



# Rugby Free

Primary School



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## Message from The Senior Leadership Team

It has been an amazing autumn term here at RFPS. When reflecting upon what the pupils have been faced with over the last 18 months, we are so pleased to have been allowed to provide pupils with some amazing opportunities this term. Trips have been back in full force and our pupils have had the opportunity to attend and participate in some amazing school visits this term. We've been able to have our beautiful nativity performances and invite Parents back into school for Inspire Workshops which has been amazing. Actions we took for granted previously such as singing aloud in an assembly, have been welcomed back so enthusiastically by everyone at school. When walking through the corridors, hearing about pupils discussing the fun they had with their friends from differing year groups or how much they love their singing assemblies and school visits is wonderful. The atmosphere at Rugby Free Primary School is great and it is due to the hard-work and dedication of all of the pupils, staff and parents. It is a lovely community to be apart of and we would like to thank everyone for all that they do to help and support the school.

As we watch the news we can see that Coronavirus is still very active amongst our local area and wide spread across the nation. We have had no school closures this term and we hope to remain that way over the next academic year. However, we do require everyone's support in ensuring this does not happen. Please be vigilant and careful in January on return to school. Please ensure that everyone in our community does test if displaying any symptoms. It is really important that we keep our staff, pupils and community safe and it requires us to all work together to do so.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a joyful, happy and healthy Christmas. I hope that you all have a lovely, magical time with your families. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

## SSP Harris Dodgeball

On Wednesday, some children in Year 5 went to Avon Valley School to compete in a dodgeball tournament which focused on teamwork, honesty and respect. All children that took part showed great collaboration and sporting skills which enabled us to come first place. We just want to say a huge congratulations as you all made the school so proud!



## Special visitor

On Thursday the children had a very special visitor come all the way from the North Pole! The children all saw Father Christmas on his sleigh in the playground and each child was able to collect a gift.

A huge thank you to **Rugby Rokeby Lions Club** for making this happen and massive thanks to the **Friends of Rugby Free Primary**, our school PTA, for providing every child with a Christmas gift.





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## Y4 Roman Day

What a fantastic way to end the half term, with Roman Day! Year 4 have had a wonderful memorable experience, showcasing all of their learning from the half term. Some of the activities they completed today include designing and making a Roman sandal; sketching an image of Boudicca using tone, texture and line; carrying out research on the Romans in Britain using the internet and non-fiction texts; designing Roman jewellery like necklaces; calculating with Roman numerals; practising and applying Roman battle formations and much, much more. It has been a great day and we are so proud of all of their learning! Well done Y4!



## Tunnels & Bridges in Y2

Year 2 had a historical figure come and visit them this week. Year 2 pupils have been learning about Isambard Kingdom-Brunel and the impact he made on Great Britain with his constructions of tunnels and bridges. Pupils had the chance to ask questions they had for Isambard but were quite suspicious about how very similar he looked to a RFPs teacher! Well done Year 2 for demonstrating your learning and knowledge about what life was like in the past and the impact it has had on us today.



## Getting arty in Y6

Year 6 made their teachers very proud with their phenomenal art work. We experimented with acrylic paints and applied our blending skills to create a layered painting. We then also used oil pastels to add detail in the foreground.



## School Pantomime

On Wednesday afternoon, Key Stage 1 had the pleasure of watching a **live** performance of Aladdin in the school hall! It was such a fantastic show and we all joined in, helping Aladdin defeat the evil Abanazar!

A big thank you to the **Friends of Rugby Free Primary**, our school PTA, for funding this fantastic experience for our Reception, Y1 & Y2 children.





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### Snow White on Ice

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, KS2 went to Planet Ice, Coventry to watch a performance of 'Snow White on Ice'. The show was amazing and we were astounded by all of the performers. One performer in particular was very special to our school, Victoria in Year 6 was actually in the show. We were so impressed by her performance and we were so proud of all of our pupils for supporting her and providing the loudest cheer in the ice-rink. This was a lovely treat for our pupils and we thank all Parents for their support with it. Thank-you to all of KS2 pupils for their amazing behaviour, being a wonderful audience and demonstrating to other schools how good we are at the Mexican wave. Have a safe and happy Christmas everyone!

### Staff changes

We have some staffing news which is both sad and exciting in equal measure. Karen Sharp (one of our fabulous Deputy Heads) has been successful in gaining a Headteacher position in a local Warwickshire School. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating her on this promotion which is very well deserved. She will be leaving us at Easter to take up her new role. We will be very sad to see her go but we are also thrilled for her too. We will be looking at our leadership structure over the next few months to decide on the best way of replacing Mrs Sharp's role. We still have her for a term though! Well done Mrs Sharp - we are proud of you!

### Rainbow Reader Prize Draw:

This week we held a prize draw for all of our Rainbow Readers. Each child who has earned a reading certificate this term was entered into a prize draw. Each certificate equvalated to one ticket in the prize draw. Our winners are:

- Isabelle in Y1 Owls
- Florence Y2 Seals
- Toby Y3 Crocodiles
- Zachary Y4 Bears

Their tickets were pulled out of the draw! They have all won a **£5 National Book Voucher!** Well done to you all! Please continue to read with your child at home to earn a reading certificate and a ticket into the prize draw! Children will receive a certificate when they have read 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 etc times. More details are attached with this newsletter of our Christmas reading challenge.

### Achievements

Our final achievement section of the year:  
Congratulations to Lydia in Y4 who achieved her green belt in Martial Arts last week! Well done Lydia!

A special, festive mention to some of our RFPS children; Ellen in Y4, Saffron in Y6, Erin T Y6 & Katie H in Y6, who have all been giving up their weekends for the past few weeks and those to come preparing and helping out at the Scout grotto at Onley. They've been dressed as elves bringing Christmas Spirit to lots of children across the area.



Please let us know if your child has achieved something special outside of school and you would like it mentioned in the newsletter!





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## Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (our PTA)

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant time we've had planning the Christmas activities and events for the children to take part in 🎅🎄🎁 Thank you all for your support and for helping us to raise such a fantastic amount of funds in a short space of time! All money raised by the PTA is always put back into the school to benefit the children and enhance their education.



This week all of the KSI children watched a brilliant pantomime performance of Aladdin in school. We are proud to have funded this for the children and really hope that they enjoyed it! To add to their Christmas excitement, we also arranged for a very special visitor 🎅🎄🎁 to come along to school yesterday with Christmas gifts for all the children. What a fantastic surprise for them all!

We hope that all the children loved seeing the VIP and enjoyed receiving a gift from him 🎁🎁🎁

All of the **Friends of Rugby Free Primary School** would like to thank **Miss Butters**, the teachers and staff for organising and supporting the children with the activities and events that we think up! We really appreciate their efforts with everything! Of course, none of the events and activities would come to fruition if it weren't for our fabulous and enthusiastic PTA members. Thank you for all your hard work!!

**The Friends of Rugby Free Primary School would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

See you all in 2022!!! 🎉🎉🎉

To keep more up to date with the Friends of Rugby Free Primary School please join our Facebook page. We regularly update it with news on our events and activities. Especially the dates to remember 😊

If you wish to make a contribution to the PTA or want to help in any way, please email [frrfps@gmail.com](mailto:frrfps@gmail.com)

### Diary Dates

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of autumn term

20<sup>th</sup> Dec – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec – Christmas Holiday

20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec - GAME ON holiday club at the school

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan - Bank holiday

4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Teacher Training Day

5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children return to school for spring term



### Live advent calendar – Foodbank

A big thank you for sending in your kind food donations as part of our Christmas live calendar which have been taken to the Rugby Foodbank to help disadvantaged families in need this Christmas. Together we donated **99kgs** of food and supplies! Thank you for your kindness.





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## Try Tag Rugby

Friday 21 January 2022 – 4.15pm to 6.00pm

If you'd love to give tag rugby a try, why not come along to the Princethorpe College Year 5 *Try Tag Rugby Session!*

An afternoon of free tag rugby training on our astroturf, you'll learn new skills, make friends and have fun – beginners are most welcome! Aimed at girls and boys, the afternoon will finish with a mini tournament and refreshments for spectators.

For more information please contact the Admissions Team on 01926 634201 or email [admissions@princethorpe.co.uk](mailto:admissions@princethorpe.co.uk)

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If you love to sing, come along to the Princethorpe College Year 5 Choral Fun Day! A day of free musical activities, singing tuition and team-building skills ending with a gala performance.

**Saturday 15 January 2022**  
9.00am - 4.30pm.

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