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Headteacher's news:

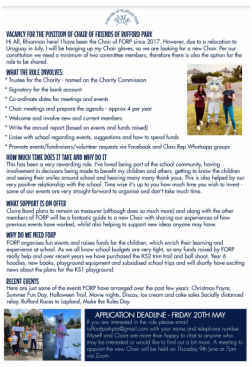
It has been another shorter week following the bank holiday weekend but it has been a very productive one. Some of our subject leaders have been looking at books and talking to the children about the curriculum as we continue to monitor the quality of education across school. This has included visits from governors too who play a supportive role in monitoring and professionally challenging the work we do. Details of Our Governing Body are on the website; the structure of the board as well as the monitoring duties are there too. Currently Jessica O'Hanlon is acting up as the Chair of the governing body.

Next week Y6 will be completing their Statutory Assessment Tests. The children have been working incredibly hard and should see these assessments as an opportunity to show off what they already know and understand. Year 2 will also be starting to complete KS1 tests from Monday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Living with Covid: The 1 April 2022 saw the removal of the requirement to have Covid specific risk assessments as part of the move to 'Living with Covid'. In line with this guidance, and building on the good practices schools have put in place regarding hygiene, cleaning, hand washing and ventilation, LCC H&S Team have now produced a sample Infection Prevention and Control in Schools Risk Assessment for schools to adopt. The basis of this risk assessment is that many of the controls that have been in place for Covid-19 also have benefits for managing other infectious illnesses that tend to arise in schools and provides a baseline for infection prevention and control that helps with all of these. Please click here to view this new Risk Assessment.

Friends Of Rufford Park (FORP) Vacancy:
After 5 years of superb dedication to the role of chair of our PTA, Rhiannon Barclay is stepping down in July as she and her family are relocating to Uruguay.
Please visit the website to read this poster which details what you need to do to volunteer for this role. Click here to navigate straight to the page where these details are saved.


VACANCY FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF FRIENDS OF RUFFORD PARK

Hi All, Rhiannon here! I have been the Chair of FORP since 2017. However, due to a relocation to Uruguay in July, I will be hanging up my Chair gloves, so we are looking for a new Chair. Per our constitution we need a minimum of two committee members, therefore there is also the option for the role to be shared.

WHAT THE ROLE INVOLVES:

* Trustee for the Charity - named on the Charity Commission
* Signatory for the bank account
* Co-ordinate dates for meetings and events
* Chair meetings and prepare the agenda - approx 4 per year
* Welcome and involve new and current members.
* Write the annual report (based on events and funds raised)
* Liaise with school regarding events, suggestions and how to spend funds
* Promote events/fundraisers/volunteer requests via Facebook and Class Rep Whatsapp groups

HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE AND WHY DO IT

This has been a very rewarding role. I've loved being part of the school community, having involvement in decisions being made to benefit my children and others, getting to know the children and seeing their smiles around school and hearing many many thank yous. This is also helped by our very supportive relationship with the school. Time wise it's up to you how much time you wish to invest - some of our events are very straight forward to organise and don't take much time.

WHAT SUPPORT IS ON OFFER

Claire Bond plans to remain as treasurer (although does so much more) and along with the other members of FORP will be a fantastic guide to a new Chair with sharing our experiences of how previous events have worked, whilst also helping to support new ideas anyone may have.

WHY DO WE NEED FORP

FORP organises fun events and raises funds for the children, which enrich their learning and experience at school. As we all know school budgets are very tight, so any funds raised by FORP really help and over recent years we have purchased the KS2 trim trail and ball shoot, Year 6 hoodies, new books, playground equipment and subsidised school trips and will shortly have exciting news about the plans for the KS1 playground.

RECENT EVENTS

Here are just some of the events FORP have arranged over the past few years: Christmas Fayre, Summer Fun Day, Halloween Trail, Movie night, Disco, Ice cream and cake sales Socially distanced relay, Rufford Roses to Lapland, Make the Rules Day.

APPLICATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY 20TH MAY

If you are interested in the role please email ruffordparkpta@gmail.com with your name and telephone number. Myself and Claire are more than happy to chat to anyone who may be interested or would like to find out a bit more. A meeting to appoint the new Chair will be held on Thursday 9th June at 7pm via Zoom.

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

This week in assembly… Miss Tidey revisited how we can keep ourselves safe at home, in school and online.

Outstanding citizenship: One of the Rufford Park's vision statements says that every child should 'be a good citizen who has a voice and can influence'. Opal in Y6 has excelled in this area as he has been independently raising money for the crisis in Ukraine. He has put his excellent artistic talents to superb use by producing and selling pieces of art. So far he has raised £300 through these six pieces of art work spending nearly 40 hours reproducing copies for his customers. A very well done to Opal.

Online Safety Bulletin: May
Internet matters have done these great step by step guides to help you activate parental controls on a range of phones, tablets, consoles, broadband and more.
https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 9 - Thurs 13 May: Y6 SATs
Fri 20 May: 'Make the Rules' FORP fundraiser (letters have been sent out but click here for the details)
Fri 27 May: Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school (details to be communicated soon)
Fri 27 May: school closes for half term
Mon 6 June: school opens for Summer 2