



# Rugby Free

Primary School

Newsletter 2

Friday 15th September

2023

## News from Reception

We are really proud of the children for how they have completed their first full week in Reception and have begun getting used to school routines - they have been very resilient. In English we have been reading the story Starting School by Janet and Allan Ahlberg and comparing it to how we have started school. The children were all a little disappointed that at RFPS we don't have a school rabbit like in the book! The children have also been busy with their first Food Technology project; designing and making a fruit kebab to enjoy. They learnt how to use a bridge grip with chopping the fruit, thought about which combinations would be the most delicious, used their fine motor skills to thread the fruit onto the skewer and finally got to enjoy eating their creations!



## Stars of the Week

### Reception

#### Giraffes:

Sylvie-Bo

#### Zebras:

Liam

### Year One

#### Hedgehogs

Emelia & Harry

#### Rabbits:

Timofey & Imogen

### Year Two

#### Orcas:

Aadya

#### Penguins:

Florence

#### Seals:

Jasmeet

### Year Three

#### Crocodiles:

Harper

#### Kangaroos:

Imogen

#### Turtles:

Amelia

### Year Four

#### Bears:

Sophie

#### Eagles:

Esme

#### Raccoons:

Esha

### Year Five

#### Pandas:

Isaac & Roman

#### Tigers:

Haris

### Year Six

#### Jaguars

Lena

#### Panthers

Riley S & Evie T

## Rugby Free Primary School Visit the Mayor's Parlour

On Thursday, 12 members of last year's Pupil Parliament were invited to meet the Mayor of Rugby, Councillor Maggie O'Rourke. The children had a brilliant morning and enjoyed a tour of Mayor's Parlour and the council chambers. The mayor told us lots of facts about her role and the council building. One amazing fact was that the robes and hat she wears at special events is over 100 years old. She said it's very hot and itchy to wear but she feels privileged to do a job that helps the people of Rugby. The children asked really thoughtful questions and loved being able to ask these through the microphones that the councillors use during council meetings. We all enjoyed drinks and snacks with the Mayor in her parlour and she showed us the ceremonial treasures, including her chain and sceptre. The children were so sensible and represented RFPS incredibly well. Well done to all our Pupil Parliament representatives and thank you for your hard work over the past year.





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## News from Year 2

On Thursday, Year 2 went on a local walk. They identified and described the properties of and classified natural and man-made features. We then conducted a walk of our local area to spot the local human geographical features. Throughout our walk, we discussed the reasons why people use these human geographical features in our local area.



## Road Safety

We appreciate it is extremely busy around school during drop off and collection times however, unfortunately we have already observed several incidents that put yourselves and your children at risk of serious injury. To avoid such an incident can we politely remind you of the following key points...

- Do not park on the double yellow or zig zag lines.
- Children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 **MUST** be escorted on to the playground and all child attending breakfast club (regardless of year group) **MUST** be signed in by an adult.
- Please cross at the crossing points. Several parents and children have been crossing on the corners which is extremely dangerous.
- Late children **MUST** be signed in at the office by an adult. Once the gate has closed there will be no staff outside to safeguard your child.
- Scooters and bikes **MUST NOT** be ridden on the playgrounds.
- If your child is making their own way into school, please ensure they do not arrive before 8:35am. On several occasions children have been outside school unaccompanied for a period of time before the school gates open.
- No animals should be brought into the school grounds.
- Please also consider the use of mobile phones on the playground and where possible.



## Changes in Collection Permissions

We are changing the way that parents report a change in person collecting their child from school. If a parent/carer would like another adult to collect their child from school, they will need to do one of the following:

- Add them on to permissions on MCAS
- Fill in a data form via the school office
- Email via [office@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk) . The email must come from the email address of the parents who we have on our system with parental responsibility

Thank you for your help and understanding with this.

## Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

### NEXT MEETING

**Monday 18th September** - Friends of Rugby Free meeting- 7:30pm at Brewers Fayre  
Come along to find out about and help plan our next events. All our events rely on getting enough volunteer support, so any amount of help is appreciated.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday 28th September** - Bags 2 School

Please bring in any bags of clothing at drop off on this day - please see our poster below for more information.







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## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September - MacMillan Coffee morning

Please join us for our Macmillan coffee morning. It would be great to see you all and help raise as much money as possible for this wonderful charity.

This event will be cash only, however there will be a QR code that you can scan with your phone and donate that way.

The Friends of Rugby Free Primary School will also be selling pre-loved Halloween and Christmas outfits from 50p-£1. We hope to see you there if you can make it!

## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October - KS2 Spooky Disco

We are very excited to be holding a Spooky Disco for KS2 before half term. More info on how to get tickets soon.

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Fayre

We are really looking forward to having some festive fun - save the date and join us with friends and family from 11-2pm for lots of food, games, stalls and fun.

Please follow us on our Facebook page Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (with our above logo)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsrugbyfreeprimary/>



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

15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y5 Bikeability (Group 1)

21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y5 Bikeability (Group 2)

28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Friends of RFPS Bag to School collection

29<sup>th</sup> Sept - Macmillan Coffee morning hosted by Friends of RFPS

2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y6 Residential – Derbyshire

12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y2 Harvest performance to parents - 9.15am

17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parents evenings

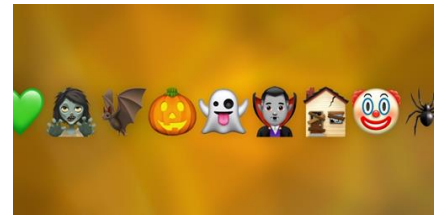
25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Spooky Disco for KS2 - hosted by Friends of RFPS

27<sup>th</sup> Oct – Teacher Training day

30<sup>th</sup> Oct-3<sup>rd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. To book your dates, please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly - his contact details are on the booking form which was sent out with the newsletter on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 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 Collidge  
Designated Senior Leader



Miss Finch  
Designated Senior Leader



Mrs Vural  
Designated Senior Leader

Mr M 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



Rugby Free Primary School



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**  
50p/£1  
(CASH ONLY)  
towards ForFPS funds  
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  
25th- Thursday 28th September





Message Mrs Vural, Family and Children Support Worker:

Over the summer Warwickshire parent trainers have been reviewing the support available for families. They have put together a wide range of both virtual and face to face workshops, along with online guides and resources to offer support and guidance to parents. If you think you would be interested in accessing any of the support available please take a look at the information below or contact me via the main school office or email at [clair.vural@rugbyfreeprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:clair.vural@rugbyfreeprimaryschool.co.uk) for further information.



## Support for Families

### Family and Relationship programs

Being a parent is probably the most demanding job you will ever have but you are not alone. Did you know that there is a wealth of support for parents and carers in Warwickshire?

Parents/carers can access advice in a variety of ways, from online guides you can read though, virtual 2-hour workshops on a range of topics delivered via MS Teams in the evenings and face-to-face workshops and programs which take place around the County.

Being part of a group can help you realise you are not alone with many of the concerns you have, and it can be encouraging to recognise and build upon your existing skills at the same time as sharing and learning from other parents and carers.

There are many reasons why you may want to attend a workshop or program, this is what some parents have shared in the past:

*I wasn't 100% sure what the course would be about, but it helped a great deal with our general parenting.*

*Was a fun group to be in and was very friendly and supportive.*

*I have learnt that too much emphasis is put on children's behaviour and not on the how the adults in their lives are supporting them.*

Our universal offer is open to any parent who resides in Warwickshire or has a child looked after in Warwickshire.

Online guides are a good first port of call and can be worked through independently or with support. They cover a wide range of support from antenatal binding to teen years and mental health.

Our 2-hour workshops are face to face and virtual and are offered around the county. They provide an overview of topic and some simple strategies to go away and try. The longer programs (5-10wks) offer more in-depth information and an opportunity for connection. No referral is needed, and parents can book themselves on via [Eventbrite](#).

