Rufforth Primary School

Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

School Newsletter

Excellence in a Family Atmosphere 31.03.23

A message from Miss Richards...

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for today's 'Seeing is Believing' session and our Easter assembly. The children did a wonderful job at sharing their songs, poems and reflections—well done to each class.

As always, the egg decorating competition was outstanding! Well done to the winners from each year group. Check out our twitter page (@rufforthschool) to see some of the wonderful entries.

Reception: Ruairidh - Dinosaur Egg

Year 1: Ava - Arctic Eggsplorers

Year 2: Noah - Eggton John

Year 3: Jonah - Star wars eggs

Year 4: Emily - Forest Rangers

Year 5: Caoimhe - Eggbert Einstein

Year 6: Henry -Total Sports eggs

I can't quite believe another term has finished and we will be beginning our final term when we return after Easter! So much had been achieved this year so far—by staff and by children.

I want to take this opportunity to thank teachers who, on top of planning and delivering lessons every day, have been working relentlessly on the continued improvement of our curriculum and teaching and learning strategies. In a small school, teachers wear multiple hats—leading two, three or even four subjects, unlike colleagues in larger schools. A huge thank you to them for their fantastic work and commitment to Rufforth.

I wish you a wonderful Easter break—I have heard the sun will be shining so hope we all get a chance to wind down and enjoy it!

Happy Easter

Miss Richards

Friendship Ambassadors' Screen-Free Challenge

Extended until after the Easter holiday!

https://www.gofundme.com/f/Rufforthprimaryschoolscreenfreeday

Class Star Awards

Class 1: *CARE* **Eleanor** for being a caring friend and always looking after our classroom resources.

Class 2: *INSPIRE* **Andrew** for always being an excellent role model to his peers with his work ethic.

Class 3: *GROW* **Isla W** for increasing independence and positive attitude towards her work.

Class 4: *GROW* **Caoimhe** for growth in confidence at school.

Head Teacher's Award

INSPIRE **Ivy (Reception)** for great enthusiasm and determination to spell her digraphs correctly in phonics!

This week's whole school attendance is 93.73%

Dates for your diary

Changes/additions will be highlighted in yellow each week

We will endeavour to share as many dates for summer term as far in advance as possible—watch this space!

A reminder that **Monday 8th May** is an additional bank holiday for the King's Coronation.

This affects Y6 SATs which will now take place from **Tuesday 9th- Friday 12th May**.

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Thank you

A big thank you to Andy McMahon and Rich Keeling who helped Mark Stuart fit the new sides to the three raised beds in the school garden. The wood and wire used for the project were 100% recycled from the old chicken coop.

Thanks also to Liz and Pete Raspa who have donated several bags of glorious leaf mould—black gold to any gardener!

We are now asking for parents to look out for a watertight, second-hand shed (preferably 8ft by 6ft) to replace the leaky old one.

Thank you for your continued support to bring our garden back to life!

Rufforth's Giant Easter Egg Hunt!

The Rufforth Giant Egg Hunt is taking place on Easter Saturday, the 8th of April, between 11am and 3pm and is raising funds for the school's PTA.

There will be giant eggs to find all around the village and a prize for everyone who completes the trail. The fun all starts at the village institute where trail maps and refreshments are available. If anyone would like to donate some tasty treats to sell on the day then please bring them along!

For further information or to get involved, please contact Neil Archibald on 07762561014.

The Public Health Department in City of York Council have asked schools to share the following information:

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) are all highly infectious conditions which spread very easily between unvaccinated people and can have devastating and life changing consequences for those to become infected and are not vaccinated.

Currently Measles is circulating in Europe so any families looking to travel to holiday destinations need to be aware of this risk this poses to children or adults who are not vaccinated.

Rubella in early pregnancy is rare but it can have devastating implications from loss of the baby (miscarriage) to problems with the baby's sight, hearing, heart and brain.

The MMR vaccination is a 2 dose vaccination one is give at 1 year of age and the other at 3 years 4 months – all children and adults require two does to ensure full protection. However if anyone has not had two doses there is an open offer from the NHS to provide these regardless of age, you can do this by contacting your GP practice and ask for a vaccination appointment. It is important to catch up on any missed vaccinations. The vaccination is free and can be given at any age to those who have missed either or both of the two doses.

For more information go to: MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Class Sharing Assemblies

Class 4—Friday 28th April

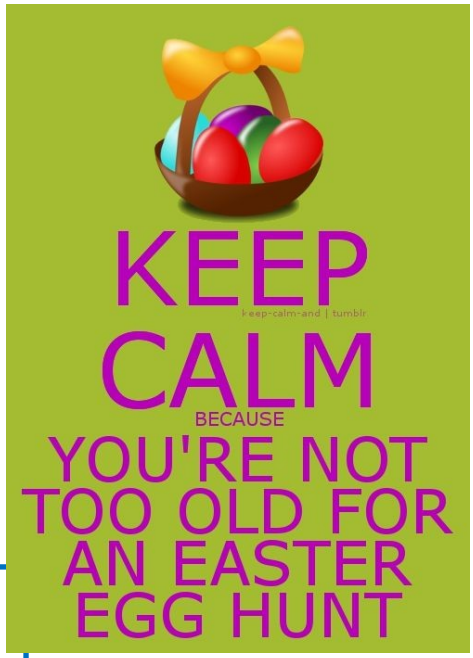
Class 3—Friday 5th May

Class 2— Friday 12th May

Class 1—Friday 19th May

Assemblies will begin at 2:50pm.

All families are welcome at every Celebration Assembly



Keeping our children safe

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of a child at school please contact Miss Richards or Mr Woolford-Mullen, our Safeguarding Leads.

Contact us

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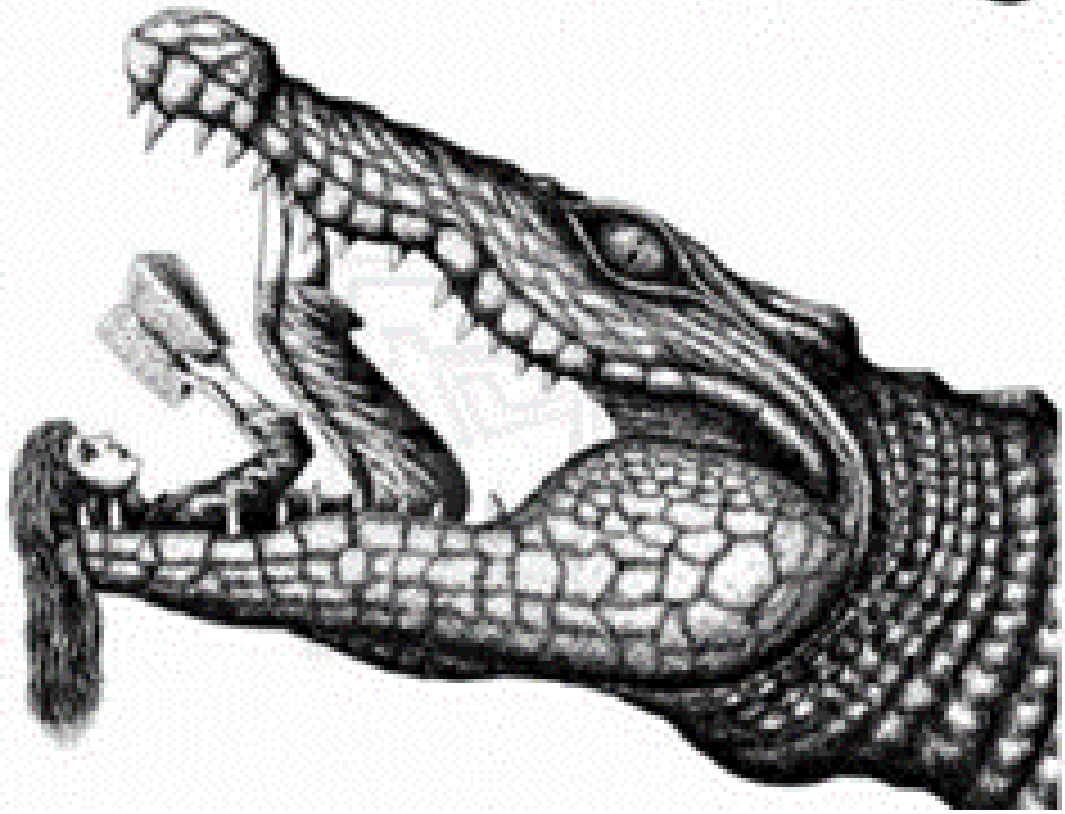
Extreme reading



We are extending our competition to find **Rufforth's most Extreme Reader**! All you need to do, is find an unusual, exciting or fun but SAFE place to enjoy reading a book and take a photo.

The competition will continue to run until **Thursday 20th April** and the winner from each class will be announced in our Celebration Assembly the following day.

There can be multiple entries, simply print off a photo and we will add it to our Extreme Reading wall.

Village Event!

The Cricket Club's Quiz Night is open to all families—cricketers or not!

The event is to raise money for the club, with a proportion of funds raised going towards junior cricket sessions for primary school ages.

This will be the first time the club has offered sessions to primary aged children so any support you can give would be greatly appreciated and could go directly towards sessions for your child!

Please speak to Phillip Charlton (Erin's dad, Class 2) if you require any further details about the event.

OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

For details and to apply, visit our website or scan the QR code

Job	Estates & Facilities Apprentice
School	Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust
Details	Apprentice National Minimum Wage Level 3 Apprenticeship Training Course - Facilities Management Supervisor
Closes	N/A

Job	Cook (External Vacancy)
School	Rufforth Primary School
Details	Hutchison Catering Term time only, £10.88 per hour 10.5 hours per week – Wednesday & Friday 08:30 to 13:45 Please contact – Susie Arnold 07500 958950 or email susie@hutchisoncatering.co.uk
Closes	N/A

Job	Midday Supervisory Assistant
School	Heworth CE Primary School
Details	Grade 2, Level 1: £20,253 (reduced pro rata). Full Time,7.5 hours per week, term time only
Closes	13 April 2023 at midnight

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