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Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

School Newsletter

02.02.24

A message from Miss Richards

On Monday, we have a Seeing is Believing session for families. This is an opportunity to observe a typical lesson—in this case, writing. We believe it is important for parents and carers to see teaching and learning in action; the reality of what lessons look like at Rufforth.

Please note that **Class 1's lesson** will be structured very differently to other classes. Due to the nature of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage, visitors will see Mrs Pollock working with one group of children. Others will be in the areas of provision—interacting with Mrs Holman- but ultimately leading and applying their own learning. All children work with Mrs Pollock over the course of the week. As we want families to see a typical lesson, we do not want to change routines for children so want you to be aware of this. If you have a child in another class, we suggest visiting Class 1 first so you can see Mrs Pollock delivering her lesson input to the whole class.

We hope to welcome as many families as possible into our lessons.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

Miss Richards

Class Star Awards

Class 1: *INSPIRE* **Dan** for knowledgable and enthusiastic contributions this week to our topic 'Polar Habitats'.

Class 2: *GROW* **Thea** for a wonderful attitude towards her learning

Class 3: *GROW* **Leilani** for her positive attitude and increasing confidence especially in maths.

Class 4: *GROW* **Auri** for a positive attitude to learning.

Head Teacher's Award

GROW **Arlo (Class 3)** for showing courage and determination to overcome a challenge.

This week's whole school attendance is 95.21%

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 great enthusiasm and an improved score.

Class 3: John for excellent progress in speed and accuracy and learning to apply his knowledge.

Class 4: Martha for pushing herself to improve her speed.

Rotary Club Reminder

This year the Rotary Club of Wetherby Wharfedale is supporting the Rotary Shoebox Scheme again but for Easter 2024. This scheme provides gifts for children and families in Eastern Europe and we hope you will be interested in joining this worthwhile scheme as it really makes a difference by spreading a little happiness to those in most need.

If you are interested in taking part, please return your slip to the school office along with your £2 contribution to cover the cost of the shoebox, no later than Monday 5th February.

Rotary
Wetherby Wharfedale
President : Jim Murison

Dates for your diary

Changes/additions will be highlighted in yellow each week

Monday 5th February—9.15—10:15am * - Seeing is Believing session—writing lesson. (*details for Class 1 below)

Friday 9th February - 'Express Yourself' Non uniform day. £1 donation towards the mental health charity, Place2Be.

Friday 9th February—School closes for half term

Monday 19th February—School re opens.

Tuesday 20th February - Young Voices concert, Sheffield Arena

Friday 23rd February, 7pm - PTA Pig Racing Night, Rufforth Cricket Club

Wednesday 28th Feb —Friday 1st March—Class 4 residential, Robin Hood's Bay

Monday 26th February, 5—6pm—Class 3 & 4 Parent workshop—Maths

Wednesday 28th February, 5—6pm—Class 1 & 2 Parent workshop—Maths

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day

Get Your Pig Racing Tickets!

Tickets for our Pig Racing Night are selling fast, so if you would like to join us please click on the Sum Up link sent on WhatsApp on Monday. It is a brilliant night with a cheap bar, great company and the chance to bet on the races. The pigs have sold out, but don't panic - on the night you will have the chance to bid for a pig in the Grand Finale race! The ticket price of £10 includes one of our delectable pulled pork, stuffing and apple sauce rolls, plus your first drink of the night!

Coming Up… Rufforth Egg Hunt

Our next event, the Egg Hunt, takes place on Saturday 30th March. We are looking for:

Old newspapers – please leave in reception

Papier mâché eggs from previous years that we could re-use.

Volunteers who might be able to help make some new eggs for people to decorate. Please see Neil, Leanne or Dan S if you can help

PTA Feedback Questionnaire – 1 week left

Our wonderful parents, teachers and families help to make events and activities happen throughout the year, from helping with organisation, to baking treats or simply discussing ideas within the group. Before Christmas, a link was sent out to fill in a questionnaire to give your ideas on how funding should be raised and spent at Rufforth Primary School. So far we've only had 19 responses, which does not yet give us a true representation of parents thoughts and views. We would be very grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete the questionnaire which will be accessible for just one more week (**until Friday 9th February**). Thank you.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScU-gl_sI2T0sYgU98Fsa6d9LIwh9m1tTiMLY59ARk0EyxnVg/viewform?

Class Sharing Assemblies

Class 1—Friday 9th February

Class 4—Friday 23rd February

Class 3—Friday 1st March

Class 2—Friday 8th March

Class 1— Friday 15th March

Assemblies will begin at 2:50pm.

All families are welcome at every Celebration Assembly

World Book Day—Thursday 7th March

Please bring any pre-loved costumes into school.

Children's Mental Health Week

The week commencing Monday 5th February is Children's Mental Health Week. Our Friendship Ambassadors have planned activities and will launch this in school by leading an assembly at the start of the week.

On **Friday 9th February**, children are invited to attend school in non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation towards the mental health charity, Place2Be. The theme is 'Express Yourself':

Express Yourself allows children and young people to celebrate what makes them unique with an incredibly fun dress-up day – this could be sharing their favourite hobby, such as skateboarding or dancing, or wearing their favourite colour or accessory. Or it could just be coming in as themselves.

Express Yourself is about letting children's voice shine through and empowering them to tell their own stories! If you need a little inspiration, here are some ideas on the right to get you started!

1. Let your inner disco diva shine on the dance floor
2. Let your personality shine through with your favourite colours
3. Embrace your creative side and unleash your artistic energy
4. Show off your team spirit with your favourite team's kit
5. Take the stage as the coolest rockstar in town
6. Come as you are and wear your comfiest clothes!
7. Bring the cool energy of the skate park to the playground
8. Share what makes you... you and celebrate what sets you apart.

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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School Crossing Patrol

We are recruiting for a school crossing patrol. As you know, the main road through Rufforth can have heavy traffic and large vehicles passing through at all times of the day.

This is a vital role to help keep children and families safe at the beginning and end of the school day. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in the role, please use the contact details below to find out more.

OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

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

Job	Breakfast Club Assistant
School	Huntington Primary Academy
Details	Grade C, Mon to Fri 7.45am—8.45am Part time, Term time only, Permanent
Closes	4/2/24 at midnight

Job	Assistant Headteacher
School	Clifton with Rawcliffe Primary School
Details	Leadership 3 - 7 Permanent
Closes	19/02/24 at midnight

Job	Teaching Assistant—EYFS
School	Huntington Primary Academy
Details	Grade CD SCP 3-4 (£22,737 – £23,114) reduced pro rata. 31.5 hours per week, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8.30—3,15, Tuesday 8.30—3.30 Term time only, Permanent
Closes	17/02/24 at midnight

Job	Midday Assistant
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 2 level 1 – £22,178 per annum reduced pro rata Permanent, Term time only 10 hours per week, Mon to Fri 10.45am to 1.45pm
Closes	23/02/24 at 8AM

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