

Rufforth Primary School



Excellence in a family atmosphere

Class Star Awards



Class 1: **GROW** Eleanor Pitt-Norton for working so hard this week, and for writing some fantastic sentences independently during busy learning time.

Class 2: **GROW** Isla Winterburn for having a really focussed and grown up attitude to work.

Class 3: **INSPIRE & GROW** Iris Fawcett for inspirational story writing and a fantastic 'grow' attitude to learning how to tell the time.

Class 4: **GROW** Luca Temple for demonstrating real growth in his writing. This week, he has produced a fantastic report on China.



Head Teacher's Award

GROW Shay Smith-Singh for amazing Miss Richards with his super maths skills!



Dates for your diary:

Changes/additions will be highlighted in green each week

Monday 8th March 2021: All children return to school ☺

Thursday 11th March 2021: Rufforth's World Book Day

Friday 19th March: Red Nose Day (details to follow)

Friday 26th March 2021: Easter egg decorating competition (details to follow)

School closes for Easter holidays

Monday 12th April: School opens for summer term and enrichment clubs start.

Parents Evening (phone call appointments)

Wednesday 14th April: Parents Evening (Zoom appointments)

A message from Miss Richards...



Friday 26th February 2021

It is so lovely to write this week's newsletter, knowing that we have a date for all children to return to school. I am sure many parents welcomed the news on Monday! From a school point of view, we are very excited. Who would have thought we would crave noisy classrooms, busy lunchtimes and playground duties!

This week, you have received information from me regarding our school plans for fully reopening on Monday 8th March. The arrangements, for the most part, are the same as before Christmas, however please read the information carefully so that you are aware of systems we have in place to ensure children, staff and families remain as safe as possible. You have also received a letter and parent guide from Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust outlining ways we can all keep safe and work towards a gradual lifting of restrictions.

One more week to go...

I have said many times how amazed I am at everyone's efforts and commitments over the past few months. Have a great final week and please do not put too much pressure on yourselves - the end is now in sight!

Have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Richards



Pupil Survey

The pupil 'Work and Wellbeing' survey will be sent to all children via a link on Google Classroom to help us give the best support we can to children working at school and at home.



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World Book Day

Next Thursday is World Book Day. To allow us to celebrate reading as a whole school, we have decided to postpone activities until **Thursday 11th March** so that we can enjoy the day together.

On Thursday 11th March, children (and staff!) are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Activities throughout the day will be based around books and reading and all classes will take part in a webinar from an author, organised by Puffin Schools.

We are also holding a whole school competition! As part of children's learning next week, they will be asked to design a 'Book in a Box'. They need to choose a scene from their favourite book and design how they would make this as a model in a box (ideally the size of a shoe box). During our school book day celebrations on 11th March, children will make their models based on their designs. Teachers will give further instructions as part of the learning packs next week. The most creative design and model in each year group will receive a prize! Please see below for some ideas and good luck! 😊



Welcome!

This week, we welcomed Ms McCarthy into Class 3. Ms McCarthy is a trainee teacher who will be working at Rufforth alongside Mrs Kite and Miss Todd until mid-June.

In After School Club, Miss Conning has begun her maternity leave and Mrs Temple will be joining the team from Monday 8th March.

Congratulations, Mr Holmes!

Congratulations to Mr Holmes who became a dad during the half term holidays! Mr Holmes and his partner welcomed their beautiful baby boy, Sebastian, into the world on 15th February.

They are all doing well and we send lots of love and best wishes from our Rufforth family.



School Lunches

Please use the link to view our school dinner menu: <https://www.rufforthprimary.co.uk/next-weeks-menu/>

The week commencing 8th March will be week 3. Please ensure that lunches are booked in advance via ParentPay.