



Rufford Church of England Primary School



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'Together in Faith and Learning'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families, I hope that you, very quickly, begin to feel part of our school community.

It has been extremely fulfilling to see everyone operating in more normal circumstances throughout school this week. The children have all had a very positive start and have settled into the new routines well.

We have enjoyed being able to meet as a school family for worship time and lunchtimes, whilst also being able to mix with friends both indoors and on the playground. We will keep our arrangements under constant review and make adjustments should they become necessary.

Our Worship theme next week will be... 'New beginnings' We will be encouraging the children to think about ways in which we can support one another throughout this new school year. How we can build firm foundations in terms of our achievements, attitudes, commitment and our friendships to ensure we have a good year. Father Mark will lead a whole school worship on Wednesday on the theme of **'Working Together'** emphasising how we are all part of the body of Christ.

Whole school worship will be held in the school hall with all classes together, we will continue to be mindful of rates and outbreaks whilst also waiting until later in the term before deciding if it is safe to invite parents and visitors to join our worship.

Photographer

The school photographer will be in school next **Friday 10th September at 8:45am**.

Please note:

- **Children with siblings in school** will be photographed in family groups only, unless the class teacher has been notified (via Seesaw) to the contrary.
- Parents wishing to bring **pre-school children** for family photographs should let Mrs Shaw know, as soon as possible. You should then report to the Hall fire doors on Flash Lane at 8:45am on the day for photographs to be taken.

Parking

A polite reminder to be respectful of local residents when parking around school. The car park at the village hall is available for parking each morning and afternoon. Please make use of this facility if possible and then walk to and from school along the pavement on Liverpool Road, this is considered a much safer route than walking along Flash Lane which has no pavement access. Thank you.

P.E. Lessons

A reminder that children in Years 1-6 need to come to school dressed in their P.E. kits each Monday. P.E. kits should then be sent into school to enable children to change for their second P.E. lesson during the week. School P.E. kits should be worn with the addition of a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms or track suit in cooler weather. Trainers may be worn by KS2 pupils. Class teachers will inform each class which day their 2nd lesson is timetabled for.

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

Treehouse Club

Could I please remind everyone using Treehouse Club that you will need to complete a registration form prior to booking sessions on ParentPay. Registration Packs are available from Mrs Shaw in the school office.

Reading Books

Home readers will be issued from Monday 6th September. Each child will bring home their full entitlement of reading books for the week on a Monday. These books should be read, along with a class library book, across the week and will be changed the following Monday. Please try to set aside time every day to read with your child. Mrs Lowe will be in touch via Seesaw to explain the arrangements for Reception children's reading books.

ParentPay

ParentPay is our system for making payments for Lunches, Tree House Club bookings and School Trips. It is also our main system for sending emails and texts to you. New parents/carers should have received an '**Activation letter for ParentPay**' via book bags yesterday; please let us know if you did not receive the letter.

Could I please ask that you ensure that your accounts have sufficient funds credited to them for Tree House provision and lunches to be taken this half term. Lunches are priced at **£2.30 per day or £11.50 for the week**.

Parents of children who have moved into **Year 3** will need to ensure that ParentPay accounts are credited for school lunches as Universal Free School Meals only apply to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils.

Seesaw

Home learning codes and instructions to set up family access for new accounts will be sent home today. Please ensure that your child's Seesaw account is set up and ready for use. Class teachers will use Seesaw to send and respond to messages, set homework and provide information specific to each class.

Term Dates

You will receive a list of planned events through the year, with this newsletter. Organised events are subject to change, but hopefully these provisional dates will assist families with forward planning for this academic year.

Friends

The Friends PTFA extend a warm welcome to all parents and carers to join them for tea, coffee, cake and a chat at 'Tastebuds' on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 2pm. This is an opportunity to meet other parents, make friends, share ideas and help the PTFA to improve the school's facilities and community.

St Mary's Church

Following the review of government guidance, the wearing of masks will now be a personal choice in church. Father Mark will continue to wear a mask when administering the sacrament. Refreshments are now able to be served following the 9:15am service. All age worship will be held on the second Sunday of each month. **Sunday School** will start again this coming Sunday, 5th September, in the church hall. All children are welcome to attend. Tickets for the Ceilidh on October 8th can be purchased from Jim Whittingham on 01704-822878. Ceilidh raffle prizes are needed, please donate gifts by leaving them in the box at the west door of the church.

I look forward to working with you all during this coming year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R H Elleray
Headteacher



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