



Rufford Church of England Primary School



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'Together in Faith and Learning'

1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday afternoon I was delighted to accompany our Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies to Beacon Country Park where they took part in a ceremony for the opening of 'The Covid Garden of Reflection'. They represented our school excellently meeting local MP's, the mayor and people who had been involved in creating the garden. We are very proud that all of our pupils had the opportunity to add their thoughts and reflections on the pandemic to a time capsule which has been buried in the garden. I would encourage you to visit, not only the garden but the whole country park it really is worth it.



Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Autumn and Harvest'. We will be considering the hard work of our farming community, especially at this time of year. We will thank God for the gifts of his harvest and think about how harvest time differs in different parts of our world. We will learn about the work of the Trussell Trust who we continue to support through donations of non-perishable foodstuffs. Maple Class will be delivering their Harvest Worship both in school and in St. Mary's Church – more details below.

Harvest

Harvest in School - On Friday 8th October Maple Class will be presenting their Harvest worship time. To ensure we keep everyone as safe as possible the whole school will share this worship on the Thursday morning, allowing the Friday morning to be accessible to parents/carers/governors and visitors. Please join us at 9:15am, if you are able to, for what will be a special return to us sharing worship time with visitors.

Harvest at St. Mary's - The Harvest Festival at St Mary's Rufford will be held on Sunday 10th October 2021 and the children from Maple Class will be taking part in the service at 9:15am. Oak Class and Little Squirrels will be creating scarecrows to decorate church.

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

Harvest donations- We will be collecting tins and packets of **non- perishable food items** as our harvest thanksgiving gifts. These will be taken to church to support the work of the Trussell Trust Food Bank. If you are able to donate any foodstuffs (long dated if possible) then please send into school between Monday 4th and Friday 8th October, or place them in the food bank collection box which is always available for donations by the main school gates on Flash Lane.

National Poetry Day

On Thursday of next week we will be celebrating National Poetry Day, with a day of exploring and enjoying poetry. This year's theme is: 'Choice'. Each Class will, amongst other activities, study a selected poem as a starting point and will work towards producing work to be shared at a celebration assembly at the end of the day. Images and work from the day will be posted on class Seesaw pages. Further information about National Poetry Day can be found by visiting this link <https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/celebrate-national-poetry-day/> My thanks to Mrs Murphy for planning the day for us.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent evening arrangements were sent out on Monday with an attached appointment booking form. If you have not already done so, please return your request for an appointment by Tuesday 5th October. Staff will be finalising appointment times on Wednesday 6th October and will issue them on Thursday.

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.

The Friends PTFA

Orders for Veg Boxes should be placed by midday on Monday for local delivery or collection on the Wednesday 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

The Friends will be running a Pumpkin Stall and Tuck Shop under the wooden gazebo on the playground before and after school from 18th-22nd October.

They are also requesting cake donations for a refreshment stall during our annual Cross Country Event on the afternoon of 22nd October – further details to follow next week.

I hope you all have a good weekend, with best wishes from us all in school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R H Elleray
Headteacher



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