



Rufford Church of England Primary School



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'Together in Faith and Learning'

27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today Maple and Rowan classes attended the Holocaust Memorial Day Service at St Mary's Church alongside staff and pupils from both Tarleton Holy Trinity and Mere Brow schools.

During the service our pupils performed the song 'Hope for a better tomorrow' giving us all the opportunity to understand our roles in ensuring the world can hopefully be a peaceful one in years to come.

Sam read the poem 'What if it were me?' by Noamh Hannon whilst representatives from both classes lit candles in memory of those who died in the Holocaust and those who continue to die in atrocities around our world.

Thank you to Father Mark and Father Tristan for allowing us to take part in such a poignant service. Families are invited to light candles at home this evening to remember those who lost their lives.



Yesterday Maddie and Henry, as representatives of the School Council, went along to Woodlands Animal Sanctuary to present them with a cheque for £46.45. The money was raised through a cake sale organised by the School Council during the autumn term. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. Woodlands is one of two charities the children have chosen to support this academic year. School Council will be organising a further fundraising opportunity to support the work of Alder Hey Children's Hospital this term.



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

Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Being Lost'. We will consider how it feels to be lost and the fear that comes with it. We will talk about wanting and needing the security of having others around us. We will listen to the story of Jesus lost in the temple. We will focus on how some people can be lost in their lives and have no direction and how charities, organisations and we can offer guidance and support to help them.

Father Mark and Danny will deliver worship time on Wednesday morning when they will be exploring the festival of Candlemas and the importance of light in our lives.

Confirmation 2023

Bishop Phillip will be conducting a Confirmation Service at Holy Trinity Church, Tarleton on Friday, June 9th at 7pm.

Preparation classes for those candidates wishing to be confirmed will be held on Sunday afternoons from late April. If your child wishes to be confirmed please can you let Father Mark know via email: rector@rsmtht.church

Endeavour Holiday Camps

Holiday camps over the half term break will be run by West Lancashire Sport Partnership between 13th and 17th February 2023 for children aged 5 to 12 years. For more information please email holidaycamps@endeavourlearning.org. To book a place for your child please follow this link: <https://ec.schoolactivity.co.uk>

Friends PTFA

School Lottery: 2022's School Lottery raised £395.00, the full amount of which will be donated to school to purchase resources for the children. If you are interested in joining the School Lottery monthly draw then a letter was sent home with the children on Monday afternoon.

For those of you who are existing members, if you wish to continue for this coming year and have not got a standing order already set up, please make your payment no later than 3.15pm on Wednesday 22nd February. Payments can be made via:

Bank transfer or standing order - payment monthly (£2 per month per number) or one payment of £24 per number

Account Name: Friends of Rufford School, Reference: (Your Surname) Lottery (e.g. Smith Lottery)
Sort Code 40-24-14, Account Number -61064851

Veg Boxes: Orders for February Veg Boxes should be made by midday on Monday 6th February for local Rufford delivery or collection from Tarleton on Wednesday 8th February. To place an order please visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofruffordschool> Payment details: Friends of Rufford School, Account number: 61064851, Sort Code: 40-24-14, Ref: Veg Box

School will close for the half term holiday at **3:15pm** on **Friday 10th February** and will re-open on **Monday 20th February** at **8:55am**.

Please do get in touch should you have any questions.

Wishing everyone a very good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Elleray
Headteacher



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