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School Newsletter

20.10.23

A message from Miss Richards...

This week saw the first meeting of our new school council. They came armed and ready with ideas and questions for me, which was fabulous! The focus of the meeting was to gain some pupil voice on the updated behaviour policy that was introduced in September. It was lovely to hear that the councillors, whilst only a proportion of the whole school, felt the introduction of house teams was a positive change.

The children were—as always—very honest with me! They gave some great feedback on what needs to be improved and shared their perspectives on consistency and 'fairness' of steps and class dojos. Their comments have fed into next week's staff briefing so we can continue to build and reflect on how we maintain excellent behaviour and attitudes at Rufforth. I have included some of their comments below:

"The house teams and rewards make dojos mean more this year."

" Behaviour would be better if everyone stopped and listened as soon as the teacher starts talking."

" Steps work because if you keep doing the wrong thing, the consequence gets worse. It helps people stop and think."

" I think steps should be different in Class 3 and 4 and that parents should be told every time you are on step 2 or above."

"I can't wait to see what the first team reward is!"

" I have steps at home. My mummy and daddy are always on steps."

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Miss Richards

Class Star Awards

Class 1: *INSPIRE* **Raphi** for beautiful singing in class this week.

Class 2: *INSPIRE* **Erin C** for wonderful sentences in literacy.

Class 3: *INSPIRE* **Andrew** for his excellent attitude to learning and thoughtful contributions in Maths.

Class 4: *INSPIRE* **Rhona** for challenging herself to complete learning.

Head Teacher's Award

INSPIRE **Joey (Class 1)** for his contagious enthusiasm and for brightening Miss Richards' day, everyday!

This week's whole school attendance is 97.60%

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: Xavier for a super effort with his times tables and never giving up, well done!

Class 3: Henry N for making excellent progress with speed and accuracy especially with the 4 times tables.

Class 4: Emily for using your times tables knowledge to answer different maths questions.

Dates for your diary

Changes/additions will be highlighted in yellow each week

Thursday 26th October— PTA Halloween Disco & Movie Night

Friday 27th October - Harvest assembly (pm).

Half term holiday

Monday 6th November— INSET day

Tuesday 7th November— school reopens for children

Mrs Green

As you are aware, the wonderful Mrs Green is retiring at half term after 27 years working at the school.

We are holding a special goodbye assembly for her at **1pm on Thursday 26th October** and would like to invite parents past and present to join us.

Mrs Green holds a special place in the hearts of many families so please feel free to spread the word and to come along to share your best wishes for her retirement.

Harvest

Throughout next week, we will be accepting donations for York Food Bank. Please send donations in with your child or via the school office. Please see the list of current items required by the food bank.

This year, we will once again be holding our potato decorating competition! The creativity last year was amazing and we're sure this year will be no different. Thank you to Kat Beckett for all of the potatoes! Children will have an opportunity to plan their designs early in the week and will decorate their potato on Friday.

WE ARE RUNNING LOW OF: (PLEASE)
UHT MILK (MOST NEEDED)
TINNED RICE PUDDING AND TINNED CUSTARD
TINNED FISH
TINNED FRUIT
SPONGE PUDDINGS
INSTANT MASH POSTATO
JARS OF INSTANT COFFEE
JAM (NOT HOMEMADE)
WASHING UP LIQUID
TOILET ROLL
HOUSEHOLD CLEANING SPRAYS
MEN'S DEODORANTS

Admissions Consultation for 2025-26 Entry

This year's Admissions Consultation is being jointly held by all admissions authorities in the City of York between 2 October 2023 and 12 November 2023.

The consultation includes the admissions policies and planned number of places available at each school for entry in September 2025. For more information and to respond to the consultation, please see the admissions page on our website or visit: www.york.gov.uk/school-admissions/school-admissions-consultation-2025-2026

Help Needed!

Recent storms have ripped the side from the school's garden shed. It also has a leaking roof. If anyone has a watertight , second-hand shed (6ft x 8ft) they would be willing to donate to school, please contact the school office.

A reminder for Y6 parents that the deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October.

Please check the websites of local schools for details of their open evenings.

Class Sharing Assemblies

The Harvest Assembly is at 2:45pm on Friday 27th October.

Every class will share some work on harvest.

Class 4— Friday 17th November

Class 3—Friday 24th November

Class 2—Friday 1st December

Class 1—Friday 8th December

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, Mrs Pollock or Mr Woolford-Mullen, our Safeguarding Leads.

Contact us

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October half term Activities

Book here

Challenge yourself in the Marble Run and Microbit Speed Gate Workshops!

Hoglets Spooky Shakespeare

Join Hoglets Theatre for a funny, energetic and unique children's theatre experience; a world of hand-made puppets, music and storytelling.
From £2.50 ticket, ages 5+

The Firework Maker's Daughter

Come join our magical storyteller as she travels to the Firework Festival, just in time for bonfire night!
£3.50 ticket, ages 4+

Be entertained by Sir Trumpsalot from the Knights of the Wobbly Table!

Stop Motion Animation

Unleash your imagination! Bring your clay creature to life using stop motion animation.
£3.50 ticket, ages 10+

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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	Payroll and HR System Manager
School	Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust
Details	Grade 9-10- £33,812 to £44,487 37 Hours a week, Monday to Friday, Permanent Full time/Part time – Flexibility for the right candidate
Closes	27 October 2023 at midnight

Job	School Cleaner
School	Huntington Primary School
Details	15 hours per week, Monday to Friday 6pm to 9pm
Closes	12/11/23 at midnight

Job	SENDCo
School	Tang Hall / New Earswick Primary School
Details	Main scale Part time (0.4 FTE) Permanent
Closes	23 October at midnight

Job	Teaching Assistant level 2
School	Acomb Primary School
Details	Grade 4 Level 1 £23,045 – reduced pro-rata to £16,469 Permanent, Part time 31.25 hours per week – Monday to Friday 8.30am – 3.15pm
Closes	3/11/23 at 5pm

Job	Class Teacher and PPA Teacher 0.66 FTE
School	Tang Hall Primary School
Details	M3 - M6 Fixed Term contract The post is not suitable for newly or recently qualified teachers.
Closes	23 October at midnight

Job	Casual Exam Invigilator
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	£10.50 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.
Closes	N/A

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Job	Admin Apprentice
School	Poppleton Primary School
Details	Poppleton Road Primary School Apprentice National Minimum wage FTC , Full Time 37 hours per week (term time only)
Closes	25 October at midnight

Job	Teaching Assistant - Full time
School	St Barnabas CE Primary School
Details	Fixed Term contract to 19th July 2023. 32.5 hours per week, 8:30am—3:30pm Monday to Friday (30 minutes unpaid lunch break) – Term time only.
Closes	26/10/23 at midnight

Job	Assistant Cleaning Supervisor
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 5 (£22,704—£23,854) Full time, Full Year – Hours of work: Mon-Fri, 12.00-8.00pm
Closes	

Job	Playworker
School	Clifton with Rawcliffe Primary School
Details	Kool Kids – Based at Clifton with Rawcliffe Primary school £7.49 – £10.42 (depending on experience) Permanent, Part time – 7.15am – 9am and 2.45pm – 6pm Email - koolkids@koolkidsoosc.co.uk
Closes	N/A

Job	Teaching Assistant
School	St Barnabas CE Primary School
Details	Fixed Term contract to 19th July 2023. 20 hours per week, 8:30am—12:30pm Monday to Friday – Term time only.
Closes	26/10/23 at midnight

Job	Cleaning Assistant
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	£10.50 per hour 25 hours per week - Term time only Mon - Fri - 12.30 to 17.30
Closes	N/A

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