

Headteacher's news:

School closure: Week 6

This week has been a week full of questions following Boris Johnson's announcement that schools should plan to partially re-open on June 1st. The intention is that this should go ahead 'provided that the 5 key tests set by the government justify the changes at the time ...'.

We await confirmation of this and so, in the meantime, I wrote a letter to all parents with my views on the announcement (posted [here](#) on the Rufford Park website news page) and have also asked the parents of all Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to complete an online survey. I have had 108 responses (from a possible 159) to this survey and so I am currently gathering vital attendance information for the school if we are asked to re-open. If your child is in one of these year groups and you haven't completed [the survey](#), please do so as soon as possible. Your responses and views are essential in the planning process.

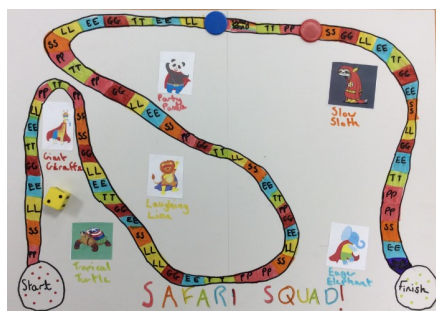
I attended another Headteacher Zoom meeting on Wednesday where the LA leaders discussed the June 1st re-opening and further 'steering groups' took place yesterday. I await the details from these meetings and am also meeting with my senior leadership team next week to make final plans for Rufford Park. I aim to write to you again soon with an outline of our strategy and to seek absolute confirmation of pupil numbers for June 1st.

In the meantime, take care, stay safe and have a good weekend.

A game of Parrots and Lions anyone?

On Wednesday, children in Y4-Y6 had a creative afternoon designing and making board games with Mrs Waddilove-Carr.

Please click [here](#) to see the full range of new games created.



Click on your child's class page below to access home learning for next week. Once on the class page, select the link dated 18.5.20. There is also a useful [Home Learning](#) page on the website in the MORE section - this page contains all the useful website links that can be used to support learning at home.

[Nursery](#) [Reception](#) [Year1 Pear](#) [Year 1/2 Lime](#) [Year 2 Cherry](#)

[Year 3 Willow](#) [Year 3/4 Cedar](#) [Year 4 Beech](#)

[Year 5 Oak](#) [Year 5/6 Ash](#) [Year 6 Maple](#)

The Great Science Share:

Our science coordinator, Mr Kyriacou, has the following message for you:



Hello everyone,

I hope you're all doing well and staying safe. I would like to introduce you to the Great Science Share, which is an annual campaign to inspire young people to communicate and share their scientific questions with new audiences and get children to think and work scientifically.

Up until the 16th June, they are running weekly themes that revolve around Global Sustainability Goals. We would like the children to get involved with this and encourage you to register on the [GSS website](#), where you can upload photos and videos of the work that your children have produced at home in relation to the weekly themes.

Each week, there will be new ideas and useful links relating to the weekly themes which can be found on the [Science page](#) of the Rufford Park website.

This week's and next week's themes are:
11-17 May Celebrating Royal Astronomical Society 200 Years
18-24 May National Scavenger Hunt Day (and International Day for Biological Diversity)

So ... if you are interested in engaging with this initiative, register on the GSS website and visit the school website for ongoing updates.

Friends of Rufford had a busy time collating images from all the bunting made in the community. I hope you managed to celebrate 75 VE Day in your own homes last weekend.

Friends of Rufford Park - VE Day Bunting



1945 - 2020: 75 Years