

# Rufford Park Post



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## Headteacher's news:

It has been a busy week with lots to report...

The whole school has been very busy rehearsing their Christmas performances and we look forward to welcoming you into school next week to share these with you.

On Monday, members of the school choir 'Rufford Rhapsody' attended the Tree of Lights event at Yeadon Town Hall. The children sang beautifully and brought that extra 'je ne sais quoi' to an evening of songs, celebration and remembrance. Many thanks to the children, parents and staff for attending on the night.

On Wednesday, I spent the morning with our School Improvement Advisor discussing my work to date and priorities for the rest of the year. Reading continues to be a key area of focus for us across the whole school and it just so happened that in the teacher meeting on this same day, we spent time moderating reading judgements for individual pupils. The teachers used videos of the children reading as well as other records to inform these judgements.

When it comes to the teaching of reading, there is a different focus across school. In the Foundation Stage the emphasis is on phonics and early reading; in Year 1-3 the emphasis is on fluency and understanding; and in Year 4-6 the emphasis is on comprehension skills. We are continuing to work hard teaching reading at school but in order for your child to be a good reader, it is essential that you contribute to this process too. Please help by listening to your child read on a regular basis - the 'Extreme Reading Challenge' we are running requires this to take place on 5 days/week. Please also use this time to talk to your child about what they have read to deepen understanding.

On Thursday, I enjoyed accompanying children and staff to a Christmas Singalong and today 3 classes have enjoyed a film afternoon - a reward from the Friends of Rufford for the class contributions to bottles and jars which were used at the Xmas Fayre.

## Inclusive Christmas Singalong

Yesterday, pupils from Reception to Year 5 attended a Christmas celebratory 'singalong' at Pudsey Civic Hall. The event - organised by Artforms Leeds was attended by a number of schools across Leeds and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Miss Tidey for leading this outing and to the staff and children who made it such a lovely occasion.

### Ongoing item for one more week: Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

There is a vacancy in school for a Lunchtime Supervisor working 5 days a week from 12:05 - 1:20pm per day, term time only. If you are interested in this role, please contact the office. If you know anyone that might be interested, please signpost them to this item.

This week in assembly we focussed on: **how Christmas is celebrated in different ways across the world**

**Children enjoying themselves at the Christmas Singalong at Pudsey Civic Hall**



### Important dates for your diary:

#### Christmas Performances

**EYFS** - Monday 16th Dec 9:30am

**KS1** - Tuesday 17th Dec 9:30am and  
Wednesday 18th Dec 2:00pm

**KS2** - Tuesday 17th Dec 2:00pm and  
Wednesday 18th Dec 9:30am

#### Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December 2019

**Christmas Class Parties** - Friday 20th  
December. Details in last week's news.

**School closes for Christmas** - Friday  
20th December

#### Teacher Training Days

Just in case you missed last week's post: the final Training Day has now been set and is included below with the other dates. School will be closed to the children on these days:

Friday 10th January 2020

Friday 13th March 2020 **(new date)**

Monday 20th July 2020