Rufforth Primary School

Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

School Newsletter

Excellence in a Family Atmosphere 24.02.23

A message from Miss Richards...

I hope you all had a wonderful half term and enjoyed a restful break. We are delighted to be back in school, raring to go for the second half of spring term.

Already this week, I have had the opportunity to visit classrooms and to talk to children about their learning which is always the best part of my job!

The Friendship Ambassadors held their half termly meeting with me this week and have some excellent ideas for their final tasks towards their Online Safety Badge from The Diana Award. They have already led a whole school assembly and created their own page on our school website: https://rufforthprimary.co.uk/parents/friendship-ambassadors/

Next week, they will deliver a lesson to Class 4 on being your own 'selfie' - how we should be proud of our individual qualities and uniqueness and not feel the desire to change who we are or how we appear to others. This is a valuable message for our children which I'm sure the Ambassadors will deliver with confidence.

Look out for news next week on a sponsored event the Friendship Ambassadors are planning, with monies raised going to a mental health charity.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Miss Richards

Class Star Awards

Class 1: *INSPIRE* **Erin** for her enthusiasm during class discussions.

Class 2: *INSPIRE* **Freya** for always trying her hardest and contributing enthusiastically to our phonics lessons.

Class 3: *INSPIRE* **Ralph** for his mature attitude to learning and excellent focus in maths.

Class 4: *INSPIRE* **Will** for a positive attitude to learning.

Head Teacher's Award

INSPIRE **Eleanor (Reception)** for an enthusiastic and confident approach to everything she does!

This week's whole school attendance is 97.47%

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:

Class 2: Emily for working hard and always putting in 100% effort. Super! Well done.

Class 3: Toby for being an all round times tables superstar!

Class 4: Florence for improvement in speed and for always supporting her team in tournaments.

Dates for your diary

Changes/additions will be highlighted in yellow each week

Tuesday 28th February—PTA Film Night

Thursday 2nd March—World Book Day

8th—10th March—Class 4 residential trip to Kingswood

13th- 17th March—Science Week

Friday 17th March— Family event for Science Week (see below), 9.30am. Refreshments from 8:45am.

Friday 17th March—Red Nose Day—details from School Council to follow

Friday 31st March— Seeing is Believing— topic showcase, 1.45- 2.30pm

Friday 31st March—Easter assembly, 2.45pm

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Join us for Science Week!

Following the success of our family event at the end of last year's Science Week, we are inviting parents and carers to join us on Friday 17th March for another challenge!

The children will be in mixed age groups, with siblings, to complete a building challenge. They will find out more information at the beginning of Science Week and will be able to work in teams to plan.

The event will take place from 9:30am for approximately an hour to an hour and a half. We will be serving teas and coffees from 8.45am so if you would like to stay after drop off and see some of the work children have done throughout Science Week, you are more than welcome.

10-19 March British Science Week 2023

Class Sharing Assemblies

Class 4 - Friday 24th February

Class 3 - Friday 3rd March

Class 2 - Friday 10th March

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO SCIENCE WEEK EVENTS:

Class 1 - Friday 24th March

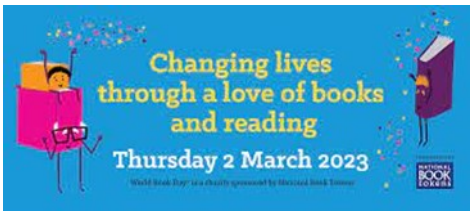
Easter Assembly — Friday 31st March, 2.45pm

Families are welcome at every assembly.

Assemblies will begin at 2:50pm.

World Book Day

Please see the attached letter from Mrs Kite regarding our plans for this year's World Book Day celebrations.



We tell the children that 'reading is the secret' as it holds the key to an exciting and wonderful world. However, did you know that reading for pleasure is the **single biggest indicator of a child's future success** – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. Key outcomes are listed below.

- Improvement in vocabulary in comparison to non-readers
- Correlation between regularity of reading for pleasure and ability in reading each reinforcing the other as students get older
- Better performance in subjects other than English
- Reading for pleasure is one of the most important predictors of test scores at age 16, regardless of background
- There is a strong correlation between regular reading for pleasure and mental wellbeing which is separate from other predictors
- Reading improves a child's empathy skills
- Interventions developing reading for pleasure attitudes (offering book choice and time to read rather than instruction) have a greater influence on reading ability than reading lessons for older children/adults

The Open University READING FOR PLEASURE

CLPE CENTRE FOR LITERACY IN PRIMARY EDUCATION

National Literacy Trust

Crossing Patrol

We are still in need of a crossing patrol to work at the beginning and end of the school day. During the recent roadworks in the village, it became very clear just how dangerous crossing outside of school can be.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in working with our school to keep our children safe, please contact the school office.

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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OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

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

Job	Casual Exam Invigilators
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	£10.00 per hour – This is a casual position and, due to the nature of the role, will provide flexible working hours at the convenience of both the school and invigilator. Further details available on request.
Closes	N/A

Job	Science Technician
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Salary: Grade 5 Permanent, Part Time (6 hpw) Term Time/Full Year—negotiable 2 hpd during afternoon Mon, Wed, Fri—negotiable
Closes	Wednesday 6 March at 8am

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