



# Rufford Church of England Primary School



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*'Together in Faith and Learning'*

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day with various activities to encourage reading for pleasure. During the day the children and staff shared their favourite books and took part in a 'Stop Everything and Read Challenge' whenever the bell rang. Each class decorated their classroom door to reflect a popular book and enjoyed many different activities throughout the day. We hope that you will have the opportunity to view the classroom doors at parent's evening next week and the week after – there is some excellent work.

Here are a few highlights of the day, more photos will be posted class Seesaw pages.



Our thanks to Mrs Murphy for organising such a great day!

**Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Miracles'.** We will be thinking about the miracles that Jesus performed to help others and the faith of followers of Jesus. We will continue to fill our tree of positivity with daily challenges of kindness and thoughtfulness to make a difference to others. On Wednesday morning we shall be going to St Mary's Church where Father Mark and Danny will lead us in a service on 'The Stations of The Cross'.

## **Mrs Turner**

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Anna Turner, Willow Class teacher, and her husband Joe are expecting their first baby at the end of August. I am sure that you will join us all in congratulating them on this special and exciting news. All being well, Mrs Turner will start her maternity leave as school breaks up for summer. We will be looking to recruit a teacher to cover Mrs Turner's maternity leave from September 2023.

## **Decarbonisation Project**

The first phase of the roofing works has been completed ahead of schedule. This weekend scaffolding will be erected around the hall and the kitchen to allow the second phase to begin next week. This scaffolding will be across the width of the pavement on Flash Lane with a tunnel for pedestrians to walk under. Please take care when arriving and leaving school.

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

The school field is due to be levelled and re-seeded once the weather conditions are suitable. The temperature of the ground is vital to enable the grass to grow correctly and to make sure that the re-established field is fit for purpose. I have been advised that work will take place between March and May. The company completing the work completed a site visit last week and will contact us as soon as conditions are suitable for work to commence.

It will be summer before the field is established enough to enable us to use it. As I outlined in my letter at the start of the work, in the interim, we have arranged to use the Village Hall field for sporting events and PE lessons as required. We have put various things in place to allow the children as much freedom and space on the playground as possible at this time including: opening up the Trim Trail and the Outdoor Classroom area for breaks and lunchtimes and marking out an area for football which is timetabled for different groups of children.

### **Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal**

Thank you all so much for your very generous donations to this appeal before half term. The final amount raised was an amazing £607.56. This money has been forwarded to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

### **Easter Competition**

Today we have launched our annual Easter Competition. The children have been asked to design an Easter Crown. (Full details have been posted on Seesaw) All entries need to be returned to school by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March and judging will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Winners from each year group will be announced on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Parents, Carers and friends are warmly invited to come and view the work from 3:15pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The crowns will then be displayed in St Mary's Church over the Easter period.

### **KS1 Mothering Sunday Worship**

The children from Little Squirrels, Oak, Willow and Ash Classes will be leading a worship to celebrate Mothering Sunday on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am. Further details will follow.

### **Easter Worship**

Maple Class will be leading an Easter worship on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9:15am, further details will be posted via Seesaw.

### **Parent Consultation Evenings**

Appointment times for the forthcoming parent consultation evenings will be sent home today. If you have not yet returned your slip to request an appointment then please do so by Monday at the latest. Please be aware that, as appointment times have now been issued, it may not be possible to accommodate your chosen time slot.

### **Friends of Rufford School PTFA**

Over the coming weeks The Friends, PTFA, have a number of events and fundraising opportunities planned: **Mother's Day Online Shop** - flyers have been issued and information posted on Seesaw giving full details, please place all orders online at [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofruffordschool](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofruffordschool) by 10<sup>th</sup> March for delivery on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Easter Tuck Shop** - from Monday Easter themed treats will be available to buy in classes, priced at £1 each.

**Pre-loved Uniform Sale** - will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 2:30pm in the school hall. There is a collection box for any used uniform donations by the school gate.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Ellera  
Headteacher



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