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'Together in Faith and Learning'

10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our School Council members met Mr Lawrence Pryke, from the Parish Council, to present him with letters from each child in school to add weight to the local campaign to cut the speed limit on Holmeswood Road. The letters will now be forwarded to the Deputy Police Crime Commissioner and Ms Katherine Fletcher, MP.

It was sad to note the numbers of children who have had personal near miss experiences when walking to and from school and we really hope that their voices will be heard as part of this important campaign.



Pupils from Young Minds and Digital Leaders have delivered special assemblies this week to highlight Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day.

The themes for both centred around the importance of connection and talking to one another about our feelings and experiences.

Thank you to all of the children for their input and hard work and to Mrs Coogan and Mrs Worden who lead the respective groups.



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

Our Worship theme for the first week back after half term will be... 'Lent'. We will be talking about what the season of Lent means and how we should behave during Lent. We will consider our School action during Lent and what we can do for the good of others.

On the Wednesday we will be attending St Mary's Church for an Ash Wednesday Eucharist service.

Turkey and Syrian Earthquake Appeal

Following the dreadful news of the devastating earthquakes in Southern Turkey and Northern Syria this week, and following discussions between pupils and staff, we decided to hold a Non-uniform Day in school today. Thank you for your kind and generous donations to support this appeal which so far totals the fantastic amount of **£553.45**. All donations will go towards the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Appeal today to support search and rescue work, the provision of medical supplies and shelter. Should anyone still wish to donate then please send the money into school and we will ensure that it is sent on.

Decarbonisation Project

During half term contractors will start work on the next phase of the Decarbonisation works in school. This work will involve the removal, insulation and replacement of all pitch roofs. From Saturday, scaffolding will be erected to allow this work to begin. The stripping of the roofs will take place during half term and at weekends with insulation and replacement work taking place during school term. The work is scheduled to take up to nine weeks. Please take care when walking near scaffolding.

School Meals and Tree House Club

School Meals Payment details (via Parent Pay) for the second half of the spring term 2023 are as follows: 6 weeks (20/02/2023-31/03/2023) at £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week, total cost £69.

Please would you ensure that all outstanding balances on Parent pay, for school meals or Treehouse Club, are cleared prior to the start of next half term and that sufficient funds are credited to your account for the first week back, thank you.

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

The friends have some exciting events and fundraising ideas planned for after the half term break. Please see their newsletter on Seesaw for details.

Mrs Claire Davies has decided to step down as Treasurer due to work commitments. We would like to thank her for the great work she has done whilst she been in the role and for her ideas and dedication.

Mrs Victoria Thornley has kindly agreed to step into the treasurer's role, we very much appreciate this and look forward to working with her.

If anyone is interested in supporting the work of The Friends Committee in a more formal capacity then please let a member of the PTFA know, they will be extremely grateful.

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 please see the details on the letter sent home earlier this term.

For those of you who are existing members, if you wish to continue for this coming year and haven't 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

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Veg Boxes: Orders for March Veg Boxes should be made by midday on **Monday 27th February** for local Rufford delivery or collection from Tarleton on **Wednesday 1st March**. 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 today at **3:15pm** and will re-open on **Monday 20th February** at **8:55am**.

Please do contact us if you have any questions.

Wishing everyone a very enjoyable half term break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Ellera
Headteacher



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