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Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

School Newsletter

15.09.23

A message from Miss Richards...

This week we held school council elections. A huge well done to all children who put themselves forward to be included in the class votes; this is an important part of teaching children about democracy. All classes are represented in the council, including Class 1 who have two children from Class 4 representing them. When it comes to gathering the views of the children, the additional Class 4 councillors will talk to our reception children to listen to what they have to say on school matters.

Pupil voice is very important in shaping how we give our best to the children at Rufforth. Next week, I will be meeting with Class 4 to appoint this year's Friendship Ambassadors. This group of children work closely with me to ensure of value of 'Care' is lived out in school. They will continue the good work of last year's ambassadors by completing the 'Respect' badge as their first task. Ofsted praised the attitude of all children, stating '*[Children's] behaviour is exemplary and they treat each other with the utmost respect. Bullying almost never happens, but if it does, adults make sure it stops.*' This is testament to the work Friendship Ambassadors have carried out over the past few years and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve this year.

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:

Class 2: Edith for a positive attitude to learning her times tables with an impressive amount of confidence.

Class 3: Bertie for his knowledge, understanding and determination to do the very best he can.

Class 4: Paige for her improved rapid recall of facts.

Class Star Awards

Class 1: *INSPIRE* **Harvey** for having such a positive and mature attitude to learning, well done!

Class 2: *INSPIRE* **Niahla** for a growth in confidence and an inspiring attitude to learning.

Class 3: *INSPIRE* **Arlo** for his positive attitude and increasing confidence.

Class 4: *INSPIRE* **Macie** for her confidence in the classroom.

Head Teacher's Award

GROW **Jocelyn (Class 4)** for settling into Rufforth, growing in confidence and working hard in all aspects of learning.

This week's whole school attendance is 98.23%

Dates for your diary

Changes/additions will be highlighted in yellow each week

Wednesday 20th September, 6pm— Parent information meeting—residential (details to follow next week)

Friday 22nd September—Individual school photos

Wednesday 27th September - Class 4 trip to York Food & Drink Festival

PTA AGM, 7pm - School hall

Thursday 28th September 6pm—Class 1 Phonics Information meeting

Wednesday 4th October, 9.15am—10.15am - Seeing is Believing—open classroom session for Geography or History. NB Classes 2, 3 & 4 only.

Thursday 19th October 1pm—6pm - Parent Consultation Meetings

Friday 27th October -Harvest assembly (pm).

Half term holiday

Monday 6th November—INSET day

Tuesday 7th November—school reopens for children

The next meeting of the PTA is on Wednesday 27th September , 7pm, in the school hall. It would be wonderful to see as many parents there as possible as without the support of the PTA, we would not be able to provide the enrichment opportunities we offer at Rufforth. Over the years, the PTA has supported, funded and paid for many different things: from reading books, to Christmas presents, to swimming lessons. This year, they have agreed to use funds raised from their events to subsidise school trips, visitors and experiences. To take a class out of school costs an phenomenal amount of money; a cost that is increasing year on year.

If you are unable to attend the meetings, please support our school by volunteering at any of the PTA events across the year—many hands make light work so the more helpers, the better! If you are interested, please speak to Jayne Melody (Class 2 & 3 parent) or contact the school office.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported, donated and volunteered at our fundraising events; the money raised goes directly back into school to improve the experiences for your children.

ParentPay Bookings

A polite reminder that dinners need to be booked by midnight on Sunday. We have had an increase in confusion over meal options from children at registration on a morning. Can we ask you ensure your child will eat the selection you book for them on ParentPay to avoid disappointment (and hunger!).

Additionally this is an excellent way to ensure we have minimal food waste in our kitchen. It would also be helpful if you could remind your child what they are having that day.

You can collect a print out of the menu from Mrs Gould at the school office if you feel this may be useful. The menu can also be found on our school website: https://rufforthprimary.co.uk/parents/school-dinners/

Music Lessons

If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, we have peripatetic music teachers who teach lessons on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

There is currently a waiting list for piano and recorder lessons but please feel free to get in touch with the school office if you are interested. Marcus Bousfield teaches guitar on Fridays. If you would like further details or have any questions, please contact Marcus va email:

marcus.bousfield@btinternet.com

Class Sharing Assemblies

Class 4—Friday 22nd September

Class 3—Friday 29th September

Class 2— Friday 6th October

Class 1— Friday 13th October

Assemblies will begin at 2:50pm.

All families are welcome at every Celebration Assembly

A reminder that the end of the school day is now 3:20pm

Keeping our children safe

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

Contact us

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Support Staff Vacancies

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

Job	Payroll and HR System Manager
School	Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust
Details	Grade 8-9 £30,022 to £38,305 (reduced pro rata for part time)) Full time or part time hours available Permanent Flexibility for the right candidate
Closes	2 October 2023

Job	Mobile School Cleaner
School	Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust
Details	£10.97 per hour Permanent, Part time Hours of work 15:15 - 18:30
Closes	N/A

Job	Cleaning Assistant
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	£10.50 per hour 20 hours per week - Full Year Mon - Fri - 15.30 to 19.30
Closes	N/A

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