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'Together in Faith and Learning'



24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

On this day last year we met as a whole school in worship to reflect on the dreadful situation which was developing in Ukraine. Today we sadly met again to mark a year of the conflict. We discussed the love we all share for each other and for our neighbours at home and across our world. We prayed for the people of Ukraine and for those making difficult decisions at this time and we held a minute's silence of reflection. As part of our worship we once again used a song 'The World Blessing' to build hope for truth, peace and love in our divided world. You may wish to share this song as a family: <https://video.link/w/7YOcd>

On Wednesday morning we attended St Mary's Church for the Ash Wednesday Eucharist to mark the start of Lent. During this period of Lent, Worship Group have challenged us to fill a 'positivity tree' with acts of kindness or thoughtfulness to make a difference to others. Today we have been challenged to pick up litter in our locality.



Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Parables' We will be focussing on the stories Jesus told and the messages behind them. We will consider how these stories, and the messages in them, can be applied today? Father Mark and Danny will lead Wednesday's worship on the theme of St David and how small things can make a big difference.

World Book Day

On Thursday (2/3/2023) we shall be celebrating World Book Day. Detailed information has already been released via Seesaw. During the day we will enjoy a number of different activities including the 'Stop Everything to Read Challenge!' the school bell will be rung at any time during the day and every class must quickly stop what they are doing and sit down to enjoy a story, read to them by their teacher.

Parent Consultation Evenings

There will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss progress and achievement during the forthcoming Parent Consultation Evenings. These meetings will be held on Wednesday 8/3/23 from 4-7pm and Monday 13/3/23 from 3:30-5pm. Ten minute appointments will be held

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in the school hall and children's work will be available to view in their classrooms either before or after your allocated appointment time. Appointment request forms were sent home earlier this week, please complete these indicating your preferred appointment time and return to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 1/3/23 at the latest. Staff will then meet to arrange appointments and confirm an appointment time with you.

Friends of Rufford School PTFA

Over the coming weeks The Friends, PTFA, have a number of events and fundraising opportunities planned including a Mother's Day Online Shop, School Discos an Easter Tuck Shop and a Pre-loved Uniform Sale. Full details will follow via Seesaw. There will be a collection box for any used uniform donations by the school gate from Monday.

Lottery: The first lottery draw of the year will take place next week.

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

Please contact us in school should you have any queries or concerns.

I hope you all have a safe, happy and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Elleray
Headteacher



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