work. Orders for May's Veg. Boxes need to be placed by Monday 1st May for local delivery or collection on Wednesday 3rd May. 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

Bank Holidays and INSET Day

School will be closed for the Spring Bank Holiday on **Monday 1st May 2023**, for the additional bank holiday for the coronation on **Monday 8th May 2023**, and for staff INSET on **Friday 26th May 2023**.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable St George's Day weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Ellera
Headteacher



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