



# Rugby Free

Primary School

Newsletter 15

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January

2022

## Message from Head Teacher

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a very happy and healthy Christmas. It was lovely to see all the children on Tuesday this week returning from the Christmas break. The children all seemed very pleased to be back and have been really impressing their teachers with the dedication and attitude to learning since returning.

With some staff members not able to be in work, some classes have been put together (still within year groups!) and different members of staff have moved to different areas of the school to support. I want to thank all of the staff for their 'can do' attitude and their flexibility to ensure that our pupils are well supported and nurtured.

Our assemblies have had to move online for the time-being but we had a lovely celebration assembly and before certificates were given out, we discussed New Year Resolutions and about how it is good to make mistakes. We talked about that making mistakes shows that you are trying and challenging yourselves – some of our children are afraid to make mistakes so this message is particularly important for them. Here is the poem that I read to them, it would be great for you re-iterate this message at home too.

Thank you again for your messages of support and Happy New Year greetings, it really is a privilege to lead RFPS!

Warmest regards, Miss Butters

## Mistakes

This year  
 I hope that  
 In this year to come.  
 You make mistakes  
 Because  
 If you are making mistakes  
 Then you are  
 Making new things  
 Trying new things  
 Learning  
 Living.  
 Pushing yourself,  
 Changing yourself,  
 Changing the world  
 You're doing things  
 you've never done before,  
 and more importantly you're  
 doing something.

*By Neil Baiman*

## Stars of the Week

### Reception

#### Giraffes:

Elliot

#### Lions:

Elira

#### Zebbras:

George

### Year One

#### Hedgehogs:

Jayden D

#### Owls:

Cristian

#### Rabbits:

Hattie R

### Year Two

#### Orcas:

Julia

#### Penguins:

Noah

#### Seals:

Adrian

### Year Three

#### Crocodiles:

Emily

#### Kangaroos:

Calleigh

#### Turtles:

Julie T

### Year Four

#### Bears:

Kieran

#### Eagles:

Edward

#### Raccoons:

Alexia

### Year Five

#### Pandas:

Hunter

#### Tigers:

Nicole

### Year Six

#### Jaguars:

Elsie-Mai

#### Panthers:

Jack S

## Updated Covid19 Guidelines

Below are new or updated rules either around testing/isolation rules from the Government:

- Any child testing positive for Covid19 needs to isolate for 10 days. However, they can LFT test on Day 6 and Day 7 and if they are both negative, they can return after the negative LFT on Day 7 but those tests must be 24 hours apart. Please do let school know this to avoid us sending your child home again! If either day is positive, the pupil needs to isolate for the full 10 days. **Remember that Day 0 is the day of the test or the day of symptoms starting.**
- Any child, who is a close contact of a positive case, no longer needs a PCR test but does need to take a LFT every day for 7 days. This is essential. They can still come to school during this time if they have no symptoms and have negative LFTs.
- Any child who has symptoms of Covid19 or is unwell will be sent home and asked to PCR test and isolate until they receive a negative result. This must be a PCR test and not a LFT. Please support us with this and make sure you are contactable and arrive to collect your child ASAP. This does need to be within the hour.

**Reminder: LFT means Lateral Flow Test and is done at home. PCR test is one that you have to go to a testing centre for. You can order LFT kits online or get them through pharmacies. There are a shortage of these kits so keep trying! School only has a supply for staff only.**



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### Changes/amendments to school routines:

- Please do not arrive at school earlier than your child's starting time. Reception 8.40am - 8.50am, Year 1 and 2 - 8.40am and Year 3 - 6 - 8.50am. Please space out in the queue and in the playground.
- Please only come in to the school office if absolutely essential.
- If you are coming in to school, you must wear a mask unless exempt. Please don't be offended if we ask.
- If you are coming in to school, please keep at least 2 meters away from adults.
- Visitors will be asked to wear masks and will be asked to LFT before coming on site.
- We are postponing parent events e.g. Inspire Workshops until cases reduce. We will let you know when we re-start them.

Our risk assessment is on the school website if you would like to view it.

## Phones and Smart Watches

Phones and smart watches should not be in school. They are expensive and not necessary for learning. They can cause a distraction from learning and can be a safeguarding risk e.g. being able to take and receive calls and take photos etc.

Smart watches are not part of school uniform. A basic analogue clock watch or digital watch may be worn.

Children in Year 5 and 6 who need to have a phone to walk to and from school with **MUST** hand it in to their class teacher straight away in the morning and will be given it back just before the end of the day.

If children are going to club then they do not need a phone with them.

Any phones or smart watches will be confiscated from the children.

We are having to be strict with this because Smart watches and phones have been misused in school this week.

Please support school with this as this is to keep all children and staff safe.



## Year 2 start their Street Detective Topic

In Y2 this week, we have started our new topic Street Detectives. To make our learning meaningful, we went on a walk of our local area to spot the human and physical features. Although it was freezing cold, we managed to find lots of these features and had lots of fun too. After returning back to school, we used our Design and Technology skills to design, make and evaluate our very own freestanding structures. We selected our tools, materials and techniques and worked off our plans to make a functional, freestanding bridge.





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## Achievements

We have a fab start to 2022!

Holly, in Y4, completed her first stage show for Ash Stage Company's production of Cinderella the week before Christmas, she was fantastic. Congratulations Holly!

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



## Staff changes

This week we have welcomed Miss Stanley as the new Lions class teacher in Reception. Miss Stanley has been working previously at another primary school and we are very pleased she is now part of our fantastic Reception team. Please make her feel welcome if you meet her.

## Receiving emails from the School

Now more than ever we are communicating with parents and carers via email. If you are able to, please add our email addresses [office@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk) and [rugbyfreeprimary@scholarpacksupport.com](mailto:rugbyfreeprimary@scholarpacksupport.com) as a safe recipient to ensure these drop into your inbox.

Please also regularly check your spam and junk folders, especially if you are expecting a communication or response from school. Many thanks.

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Happy New Year to you all!!!**

We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break and have had a chance to get back into the swing of things this week! We have had some lovely feedback about activities we organised in December. It is always great to hear what the children and their adults think 😊😊😊

We have been told that the children enjoyed themselves choosing presents and seeing Santa at school and of course that the adults enjoyed receiving their presents 🎁

Now we are in the New Year, the PTA are thinking about activities and events for 2022 and our next meeting is at **7:30pm Monday 10th January 2022 at Brewers Fayre.**

It would be great to see some new and familiar faces there, as we get so many ideas from these meetings. So please come along if you are able to 🙌🙌🙌

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)



## Message from Mrs Vural, Family and Children Support Worker:

Below are details of our Parent Workshops that are running this term. The workshops are for adults only and will be run by Warwickshire Parent Trainers. They are relaxed, friendly sessions that will give you lots of advice and tips on how to support your child. Places are limited and are booking up quickly so please contact me if you would like to reserve a place either via the main school office or email me at [clair.vural@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk](mailto:clair.vural@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk)



## Parent Workshops

**Thursday 13th January - Understanding Children's Behaviour, 6-8pm** (fully booked)

**Monday 24th January - Routines and Boundaries, 6-8pm** (limited availability)

**Thursday 17th March - Understanding Children's Behaviour, 6-8pm**

**Thursday 24th March - Routines and Boundaries, 6-8pm**

## Diary Dates

**10<sup>th</sup> Jan** – PTA Meeting at Brewers Fayre 7.30pm

**11<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Swimming starts for Year 5

**18<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Last day of half term

**21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** – **HALF TERM**

**28<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Return to school