Rufforth Primary School

Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

School Newsletter

Excellence in a Family Atmosphere 07.10.22

A message from Miss Richards...

This week, I have appointed our new Friendship Ambassadors. Children in Class 4 had to apply to become an ambassador and I am delighted to have eight children taking on this important role.

Friendship Ambassadors work closely with me and Miss Todd to support children to manage relationships. They have a playtime duty each week when they are available to help children learn to problem solve and deal with any tricky friendship problems. They help lead assemblies, have a communication box for all children to use and meet regularly to share any common or ongoing concerns.

Last year, ambassadors worked hard to inform children about the difference between 'bullying' and a 'fall out'; this is work they will continue into this year as it is important children know the difference and know what to do if they are worried they are being bullied.

This year's ambassadors will continue to work towards their 'badges', which are achieved through specific project work. In summer term, we began the Online Learning Badge which led to the TRUST Pledge. Our new ambassadors will continue this work so watch this space!

Along with our excellent School Council, the Friendship Ambassadors share a vital role in giving the children at Rufforth a voice in how we make our school a safe and happy place for everyone.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

Miss Richards

Rufforth's Rock Stars!

Every Friday, we celebrate children's progress in learning their multiplication and division facts during our celebration assembly.

This week's Rock Stars:

Year 2: Andrew for a wonderful 4205 correct answers and a whopping 33'561 coins earned.

Class 3: Emily for demonstrating greater confidence, speed and accuracy.

Class 4: William T for showing determination to answer questions correctly (rather than just quickly).

Class Star Awards

Class 1: *CARE* **Isabella** for being a kind and caring friend.

Class 2: *INSPIRE* **Ava** for great work ethic, following instructions and always being on task.

Class 3: *INSPIRE & GROW* **Xander** for his excellent attitude to learning and 'can do' approach which is resulting in good process! .

Class 4: *GROW* **Callum** for showing more independence in learning.

Head Teacher's Award

GROW **Rex (Reception)** for great confidence when playing with older children and new friends in After School Club and for perseverance with using a knife and fork—excellent independent skills!

This week's whole school attendance is 96.00%

Dates for your diary

Changes/additions will be highlighted in yellow each week

Monday 17th October *- Class 4 trip to the Houses of Parliament*

Wednesday 19th October*—Class 2 trip to Grasslands Farm (details to follow)*

Friday 21st October *- break up for half term Harvest assembly—2:45pm—3:10pm*

Monday 31st October *- INSET day—school closed to children*

Thursday 3rd November*—Halloween Disco*

Monday 7th & Wednesday 9th November*—Parents Evening*

Tuesday 8th November*—Open afternoon for prospective new starters (Reception class 2023), 1:30pm*

Saturday 12th November*—School Anniversary open morning, 10am -1pm*

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Open Afternoon

On Tuesday 8th November, we will be holding an open afternoon for new families. This is primarily for new starters in September 2023, but families with older children looking to move to Rufforth are more than welcome. If families would like to visit but are unable to attend at 1:30pm on 8th November, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative appointment.

School Anniversary

Please feel free to share the attached flyer advertising our 50th Anniversary open morning on Saturday 12th November. We would like as many families, pupils and staff—past and present—to join us!
If you have any memorabilia (books, photos—anything!) that you are willing to share for the morning, please send them to the school office.

Snacks

A reminder that children in Classes 1 and 2 have fruit provided at break time, therefore it is not necessary to provide an additional snack.

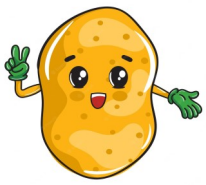
In Classes 3 and 4, children are welcome to bring a snack, but it must be fruit or vegetables.

Thank you!

Many thanks to the following helpers who helped to dismantle the chicken coop and repair the school garden fence:
Paul Jeff, Andy McMahon, Rich Keeling and Liz and Pete Raspa.

The wood and wire from the chicken coop will now be recycled to make raised beds for the school garden.

Super Potatoes!



This year, we have decided to change the harvest festival competition. Rather than inviting children to carve and decorate pumpkins, we will be holding a potato-decorating competition!

All children will have time in school to design their potato and then will be given a potato to decorate, carve or get creative however they choose, during school time.

Every child will therefore be able to participate. All potatoes will be displayed at the harvest assembly and a winner from each year group will be chosen.

Whilst we are always blown away by—and very grateful for- the effort and creativity of families for the pumpkin competition, we want to give *all* children equal opportunity to participate in such an event. A school-based activity is a level playing field and hopefully removes some of the pressure on children, parents and carers.

Don't worry, the family egg competition will be back at Easter!

Class Sharing Assemblies

Class 1—Friday 14th October

Harvest Assembly—Friday 21st October—2:45pm.
All classes will contribute to the assembly.

Class 4—Friday 11th November

Class 3—Friday 18st November

Class 2—Friday 25th November

Class 1—Friday 2nd December

Assemblies will begin at 2:50pm.

All families are welcome to attend every Friday assembly.

Admissions Consultation 2024-25

This year's Admissions Consultation is being jointly held by all admissions authorities in the City of York between 3 October and 13 November 2022.
The consultation includes the admissions policies and planned number of places available at each school for entry in September 2024.
For more information and to respond to the consultation, please visit the admissions page on our website or www.york.gov.uk/Coordinated Admissions Consultation.

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.

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OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

Visit our website or scan the QR code for details and to apply

Job	After School Club Assistant
School	Tang Hall Primary School
Details	Grade 2 Level 1 – 4 (£19,100 reduced pro rata) Part time role of 6.75 hours per week, term time only 3:15pm until 5:30pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
Closes	29 September 2022 at midnight

Job	Sixth Form Study Supervisor
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 6 – £16,856 (this is the actual salary) Part Time—32.5 hours per week Term Time Only
Closes	13 October at 8am

Job	Business Admin Apprentice
School	Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust
Details	Apprentice national minimum wage 37 hours per week—Term time only
Closes	N/A

Job	Teaching Assistant Level 2
School	Tang Hall Primary School
Details	Level 2 Teaching Assistant— Grade 4, Level 1 £19,387 per annum reduced pro rata Contract Type-Fixed Term initially for 1 year,
Closes	Friday 7 October 2022 at midnight

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