Rufforth Primary School
· Inspire · Care · Grow ·

Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

School Newsletter

06.09.24

A message from Miss Richards...

A warm welcome back to our Rufforth family! I hope you have had a wonderful summer break; the children have certainly returned refreshed and raring to go!

As always, our new reception children have amazed me with their maturity, confidence and resilience as they start their school life.

Class newsletters were sent today via email. In addition to the newsletters, I would like to invite parents and carers in Classes 2, 3 and 4 to our Class Welcome Meetings. The dates for each class are detailed below. The meetings are an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher who will share some key messages about learning and routines. For Class 1, there will be a Phonics Information Evening in place of the welcome meeting. Of course, if you have any questions about your child's first few weeks at Rufforth, please use this meeting to speak with Mrs Pollock.

This week, planners were sent home. Please spend time looking at these with your child as they contain important and useful information. There are also pages that require parent/carer signatures and pupil signatures. Please can these be read and signed by **Friday 12th September**.

This year, whole school newsletters will be sent on a fortnightly basis.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Class Star Awards

Class 1: *INSPIRE* **All of Class 1** for a fantastic first week at school.

Class 2: *GROW* **Joey** for a mature start to his learning in Class 2

Class 3: *INSPIRE* **Xavier** for his excellent attitude to learning and for always doing his best.

Class 4: *GROW* **Isla W** for a fantastic start to Class 4 including some amazing maths.

Head Teacher's Award

INSPIRE **Ben A (Class 4)** for a tremendously positive start to Year 5!

This week's whole school attendance is 98.18%

Enrichment Clubs

A reminder that all enrichment clubs will start next week. Please collect from the playground for all clubs at 4:20pm other than Claire's Kitchen where children are dismissed from the main entrance at 5.15pm.

Monday— Year 3 and 4 Football, Total Sports (Mr Holmes)

Tuesday— Year 3,4, 5 and 6 Ukulele Club, Sing Education

Year 3 Gardening Club, Mr Stuart and Mrs Gould

Wednesday— Year 1 -6 Claire's Kitchen Cookery Club (Please email clareskitchen@yahoo.co.uk to book or for further information)

Thursday— Year 5 and 6 Football , Total Sports (Mr Holmes)

Friday—KS2 (Year 3 -6) Young Voices Singing, Miss Todd and Mrs Sunley

Dates for your diary

Changes/additions will be highlighted in yellow each week

Class welcome meetings 3.30-4pm

Tuesday 10th Sept—Class 3

Thursday 12th Sept—Class 2

Tuesday 17th Sept—Class 4

Monday 9th September —Class 4 Houses of Parliament visit

Wednesday 11th September— Class 3 Murton Park visit

Thursday 26th September, 6pm— Class 1 Phonics Information Evening

Friday 20th September— Individual school photos

Thursday 24th October -Harvest assembly (pm).

Friday 25th October—Half term holiday

Keeping Safe

After 10 months since agreeing to change the speed limit outside of school from 30 to 20, City of York Council finally put the new 20mph signs up yesterday. The **20mph zone** starts just before the chicanes and ends after the other chicane. The signs are by the institute at one end and then after the chicane towards Wetherby.

To raise awareness of this, we will be tasking our new school councillors with running a competition for additional signage, drawn by our children. A huge thank you to Suzie Flynn, one of our parents and a parish councillor for Rufforth with Knapton Parish Council, for the ongoing campaign to make the road outside of school safer.

To further support the work of the parish council and to ensure our children are safe, we are still recruiting for a **school crossing patrol**. If you—or someone you know—is interested, please contact the school office.

We have already received complaints from our neighbours regarding inconsiderate and unsafe **parking**.

We now have a traffic line number that we share with local residents when they contact school. This enables our neighbours to speak to officers directly and share car registration details. Officers will also come out to observe parking if requested to do so.

Whilst this may seem an extreme measure, there are limits on what school can do to support considerate parking other than give regular reminders.

We have also had some parents park outside of the school gate and on yellow zig-zags. Please ensure you are parking safely at all times and that you allow for access onto the school site.

Many thanks for your support on this matter.

PTA

Rufforth PTA would like to thank you again to all the parents, grandparents, carers, staff and everyone who contributed to discussions, helped make decisions, or have played a part in organising and volunteering at the various events we had last year. We couldn't have done it without you!

We are kick starting this term with our **Annual General Meeting** on Thursday 26th September, at 7.30pm at The Crooked Tap, in Acomb. Everyone is welcome to join us for a social drink and a chat and to meet parents from across all year groups. New ideas are always welcome so please do come along, find out what we have got planned for this year and add your ideas to our list.

From this September, Leanne Norman (Co-Chair) and Lottie Hutchinson (Secretary) will be continuing their roles, and will be joined by Suzie Flynn (Co-Chair).

Treasurer Role

Want to be our next PTA Treasurer?

With a head for numbers, the Treasurer controls the PTA funds in line with the committee's decisions, as well as charity law. They also make sure any upcoming events are affordable and profitable, and report financial information to the rest of the team. The role can be performed remotely at a time to suit you. Other than the AGM, attendance at meetings is not essential. If you think you, another parent, a grandparent or other family member could help, we would be delighted to have a chat. Please see Leanne, Lottie or Suzie.

Class Sharing Assemblies

Class 4—Friday 20th September

Class 3—Friday 27th September

Class 2— Friday 4th October

Class 1— later in the term… watch this space!

Assemblies will begin at 2:50pm.

All families are welcome at every Celebration Assembly

Everyday..

- ✔ Water bottle
- ✔ Coat/jacket
- ✔ PE kit
- ✔ Planner
- ✔ Reading book

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

Rufforth Primary School
Wetherby Road, York
YO23 3QF
T: 01904 806222
E: office@rufforth.pmat.academy
W:www.rufforthprimary.co.uk

Rufforth Primary School is part of Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust, an exempt charity registered in England and Wales. Company Number: 07559610. Registered Office: Archbishop Holgate's School, Hull Road, York YO10 5ZA