



Rugby Free

Primary School

Newsletter 1

Friday 8th September

2023

Headteacher's Welcome

A very warm welcome back to everyone connected to Rugby Free Primary School after our summer break. It has been an absolute pleasure to see the pupils, families and staff back at school and so happy to be back. It has also been lovely to welcome new children, families and staff to our school too – we hope you will be very happy here!

RFPS had its 8th birthday on 5th September and we are now in our 9th year of operation – time flies when you're having fun!

It has been so calm and positive at school this week and all of the children have settled in to their new year groups straight away, full of enthusiasm and eagerness to learn!

We have a lot of new staff members and they have all taken to their new roles very well. I particularly wanted to mention the new members of the Senior Leadership Team as you may need support from them from time to time. Mrs Colledge is Acting Deputy Head, Mrs Finch is Assistant Head and Mrs Sareen is Acting Assistant Head. They have all done a phenomenal job this week, ensuring the smooth running of our school alongside the rest of our wonderful staff team.

It has been a very hot start to our Autumn term this week and so the children haven't had to wear their ties or blazers. Please can we all wear ties and blazers from Monday 11th onwards although summer uniform (red and white checked dresses and grey shorts is still allowed!). Also, please can we make sure PE kits are correct please – plain black hoodie and joggers. There should be no labels or wording. Thank you so much for your support with this!

We hope you all enjoy the sunshine this weekend and we can't wait to have a full week next week.

Warmest Regards

R Butters

Headteacher

Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:

All of Giraffes

Zebras:

All of Zebras

Year One

Hedgehogs

Jacob

Rabbits:

Spencer

Year Two

Orcas:

Nihaan

Penguins:

Kartar

Seals:

Tahlia

Year Three

Crocodiles:

Phoebe

Kangaroos:

Wilf

Turtles:

Oscar

Year Four

Bears:

Patrick

Eagles:

Harman

Raccoons:

Skylar

Year Five

Pandas:

Harmeet

Tigers:

Imogen

Year Six

Jaguars

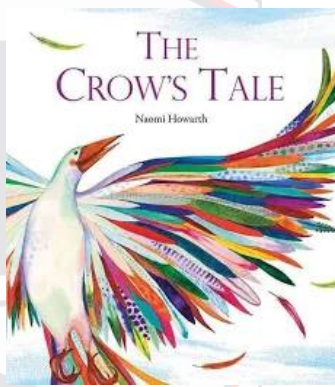
Paula and Keira

Panthers

Megan

Year 4 News

Year four have made a great start to the term learning all about their year group continent, North America. They've really enjoyed their year group text, 'The Crow's Tale' which has taught us about recognising our qualities and the beauty within as well as teaching us about the rewards of perseverance and resilience. A great start Year 4, well done!



News from Year 6

Year 6 have had a great first week back to school. We were especially impressed with their collaboration, resilience and endeavour in an activity that certainly tested them! We hope this is a sign of a brilliant year ahead.





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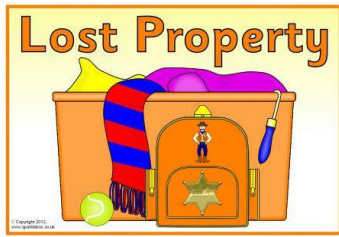
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Lost Property

All un-named lost property from last year has now been disposed of. Any items of lost property found in school that are

not named will be placed in the lost property drawers within the Family Room (just off the school office). This will be cleared **half termly**. To allow us to return lost items to children more easily, please ensure all items are **CLEARLY LABELLED**, we cannot return them if they are not! Thank you



Eco Green Flag Award 2023

We are very proud to have received an Eco-Schools Green Flag with Merit. Achieving this accreditation demonstrates that Rugby Free Primary School



have gone above and beyond to improve our local community and protect our planet, if everyone shared the same passion, determination, and dedication we're sure the climate crisis would soon be a thing of the past.

Sickness and informing the school

Please can we remind you that if your child is ill, please contact the school office by 9am on each day that they will be absent. The school office is manned from 8.15am each morning, if you are unable to get through, please leave a voicemail. If your child is ill with vomiting and/or diarrhea, the school's policy asks that your child does not return to school until 48 hours has passed since they last exhibited symptoms.

Please can we also ask that if your child has different pick-up arrangements to the usual; perhaps they are going home with a friend or you would like them to not go through to club or they have a GP or hospital appointment, that you **please let the school office know before 1pm**. We are getting several calls just before 3pm each day and we are not always able to get these messages to teachers on time. We would also appreciate that unless there are exceptional circumstances that you please book routine appointments such as dental check-ups outside of school time.

Lunch & snack

Can we remind you that we are a **NUT FREE school**. Please ensure that no snacks or packed lunches contain nuts. We have children in school with severe nut allergies.

If your child brings **grapes or baby tomatoes** into school as part of their lunch or at snack time, these need to be **cut up length ways ONLY**. This is a safety measure to prevent children from choking on them.

It has also been noticed that some unhealthy items such as crisps and chocolate have been included in children's lunchboxes. Please consider including just one treat item. At RFPS we teach and encourage healthy eating and hope that parents support us in this. We do not want to ban certain food items as we believe in parental choice, however, please be aware of the effect that sugar highs and lows have on concentration, learning and behaviour.

Morning snack should be fruit or vegetables only.



Friends of Rugby Free Primary School

We hope you have all enjoyed your Summer break, we have lots of exciting events to share with you over the 23/24 year.

NEXT MEETING - Monday 18th September 2023 @ Brewers Fayre, 7:30pm

If you feel you could give some of your time to help plan, prepare or run events with us then please come along to our meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 28th September - Bag to School Collection - please bring to the morning drop off as we do not have space to store it beforehand. Please see poster below.

Friday 29th September - Please join us to say hello! We will be putting donations to coffee/tea/cakes towards Macmillan and will also be holding a pre-loved Halloween & Christmas outfit/top shop. Please send in any clean outgrown Halloween/Christmas outfits to the office before 28th September. (Please bring cash - 50p/£1)





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Wednesday 25th October - Spooky Disco - KS2 - Keep your eyes peeled for more information regarding times and tickets!!! (KS1 Disco in Spring Term)

Saturday 25th November - Christmas Fayre and Market, 11-2pm. Come and join us for festive fun with family and friends, there will be hot food and drinks, stalls, games and more!

Diary Dates (please check these every week as they are subject to change!)

14th Sept – KS2 Pupil Parliament visit Mayor’s Parlour

15th -20th Sept – Y5 Bikeability (Group 1)

21st – 26th Sept – Y5 Bikeability (Group 2)

28th Sept – Friends of RFPS Bag to School collection

29th Sept - Macmillan Coffee morning hosted by Friends of RFPS

2nd – 6th Oct – Y6 Residential – Derbyshire

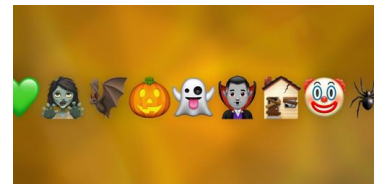
17th & 19th Oct – Parents evenings

27th Oct – Inset day

30th Oct – 3rd Nov – Half term

Half term holiday club – GAME ON

A reminder that Game On are operating a holiday club for October Half term at RFPS from Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November. A booking form is attached with this newsletter. To book your dates, please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly - his contact details are on the booking form. Thank you.



MCAS data

Please can we ask that parents/carers access their MCAS accounts and ensure that all data for your child and contact details for yourselves are up to date. Thank you

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility



If you are concerned that a child appears unhappy or is being abused act now using the contact numbers provided below.

Contact the **Warwickshire’s Children and Families Front Door** on **01926 414144**. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8am-5.30pm, Friday 8.30am- 5.00pm.

If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the Emergency Duty Team immediately on **01926 886922**.

If you think that a child is at immediate risk, contact the police immediately by dialling **999**.

What will happen if I report child abuse?

Childcare agencies believe that children are best cared for by their parents. Children are rarely removed from their parents and most families are given help and support. Social Workers can

only remove children from home with a court order and only after they have demonstrated that the child is at serious risk.

If you would like to speak to someone in school about your concerns the above members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads and will be happy to listen to your concerns and take the appropriate steps to safeguard a child.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility

If worried about any child being a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty whilst at RFPS, you must tell Miss Butters or, in her absence, one of her safeguarding team.



Miss Butters
Designated Senior Lead



Mrs Colledge
Designated Senior Leader



Miss Finch
Designated Senior Leader



Mrs Vural
Designated Senior Leader

Mr Al Chahly

Trustee for Child Protection & Safeguarding

If you consider a child is in immediate danger phone the Police on 999 or phone children's services on 01926 414144 or out of hours on 01926 886922.



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BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



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Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

*The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit*

Please return your Bag2School on:

Thursday 28th September 2023

01609 780 222

www.bag2school.com

helpdesk@bag2school.com

Join us for our
**MACMILLAN
COFFEE
MORNING**

29TH
SEPTEMBER
9AM
IN THE HALL

Cash donations for
tea/coffee & cakes
towards the charity

ALSO...

**PRE LOVED
CHRISTMAS AND
HALLOWEEN
TOPS/OUTFITS**

SHOP
10am-11am
(CASH ONLY)
towards Faithful Hands
for school

DONATIONS WANTED!

Pre-loved
HALLOWEEN
and
Christmas

TOPS OR OUTFITS

**FOR OUR SHOP DURING OUR COFFEE
MORNING - FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER**

Please take clean items
to the school office from Monday
29th - Thursday 28th September