

Rufford Park Post



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Headteacher's news:

I hope Issue 1 of Rufford Park Post finds you and your families well and that you have had a good summer - a very warm welcome back to school and the start of the 2023-24 academic year.

The children have made a very positive start this week and have been enjoying lessons and playing outside in the sunshine. The staff and children have been getting to know each other and 'first impressions' has certainly been a key message this week as the children have settled in to their new classes and completed their first pieces of work.

On Wednesday the teachers enjoyed opening up the doors before and after school for informal drop-ins - a chance for parents and carers to see classrooms and meet the staff. We will be holding formal parents' evenings in October (see dates for your diary below) but throughout the year, you can email the teachers at any time using the email address for your child's class e.g. cedar@ruffordparkprimary.org.uk for Y3/4 Cedar.

We have had some staff changes over the holidays. Miss Tidey got married and will now be known as Mrs Harris. Mrs Riches has joined the school as our new Pastoral Lead (replacing the previous Family Support Worker role we had in school). We sent out a Jotter App message earlier today introducing Mrs Riches but if you missed it, you can [click here](#) to read it. We have also had two new Teaching Assistants start this week: Miss Redmond is working in KS1 and Mrs Wakefield is splitting her time between LKS2 and Reception. We have also had a member of staff leave over the summer holidays. Miss Greenwood (office administrator) has left the school and I would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication in her time here; we wish her well in her new ventures.

We currently have two vacancies (Office Administrator and Lunchtime Assistant) which might be of interest. Please [click here](#) to find out more.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.



Mrs Riches
Pastoral Lead



Miss Redmond
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Wakefield
Teaching Assistant

Click on the link below to take you to your child's class website page where you can read important information about your class, routines and the Autumn Term Curriculum. Click on the blog link on the page to see what has been happening in your child's class this week:

[Nursery](#) [Reception](#) [Y1 Pear](#) [Y1/2 Lime](#) [Y2 Cherry](#)

[Y3 Willow](#)

[Y3/4 Cedar](#)

[Y4 Beech](#)

[Y5 Oak](#)

[Y5/6 Ash](#)

[Y6 Maple](#)

In assembly this week, the focus was on pupil code of conduct, behaviour expectations, golden rules and playground rules.

Welcome to our new starters: We have had new children start in Nursery this week and our Reception cohort have had staggered visits too. Reception will attend school full time from Monday 11 September.

Attendance There is a national focus on improving school attendance and this was in the [BBC News](#) a few days ago. Attendance levels are nowhere near pre-pandemic levels so much so that ministers are using the word 'crisis' and have asked all agencies to '...obsess over full attendance from day one'. I am pleased to report that attendance at school this week has been 99.35%. Please do everything you can to keep your child attending school. Please do not book holidays during term time either.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 15 Sept: Swimming to start for Y4

Wed 20 Sept: Y4 trip to Murton Park

Thurs 21 Sept: Y3 trip to Murton Park

Fri 22 Sept: Y5 Oak and Y5/6 Ash trip to Armley Mills

Tues 26 Sept: Y6 Maple trip to Armley Mills

Sat 30 Sept: Cross Country Race 1 @ Middleton Clearing (1st Race 10:00)

Tues 3 Oct: Reception 2024 Open Day 1 09:30-10:30

Tues 10 & Wed 11 Oct: KS1 Great Fire of London Workshops

Tues 10 Oct: Parents' Evening 15:40-19:00 in school

Wed 11 Oct: Parents' Evening 15:40-18:00 in school

Fri 13 Oct: Teacher Training Day

Sat 14 Oct: Cross Country Race 2 @ Cardinal Heenan (1st Race 10:00)

Thurs 19 Oct: Reception 2024 Open Day 2 13:30-14:30

Fri 27 Oct: School closes for half term