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Headteacher's news:

It has been another good week in school with focussed learning in lessons. In addition to the normal weekly routines:

- we welcomed the NSPCC into school on Tuesday (see details to the right)
- we invested over £2000 on new reading books (which will be used to further develop the skills of our early readers)
- we had the Spring School Census - a national school information data collection day
- I met with governors of the Teaching and Learning Sub-Committee

Next week, Y6 will be out of school from Monday to Wednesday as they enjoy 'outdoor adventurous activities' at Peat Rigg in North Yorkshire. I am fortunate to be part of the staffing for this residential and am looking forward to it.

And finally ... you have probably been aware that the office has been under some strain since before Christmas. Mr Todd has been very poorly and has not been in school but is making a strong recovery and is working some reduced hours from next week. We are looking forward to having him back. His return to work coincides with some more challenges to the admin team as Mrs Firth will not be in school from Wednesday onward. Mrs Firth is having to undergo some major (unplanned) surgery and will need some extended time to recover afterwards. Our very best wishes and thoughts are with her during this time. A lady called Miss Lumb will be covering whilst Mrs Firth is away.

Thankyou for your patience and understanding during this difficult period.

Advance Notice - Discos

The Friends of Rufford will be running two school discos between now and the end of the academic year. The dates are as follows:

Valentines Disco: Thursday 13th February 2020

Leavers' Disco: Tuesday 14th July 2020 (not just for Year 6...)

Both Infants (Reception - Year 2) and KS2 (Year 3 - 6) will be able to attend each disco and this will happen on the same night.

We will stagger the timings: the Infants disco will be first followed by some time for collection and then the KS2 disco will follow.

More details about the Valentines Disco will be sent out very soon.



This week we had some visitors from the NSPCC to deliver assemblies and workshops on:
speaking out and staying safe

The aims of the sessions were to provide the children with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. Children were taught to speak out if they are worried -

either to a trusted adult or Childline.



First Aid Training

Last Friday, when school was closed to the children, the teachers and staff spent the day completing **Emergency First Aid at Work** training. There were assessment elements (and some squeamish moments) to the day but we all successfully passed the course.

Important dates for your diary:

New item: Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 11th February 15:40-19:00

Wednesday 12th February 15:40-17:30

A letter—which will include a booking appointment slip—will be sent out next week.

Reminder: Teacher Training Days

We have 2 remaining school days that will be closed to the children:

Friday 13th March 2020

Monday 20th July 2020