



Rufford Church of England Primary School



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'Together in Faith and Learning'

22nd October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy half term but one which has enabled us to enjoy some interesting, inspiring and fun activities and experiences as a school. I would like to thank the children for their enthusiasm and all families for your continued support. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff team for their hard work and dedication to ensure we are able to provide a safe, warm and caring environment in which the children can learn and develop.

Today KS2 were fortunate to listen to Father Mark who talked to them about how he was called by God, this supported their R.E. work this half term. Thank you Father Mark for your ongoing support.



As I write we are looking forward to our afternoon Cross Country Event and so far the sun is shining! We hope to see you there to support the children.

Our Worship theme the first week back will be... 'Our Talents'. We will explore how each of us is of equal importance in the eyes of God and how we all have different attributes and talents that make us the people that we are. We will be thanking God for our talents and for individuals with particular talents such as medical professionals, builders, musicians, writers, thinkers and sportspeople. We will encourage each other to use our talents wisely. Father Mark will also lead a whole school worship.

COVID-19

Should your child develop COVID symptoms over half term please arrange for them to have a PCR test and advise us of any positive results by email to head@rufford.lancs.sch.uk

Poppy Run

Thank you for all of your kind donations to the Poppy appeal. Our Poppy Run scheduled to take place this afternoon has so far raised £128.43. We will forward a cheque to support the important work of the Royal British Legion after half term so if anyone has still to donate then we will accept donations up to 5th November 2021. The Royal British Legion have opened a virtual field of remembrance, further details can be found by following this link: https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/remember-a-loved-one/virtual-fields-of-remembrance?fbclid=IwAR1bCSLruVvA1uAeXXJsp6dqloBGde8V-knBrFtuVISGdJrE1_09X6b60W4

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

The Friends PTFA

The Friends will be holding their Annual General Meeting at **9am on Friday 12th November** in the school hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served and everyone is welcome.

Orders for Veg Boxes are now being taken for collection or delivery on Wednesday 10th November

Order via PTA events <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsufruffordschool> or pay into the bank account:

Friends of Rufford School, Account number: 61064851, Sort Code: 40-24-14.

Thank you to all members of the committee for your hard work and commitment to supporting school.

St Mary's Church – Sunday School

Sunday School is now on a break for half term and will return on Sunday 7th November. The Sunday School Leaders would like to thank the school and parents for all their support, they really do appreciate it.

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.



Act of Remembrance

We will be holding an outdoor act of remembrance on the school playground on **Thursday 11th November at 10:45am**. Families and friends from the village community are invited to join us as we remember the fallen soldiers from Rufford. Year 6 pupils will be leading the service. Access to the playground will be via the main gates on Flash Lane.

Parent Pay – School Meals and Tree House Club Provision

There are a number of school meal and Tree House Club accounts in arrears. Please would you check your account to ensure that any outstanding balances on Parent Pay are cleared as soon as possible, thank you.

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.

Half Term

School will close today Friday 22nd October at 3:15pm for the half term holiday. We re-open on Tuesday 2nd November at 8:55am. Staff will be in school for INSET training on Monday 1st November 2021

On behalf of everyone at school we hope you enjoy a safe and happy half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R H Elleray
Headteacher



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