



Rufford Church of England Primary School



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'Together in Faith and Learning'

8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday was National Poetry Day, we celebrated in school by exploring poems around the theme of 'Choice'. Each class took a poem and enjoyed performing, creating and using it as a stimulus for their own work which we shared together at the end of the day. My thanks to Mrs Murphy for organising the event and providing the inspiration for us all to work from.

Examples of work will be posted via class Seesaw pages but here are a few highlights from the day:



Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for our harvest appeal this week. These gifts have now been taken to St. Mary's Church for the Harvest Festival this Sunday at 9:15am. They will be donated to The Trussell Trust Foodbank next week.

Thank you also to Maple Class who led our Harvest Worship so well this week, we are looking forward to them taking part in the service in church this weekend.

Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Books'. We will be thinking about the importance of books in our lives, books for pleasure and for learning. We will consider different types of books, the work of libraries and the history of books. We will ask if everyone has the same opportunities as us to share books and discover the efforts people have gone to in order to read what they choose – e.g. Mary Jones' Bible.

Harvest

Harvest at St. Mary's – Maple Class, our Head Boy and Head Girl will represent school at the Harvest Festival at St Mary's Rufford, this Sunday 10th October 2021, starting at 9:15am. Oak Class and Little Squirrels have created scarecrows to decorate church. Church will be open from 10am until 4pm on both Saturday and Sunday to provide an opportunity to view the harvest decorations.



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

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent consultation appointments will be held on Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th October. If you have requested an appointment you should have received confirmation of the date and time yesterday. Please report to the hall doors on Flash Lane on arrival. You will be asked to take a temperature check prior to entering school.

Cross Country Event - Poppy Run

As last year we have decided to use this year's whole school cross country event to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. On Friday 22nd October all children will take part in the event and we are asking them to come to school wearing outdoor P.E. kits complete with something red for the run. If you are able to donate towards this worthy cause on the day then we will forward it to the Poppy Appeal. Families and Friends are warmly invited to attend the afternoon which will begin at 1pm. The Friends will be providing a refreshment stall selling hot & cold drinks and cakes.

Open Afternoon

Our annual Open Afternoon for prospective families will take place on Wednesday 3rd November between 1:30 and 3pm. Year 6 pupils will lead guided tours between 1:30 and 2:30pm and our Head Boy and Head Girl will share their thoughts about our school at 2:30pm. We will require visitors to undertake a temperature check with us prior to entering school, make use of the hand sanitiser provided and wear a face covering whilst walking around the building.

Parking around school

Please be respectful when parking around school. I have received complaints this week of cars parked on pavements on Brick Kiln Lane meaning that children and families are having to walk in the road, for obvious reasons we are politely requesting that this does not happen.

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.nhs.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

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 the refreshment stall during our annual Cross Country Event on the afternoon of 22nd October. If you are able to donate cakes then please contact The Friends via class WhatsApp groups.

Please contact us should you have any questions and enjoy the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R H Elleray
Headteacher



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