



Rugby Free

Primary School

Newsletter 34

Friday 2nd July

2021

Message from Headteacher

Another slightly disrupted week for RFPS children, families and staff unfortunately. This delta variant of Covid19 has a lot to answer for and has meant further bubble closures for some of our pupils. However, those who are isolating are doing a fantastic job with their remote learning and we are impressed with the work that the children are producing.

We are still getting questions from parents whose children are self-isolating about what that actually means. **If you have received an email from school stating that your child is a close contact that means your child cannot leave the house for any reason except urgent medical care or a PCR test.** Unfortunately, we have had reports of children out walking and visiting each others houses etc when they are supposed to be isolating - **this is not allowed** and will be reported. This is not school being overly harsh but trying to keep the community as safe as possible.

Thank you for the lovely emails and messages of support. These mean so much to us at a time that has been difficult and stressful for all involved. I hope, whatever your situation, that you have a lovely weekend. Fingers crossed for a good result in the football on Saturday evening – we have a lot of very excitable children (and staff).

Rebecca Butters



Staffing updates

Lots of parents have been asking when they will find out about their child's new teacher and class. The answer is on Wednesday next week! We are just finalising class lists and then will get them out to you.

We have a few staff leaving us this year and lots of staff joining us. We are, of course, sad to be losing the staff members that are leaving us and are so grateful for their support and dedication to the pupils over the years but also really excited about next year and having a full staff team from Reception to year 6 for the first time!

Staff that are leaving us

- **Miss Hayter** (Year 1 teacher) and **Mr Walder** (Reception teacher) are getting married this summer! We are incredibly excited about this and wish them all the very best in their life together. They are moving to South London this summer and starting new teaching jobs in schools in September.
- **Mr Payne** (Year 2 teacher) has got a new teaching job as a middle leader in a Warwickshire school starting in September.
- **Mrs Phillimore** (Finance and Admin Manager) has a new job within the Trust as Trust Business Manager and so won't work directly at RFPS but will still work closely with us.

We wish them all the very best with their new jobs!

Staff that are joining us

- We have four new teachers starting with us in September. They are **Miss Lydiatt, Mr Cooper, Mrs How and Miss Taylor.**
- We have two new Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) starting with us in September – **Mrs Morgan and Mrs White** (Mrs White is currently a Teaching Assistant at RFPS but has gained the promotion.). We are very lucky to have both of these as HLTAs as they are also qualified teachers.
- We have two new Teaching and Learning assistants joining us in September too – **Mrs Williams and Mrs Politt.**

We think they are going to be wonderful for our pupils and great assets to the school.

Promotions within school

Congratulations to **Mrs Parry** and **Miss Woodward** who have been successfully appointed as Key Stage 1 leader and EYFS (Reception) leader and who will join the Senior Leadership Team at RFPS.

Stars of the

Week

Reception

Giraffes:

Arthur

Lions:

Leah

Zebbras:

Arlie

Year One

Hedgehogs:

Eloise

Owls:

Ashton

Rabbits:

Esme

Year Two

Orcas:

Inna

Penguins:

Archie

Seals:

Eliza

Year Three

Crocodiles:

Eashan

Kangaroos:

Joshua F

Turtles:

Charan

Year Four

Bears:

Skye

Eagles:

Molly

Raccoons:

Jacob

Year Five

Elephants:

Sammy

Pandas:

Chinalu

Tigers:

Katie H



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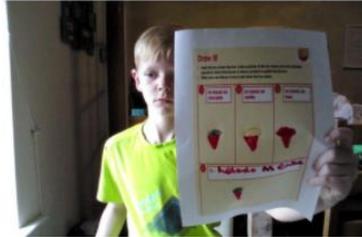
Year Four

We have had an amazing week of home learning in Year 4! In English, we wrote a recount using our text, 'Storm', in the role of the rider and in Maths we have had great fun learning about symmetry. We found lines of symmetry in 2D shapes and completed symmetrical patterns and shapes. On our Zoom calls we completed some quizzes to test our learning and we smashed them! Year 4 are thoroughly enjoying the topic, 'Misty Mountains' and can not only identify the five types of mountains but can also name some found in the UK. Finally, in Spanish, we have



been learning about the weather and how to say different flavours of ice cream. What is your favourite flavour? Vainilla, fresa, menta or chocolate?

Photo taken by Jacob H when he visited the Lake District.



Adam recognising the different flavours of ice cream in Spanish.

Certificates of Achievement:

Reception:

Roop & Imogen
Colin & Penny
Isabelle & Harper

Year One:

Arlo & Erin H
Ellie & Chloe
George & Alyssa

Year Two:

Ellena & Isabelle
Zoe & Harry
Calleigh & Samuel

Year Three:

Kian V & Mea
Jesse & Amelia-Rose
Edward & Cameron

Year Four:

Hereem & Adi
Aaron & Dexter
Punary & Bonnie

Year Five

Julie & Kirstie
Chloe & Annabelle
Oumou & Erin T



British monarchs in Year Two

This week in Year 2 we have been busy learning lots about different British monarchs. First we placed them on a timeline, thinking about chronology. Then we looked at their portraits and how they tried to make themselves look important and powerful, we even had a go at creating our own portraits of them using collage skills. They turned out amazingly, showing wonderful textures. We have started using different historical models like Dawson's model to consider if each

monarch was significant, learning about the greatest achievements of King Alfred and what the Bayeux Tapestry teaches us about William the Conqueror. Well done year 2, great work being historians.

SCHOOL PIZZA EVENT

Friends of RFPS's last event for this academic year is a make your own pizza evening on the 9th July.

Prices start from £6.50 for a single kit.

A percentage of all kits sold will go directly back to the Friends of RFPS to enable us to fund items for the children at our school.

Order directly from the Doughies website here <https://doughies.co.uk/products/rugby-free-primary>

The closing date for orders is the 4th July.

Pizza kits will be available to collect from a member of the PTA on the 9th July from 3.10pm to 3.30pm, 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

Thank you for all your continued support this year.

Please find further details attached with the newsletter dated 18th June.



SCHOOL PIZZA EVENT FRIDAY 9TH JULY

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night. Order your pizza making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (regular or vegan) in your home oven.



A challenge from Miss Butters!

Reminder

Miss Butters has a very boring, grey wall outside her office. She would like to make it more interesting! So she is setting a **competition** to create a piece of artwork for it. **Please find more details in last weeks newsletter.**

Please give your entries to Mrs Odwell in the school office by Friday 9th July.

End of year gifts

Some parents have enquired about end of year gifts for staff. **We absolutely do not expect anything** and a homemade card is always appreciated! However, if you do want to buy something for staff, the items may be brought into school on the last day of term, they will then be quarantined over the weekend and staff will collect them when they are in school for the Inset days the following week.



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Uniform

Following parent feedback, we have ordered further stock of the RFPS logo'd jumpers. These are expected to arrive in August and will be available to buy when we return in September. We have made this option available to give parents a choice, children are still welcome to wear a non-logo'd red jumper or cardigan.



Monthly Photography Competition

Well done to **Julie in Year 5** for our winning picture in June on the theme of 'Summertime'.

Congratulations to everyone who has taken part in our photography competition this year. We have really loved seeing all the amazing and creative photographs you have taken.

Family Support

Message from Mrs Vural, Family and Children Support Worker:

Watching our children grow is such a rewarding experience and can give us so much to be grateful for. However, different stages in our child's development can bring with it many new challenges for parents. It can sometimes feel that we are the only parent struggling with how to support your child but that is never the case, and it is because so many parents are reaching out for extra support and advice that the Parenting Practitioners within Warwickshire have put together some fantastic virtual workshops. These offer support and advice in some of the most common situations that parents seek advice on including:

Routines and Boundaries - This two-hour workshop can help parents understand the importance of routines and boundaries for children. It will offer approaches that can be developed and implemented at home to reduce stress and help create a calm, relaxed home life.

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour – This parenting workshop focuses on understanding and improving your children's behaviour and provides positive parenting strategies to help you deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier family life.

Sleep Workshops - This two-hour interactive workshop for parents and carers looks at the importance of sleep, the science of sleep, possible causes of sleep issues and offers strategies to help.

Safe Home, Happy Home - This workshop will provide you with an opportunity to explore the possible safety risks that may exist in our homes and enable you to learn how you can keep your family home safe and comfortable for you and your children.

There are still places available on all these courses over the coming month, however they are filling up quickly. If you would like any further details on how to book, please contact me by calling the main school office or emailing me on clair.vural@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk

Diary Dates

16th July – School finishes for pupils for the Summer Holiday

19th – 21st July – Teacher Training Days – moving around classrooms, ready for Year 6!

26th July – 13th August – Game On Holiday Club at RFPS (4 – 11 years)

2nd, 3rd & 6th Sept – Teacher Training Days

7th Sept – Children return to school

Summer holiday club – GAME ON

A reminder that Game On are operating a holiday club for the first three weeks of the summer holidays at RFPS from 26th July until 13th August. A booking form was sent home in May but if you would like a form please email the office. To book your dates, please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly - his details are on the booking form. Thank you.