



Rugby Free

Primary School

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Friday 12th January

2024

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all of our pupils, families and local community and welcome back for the Spring term!

This week started off with an Inset day where the whole staff team had a day of intensive training. This training was on Thrive. Thrive is a Social Emotional and Mental Health programme which we have bought in to as a school. The staff learnt about psychology of emotional development, trauma informed responses and positive mental health strategies. The staff also looked how to screen and profile children so that we can ensure that all pupils are supported with their mental health and be given different levels of support, based on their amount or severity of need. Although we have all received the basic training, we have four members of our staff who have a much higher level of training and are Trained Thrive Practitioners. We hope programme this will dramatically improve our children's mental health and give our staff the tools to support the children with this.

I would like to welcome three members of staff to our team – Miss Gale – Year 3 Teacher, Mrs Welsey - Teaching Assistant in Year 1 and Miss Ede (returning to us!) - Teaching Assistant in Reception. Welcome to the team, I hope you will be really happy at RFPS, we are lucky to have you!

For those of you who have children who you would like to start with us in Reception in September (2024), please don't forget to apply for your child's school place as the deadline is Monday 15th January! This can be done through Warwickshire County Council website. Please don't forget to put their siblings' details to ensure that they get a place with us!

Have a great weekend, Miss Butters 😊



Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:

Rueben & Theo

Zebras:

Chloe & Anbu

Year One

Hedgehogs

Julia & Oliver

Rabbits

Vayden

Year Two

Orcas:

Elira

Penguins:

Keyansh

Seals:

Holly

Year Three

Crocodiles:

Caelan

Kangaroos:

Praveen

Turtles:

Lottie

Year Four

Eagles:

Amaya & Evelyn

Raccoons:

Remai

Year Five

Pandas:

Ellena

Tigers:

Harry

Year Six

Jaguars:

Edward B &

Harvey

Panthers:

Alexia and John

News from Reception

Reception have come back after half term with so much enthusiasm for their learning, and full of excitement about their Christmas break. We launched our science learning for this half term with a Now Press Play experience, where the

children used the headphones to take part in an interactive journey into space, pretending to be an astronaut living on the moon who meets an alien. In explore time, children have continued with this by using lego to build their own space rockets and creating alien playdough models using the loose parts. In English, the children have been exploring the poem Once Upon a Star, which describes the big bang, and developed their own words to describe the sound of a loud explosion. We can't wait to continue this learning next week when we look at all of the planets!



Game On Holiday Camp – February half term

A reminder that Game On are operating holiday club over half term at RFPS. This will run from Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February. To book your dates, please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly - his contact details are on the booking form which has been sent out via MCAS this week.





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Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

Happy New Year to you all, we look forward to sharing more fun events and fundraising with you during the year, starting with the following-

Coffee Morning - 26th January 2024 9-10am - FREE

You are invited to join us for a coffee and chat in the school hall and toys will be available for younger children too. Please arrive at the hall entrance.

Reception and KSI Disco - Thursday February 8th 2024

Reception - 5-6pm and KSI (Years 1&2) - 6:15-7:15pm Parents/carers are required to stay and refreshments will be available. Letters with more information will be sent home soon.

Our Next meeting is Monday 15th January, 7:30pm at Brewers Fayre in the Conservatory.

It would be lovely to see you all at our next meeting to discuss upcoming events, any amount of time you can offer to help would be very much appreciated. We will also soon be holding our AGM.

Please follow us on our new social media page [@Friendsrfps](#) on both facebook and instagram to keep up with news and events. A polite reminder that our old Facebook page will shortly be closing.

Have a lovely weekend.



Diary Dates (please check these every week as they are subject to change!)

15th Jan – Friends of RFPS meeting - 7pm – Brewers Fayre, Central Park

18th Jan – Residential Trip parent meeting for Yr 4 – 4.00 – 5.00pm

19th Jan – Panto (children only) a treat from Friends of RFPS

25th Jan – Inspire Workshop Year 2 – 9.00 – 10.00am – parents welcome!

26th Jan – Friends of RFPS Coffee morning – all welcome! (please use the Hall entrance)

30th Jan – Inspire Workshop Year 3 – 9.00 – 10.00am – parents welcome!

30th Jan – Yr 1 Animal Workshop (children only)

31st Jan – Y6 visit to Airwaves (next door business to learning about Communications and Engineering)

1st Feb – Y6 Inspire workshop and SATS information session 8.45am – 10.15/30am – parents welcome!

6th Feb – Y5 Inspire Workshop 9.00 – 10.00am – parents welcome!

8th Feb – EYFS and KSI Disco (parents/carers must be in attendance). EYFS Disco – 5.00 – 6.00 KSI disco 6.15 – 7.15pm

12th - 16th Feb - Half term holiday

20th and 22nd Feb – Parents evenings (more details to follow)

27th and 28th Feb – Yr 4 Residential Trip to Beaumanor

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility



Safeguarding

If you are concerned that a child appears unhappy or is being abused act now using the contact numbers provided below.

Contact the **Warwickshire's Children and Families Front Door** on **01926 414144**. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8am-5.30pm, Friday 8.30am- 5.00pm.

If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the Emergency Duty Team immediately on **01926 886922**.

If you think that a child is at immediate risk, contact the police immediately by dialling **999**.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility

If worried about any child being a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty whilst at RFPS, you must tell Miss Butters or, in her absence, one of her safeguarding team.



Miss Butters
Designated Senior Lead



Mrs Colledge
Designated Senior Leader



Miss Finch
Designated Senior Leader



Mrs Vural
Designated Senior Leader

Jennifer Seoffee

Trustee for Child Protection & Safeguarding

If you consider a child is in immediate danger phone the Police on 999 or phone children's services on 01926 414144 or out of hours on 01926 886922.

What will happen if I report child abuse?

Childcare agencies believe that children are best cared for by their parents. Children are rarely removed from their parents and most families are given help and support. Social Workers can only remove children from home with a court order and only after they have demonstrated that the child is at serious risk. If you would like to speak to someone in school about your concerns the above members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads and will be happy to listen to your concerns and take the appropriate steps to safeguard a child.



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