



Rufford Church of England Primary School



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'Together in Faith and Learning'

17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our second full week of this academic year I am pleased to say that the children new to school have settled well and we are all adapting to more normal routines and the re-established working patterns of the school day.

It has been a joy to be able to meet as a school for worship, to sing together again and also to mix with everyone during break times and lunchtimes.

Each class is very appreciative of our new interactive screens which were installed during the summer and are already making such a difference to learning.

Seesaw should now be fully up and running, allowing day to day class arrangements to be communicated directly.

Here are a few whole school notifications for the coming weeks.

Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Homes'. We will be focussing on different types of home and thinking about what makes a home? We will consider what it is like to live in different places and countries, whilst reflecting on what it would be like to have no home, the plight of the homeless, of refugees and how we can help.

Father Mark will also lead a whole school worship on Wednesday morning.

Head Boy and Head Girl

We would all like to pass on our congratulations to our newly elected Head Boy and Head Girl, Oscar and Lucy and also to our Deputies Will and Emily. We are very much looking forward to working with them throughout the coming school year. Their first official duty will be to accompany me to the opening ceremony of the COVID-19 Commemoration Garden at Beacon Country Park on 29th September.



Prefects

This academic year we have decided to introduce the role of prefects to school. All Year Six children have been given the opportunity to apply for a prefect role, should they choose to do so. As prefects, children will be expected to uphold the values and positive behaviours we promote in school and fulfil their role with commitment and an understanding of the responsibility they have undertaken. Staff have agreed a number of specific areas of responsibility across school and these roles will be assigned in the coming days.

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

Data Collection Sheet

Next week children in Years 1 to 6 will bring home data collection sheets for you to make sure that the information we hold about your child is correct. I would be grateful if you could check details on these sheets and make any amendments necessary. The sheets should then be signed and returned to school by Monday 27th September. Further information on how the data is used can be found in our 'Privacy Notice' which is available on our school website by following this link <https://www.rufford.lancs.sch.uk/parent-information/privacy-notice-gdpr>

Outstanding balances

There are still some outstanding balances owing on Parent Pay Accounts from last academic year. Please could I request that these are cleared with immediate effect, thank you.

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** has started again 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.

Photographs

Proofs of school photographs will be sent out on Monday. Should you wish to order photographs then you will need to order directly with 'Tempest' by following the instructions for orders and online payments provided with the proof. An offer of free back to school delivery is available for all orders placed within 7 days.

The Friends PTFA

The Friends will be holding another, very popular, 'Poppit' Sale next Thursday and Friday. A stall will be on the wooden gazebo on the playground before and after school. Please look out for further details on the Friends FaceBook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/969859416465959>.

Orders for Veg Boxes should be placed by midday on the 1st Monday of the month for local delivery or collection on the following Wednesday.

Please order via: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofruffordschool> or by bank transfer to Friends of Rufford School, Account number: 61064851, Sort Code: 40-24-14

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing everyone a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R H Elleray
Headteacher



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