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'Together in Faith and Learning'

24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks certainly seem to be flying by now we are well into the new term. On Wednesday Father Mark made use of our new technology in worship time. A donation from The Friends helped us to purchase the fully interactive Prowise Screen and it, and the others in classrooms, are really enhancing our provision, thank you all.



Year Six prefect roles have been allocated and I am pleased to say that the children are taking their responsibilities very seriously. Prefect badges will be presented once they have been delivered.

Congratulations to our new Sport's Councillors Maddie and George. They were elected in a vote involving the whole of Key Stage Two. They will represent school at the local Sport's Cluster Meetings and we are looking forward to them bringing new ideas for further sport development in school.

We are pleased that Miss Johns has joined us to complete her final teaching placement in partnership with Edge Hill. Miss Johns will be working with Willow and Maple Classes until Christmas.

Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Doing our best/Doing jobs well'. We will be focussing on being determined and keeping on trying, even when things are tough. We will be encouraging each other to take pride in all that we do and celebrating our achievements. We will consider ways we can work together and share responsibility. Father Mark will also lead our whole school worship on Wednesday morning.

Parent Consultation Evenings

There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher, to discuss how they have settled into their new year group and targets for the coming year, on Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th October. Further details will be sent out next week allowing you to indicate a preferred appointment time.

With the lifting of restrictions we are keen to allow face to face meetings for these appointments, whilst still mitigating risk by introducing certain control measures.

Five minute appointments will be held in classroom bases and access to school will be via the Hall fire doors from Flash Lane. You will be asked to undergo a temperature check on arrival and we would request that you arrive no more than five minutes before your scheduled appointment time. The Hall will be a designated waiting area from where you will be directed to your child's classroom in time for your appointment. All rooms will be well ventilated and hand sanitiser will be available for use.

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

Letters inviting you to book appointments will be sent out next week.
If anyone has any additional concerns regarding these arrangements then please contact me to discuss.

Nasal 'Flu Vaccinations

The Immunisation Team will be visiting school on Thursday 18th November to administer nasal 'flu vaccinations to pupils in Reception to Year Six,(not nursery). If you would like your child to receive the nasal 'flu vaccination in school please follow this link to complete the online consent form <https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=119483&Type=FLU> the link will close on Tuesday 9th November. If your child has already had the Nasal 'Flu vaccine since September 2021 please disregard this message.
If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397, option 3.

Data Collection Sheet

A polite reminder that all data collection sheets need to be checked, amended 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>

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.

The Friends PTFA

Thank you to The Friends for the 'Poppit' Sale this week. The stall proved to be very popular. Orders for Veg Boxes should be placed by midday on the 4th October for local delivery or collection on the 6th October. 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
Due to ongoing commitments Mrs Lonsdale has sadly decided to stand down from the role of Treasurer. We are very grateful for the hard work and commitment shown by Mrs Lonsdale, over the past challenging year in particular, and would like to thank her on behalf of everyone in school.
Mrs Davies, Mum to Joseph and Thomas, has very kindly offered to take on the treasurer position. We thank her for this and look forward to working with her.
If you would like to get involved with the valuable work of The Friends, PTFA then please speak to me or any committee member. The more people involved then the lighter the load on individuals.

Next week sees the Key Stage 2 trip to Chester on Friday with the visit planned to enhance learning on The Romans. On Monday evening we will hold a Year Six Information Evening for those parents and carers. On Tuesday afternoon the junior children will take part in tester tennis sessions with Mr Grice from Holmeswood Tennis Club, all children will need P.E. kits in school for these sessions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R H Elleray
Headteacher



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