



Rufford Church of England Primary School



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'Together in Faith and Learning'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a number of shared experiences this past week, bringing a welcome return to some normality in school after a difficult year.

Our Sport's Day took place on Tuesday afternoon and was a real celebration of the whole school being together again. We were blessed with the sunshine and the encouraging behaviour of our children towards one another, resulting in a lovely afternoon. We are sorry not to have been able to share this with families but pictures will be posted on class Seesaw pages.

On Tuesday and Thursday we held successful transition sessions outdoors. The children should be able to share with you exactly who will be in their class on our return in September and where they will be based.

On Tuesday evening our Year 6 pupils performed a play for their families, using our outdoor stage area. The play was based around a class novel they have enjoyed studying this year, Skellig. They were fantastic! My thanks to Mrs Newsham and Mrs Roscoe for all of their hard work in enabling this to go ahead and our congratulations to the Year 6 children, they really did themselves proud!

Following the play we held the Year 6 Leaver's Service, the children presented with trophies and Bibles to recognise their achievements during their time with us.

Father Mark led us in prayer and Mr Tim Isom, our Chair of Governors, presented the awards.

We would like to wish all of our Year 6 children great happiness and success for the future and we thank them for their hard work and commitment over their years at Rufford School.



Our Worship theme for next week is: Endings we will be celebrating our successes this year and remembering the things we have enjoyed together. We will be thinking about moving on to new beginnings in September, whether this be a new class, year group or a new school.

Summer Fun Day

The Friends have very kindly organised a Summer Fun Day for all of the children on Monday. 'Alldays Farm' will be visiting for the day and each class will enjoy an allocated time to visit the farm animals, learning

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about lifecycles, animal care and evolution amongst other things. Staff have worked to prepare the children for this event and about how to behave around the animals. Amongst those visiting will be chicks, sheep, a miniature horse and pygmy goats. If your child has any known allergies to animals then please advise their class teacher, via Seesaw, prior to Monday morning.

Handwashing facilities and hand sanitiser will be freely available throughout the visit.

During the afternoon each child will receive a tub of ice cream, kindly donated by 'Tastebuds'. If your child has any specific dietary needs then you should have been contacted by their class teacher.

We are extremely grateful to The Friends for providing this experience for the children and we are very much looking forward to the day.

Sun Protection

As we are fortunate to be enjoying hot and sunny weather at the moment, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing sun cream and brings a sun hat and a water bottle each day.

WLSP PE Sessions

Our timetabled sessions with West Lancashire Sport Partnership have now finished for this academic year. **Children should attend school in full school uniform next week.**

Reading Books and Class library books

If your child still has a class library book or reading book at home then please return to school on Monday. For summer reading activities online reading books can be accessed via the Oxford Owl website

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page> or via the local library.

Parent Pay – School Meals and Tree House Club Provision

Could I please ask that any outstanding balances on Parent Pay are cleared by Monday. On our return to school in September, for planning purposes, we will assume that those children who had a school meal prior to school closure will require a school meal each day. If you intend to change your child's meal provision to a packed lunch from home then please email Mrs Shaw prior to the start of the new term. This is vital to assist Mrs Blundell with ordering supplies and organising lunchtimes for the new school year.

Parents of children who will be moving into Year 3 will need to ensure that Parent Pay accounts are credited for school lunches as Universal Free School Meals only apply to Reception, Year1 and Year 2 pupils.

School meals for Yr 3-Yr 6; from 2nd September – 22nd October - 7wks 2 days at £2.30 per day = £85.10

Payments should be made in advance either daily, weekly or half termly via ParentPay.

Could I please ask that you ensure that your accounts have sufficient funds credited to them for Tree House provision and school meals as school restarts in September.

Friends of Rufford School PTFA

If anyone wishes to donate or purchase pre-loved uniform over the summer break then please contact Abi Williamson on 07739566821.

The Friends have organised another pop up shop on Monday and Tuesday next week. They will be selling a range of 'Pop-it' toys from a table near the main reception with an honesty box. Price ranging from £2 to £10.

School will close for the summer holiday at **2pm on Tuesday 20th July** and will re-open for the autumn term on **Thursday 2nd September** at 8:55am. **Please note that, as school closes at 2pm, there will be no after school Tree House Club on the last day.**

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R H Elleray
Headteacher



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