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Headteacher's news:

I hope this issue of Rufford Park Post finds you and your families well and that you have managed to keep warm this week. I have certainly enjoyed the cold but brighter weather as the high pressure system has dominated over the UK.

On Monday, Mrs Trotter (maths curriculum leader), Mr Briscoe (governor) and I visited classes, spoke to children and looked at work in books as we conducted a maths deep dive. The results were very pleasing: the children are making good progress in maths across the whole school.

On Tuesday, our new Learning Mentor started in school. Miss Gilmour has previous experience working as an engagement officer in a school in Harrogate and she is looking forward to working with us in the weeks and months ahead.

Yesterday, Y2 enjoyed a skipping workshop in school as they start to prepare for their competition scheduled for later in the year.



Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday (Monday is a teacher training day).

Earlier this week, the National Education Union (NEU) announced that its ballot of teacher members in England has met the thresholds required to commence industrial action. The NEU has announced national and regional action in England on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.
- Tuesday 28 February 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: Northern, North West, Yorkshire & The Humber.
- Wednesday 1 March 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: East Midlands, West Midlands, Eastern.
- Thursday 2 March 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: London, South East, South West.
- Wednesday 15 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.
- Thursday 16 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.

There are up to 4 days in the list above where teachers may choose to strike and which could result in classes being closed. I will share the details of any disruption to school as soon as I have them but would like you to understand that whilst employers can ask their employees in advance if they intend to strike, employees are not required to tell their employers whether they intend to follow industrial action.



The theme for Miss Tidey's **assembly this week** was 'happiness':

'We considered the things that make us happy in life. I shared with them my big box of happiness (things that make me happy) and my little box of ultimate happiness (things that have no monetary value but are very important to me) and discussed how the things that bring us real happiness are our relationships with our family and friends and the wonderful experiences and memories we have. We agreed that happiness is not about wealth or possessions or wanting things we don't have but about treasuring the important things in life that hold true value.'



This might be of interest to some families for the half term holidays. You can book online via The Rhinos website or by clicking the link below: [Leeds Rhinos Multi Sports Camp](https://www.leedsrhinos.co.uk/multi-sports-camp)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 23 Jan: Teacher Training Day - school will be closed to all children

Tues 31 Jan 3:30pm: Y4 parent meeting - Nell Bank Residential (Beech Tree Class)

Tues 7 Feb 3:40-7:00pm: Parents' Evening

Wed 8 Feb 3:40-6:00pm: Parents' Evening
Details were sent out on Wednesday - you can [click here](#) if you missed this message and need to book an appointment.

Fri 10 Feb: School closes for half term

Mon 20 Feb: School opens for Spring 2

Thurs 2 Mar: World Book Day - please refer to the separate letter sent home.

Tues 7 - Wed 8 Mar: Y4 Nell Bank Residential

Click below 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](#)