



Rugby Free

Primary School

Newsletter 1

Friday 10th

September

Message from Headteacher

What a fabulous first week back we have had. The school has a real buzz of excitement and enthusiasm for this new academic year. It has been a very special week with having a completely full school for the first time in RFPS history! We now have Reception to Year 6 and 420 pupils! It is great to see the older pupils being excellent role models for our younger pupils and supporting them with understanding school life. Our new Reception cohort have had a few half days and come in on Monday, full time. They have all settled in brilliantly with the help of our amazing Reception staff team.

We have had many new staff members start with us and they have all settled in so well. Several of them have said what a kind, respectful atmosphere the school has, and how, although it is big, it has a real family feel. I love hearing things like that from people who have been in other work settings or other schools as it affirms what a special place RFPS is.

We have had a few confirmed Covid19 cases amongst children and parents this week, which was inevitable. This hasn't led to bubble closures as the guidance has changed but if there is a positive case in your child's class you would have been advised to get a PCR test done. This is hopefully a much better system than isolating whole classes and year groups and much less disruptive for families and children's learning.

You should have received your child's Curriculum Letter and Knowledge Organiser for this half term via email. This will give you lots of information regarding what your child is learning about and other important information such as PE days.

Parents, you have all been so positive about the start of term, we appreciate it so much. However, if there is anything that is bothering you or anything that you require support with, please do contact the school on office@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Rebecca Butters
Headteacher

Start and End times

Can we remind you of the importance of having the children arrive on time each morning as it has a big impact on everyone if children are late. Also, please be respectful and adhere to the correct times to come in to the playground. We have to have slight staggered start and end times because of the amount of children we have at the school and our physical school space.

Our times are as follows:

Reception and Year 1 will enter and leave school through the **Reception playground** and go in through their classroom door. **Start time is 8.40am – 8.50am** (you can drop your child anytime between these times but the gate will be locked just after 8.50am) and **finish time is 3.10am**.

Year 2 will enter in to the **main playground and line up at 8.40am** with their class teacher. **They will be dismissed from their line at 3.10pm**.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (KS2) will enter on to the main playground and **line up at 8.50am** with their class teacher. KS2 pupils shouldn't be coming on to the playground before their start time unless they have a sibling at school that has already started earlier. Children in Year 3 should be supervised until it is time to line up. Year 4, 5 and 6 can be left unsupervised IF parents feel their child is responsible/sensible enough to be left unaccompanied. **Year 3 and 4 will be dismissed at 3.15pm and Year 5 and 6 will be dismissed at 3.20pm**.

We will keep the one way system because the gate in to school is narrow. You are welcome to speak to the class teacher and come in to the large playground before school but it needs to be quite a quick conversation as they will have the whole class to monitor. The school gates will be locked quite quickly once all the lines have gone inside so that the site is secure for the children.

Stars of the Week

Year One Hedgehogs:

Eva
Owls:
Phoebe
Rabbits:
Leah

Year Two

Orcas:
Remai
Penguins:
Nicholas
Seals:
Joey

Year Three Crocodiles:

Jaime
Kangaroos:
Imogen
Turtles:
Chloe

Year Four

Bears:
Riley
Eagles:
Tilly
Raccoons:
Chloe

Year Five

Pandas:
Harry W
Tigers:
Evie

Year Six

Jaguars:
Mani
Panthers:
Minal



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Yamaha drumming workshop

This week, Year 4, 5 and 6 had the experience of watching a live drumming performance. The children were able to participate and learn about making music together and they were all mesmerized and truly inspired which is what we hoped to achieve.

We can't wait to offer our pupils more exciting events and visitors this year. We are busy planning so please do keep checking our diary dates



Family Support

Message from Mrs Vural, Family and Children Support Worker:

It is lovely to welcome back our children and also to meet the new children and families joining us this year. For those of you that do not know me already I work in the classroom supporting the children's learning and also as a Children and Family support Worker. My role involves offering support in a wide range of areas including:

- Your child's behaviour/sleeping/eating problems
- Safeguarding concerns
- Housing or money worries
- Parental separation and divorce
- Support to fill in school forms or other forms
- Your mental health and wellbeing.

This is just some of the areas I am able to offer support in however, if there is anything you wish to discuss please do get in touch. I am able to access a range of services to get you the right support.

I am available all day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and can be contacted either via the main school office or email me at clair.vural@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk

Missing scooter

One of our super Year 3 pupils is very sad at the moment as her pink, Hero scooter was taken from outside school yesterday (Thurs 9th). It was there at 3.10pm and gone at 3.15pm which is why we think it was taken by accident. Please can you all double check that you do have the right scooter (or if you accidentally have an extra one). If you did accidentally take it, please could you just return it to the bike shelter next week. This would make the pupil very happy indeed! Thank you.

Swimming and Music lessons

Swimming starts for our Year 6 pupils on Tuesday mornings for the Autumn term.

Individual music lessons start for our KS2 pupils from Monday 10th September.

This year, our Year 5 and 6 pupils are having Upbeat music lessons from Warwickshire music service on Thursday mornings. We have decided that they are going to be learning how to play the cello! How exciting! We have 30 cellos in our school now! We hope to keep in in Year 5 and 6 going forward so all pupils get the opportunity to learn an instrument for two years, completely free of charge as part of our curriculum.

Diary Dates

13th September – Deadline for Readopoly challenge **EXTENDED**

13th September – Roald Dahl Day (no dress up)

W/B 13th September – Pupil Leadership Teams - Election Week

24th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning for parents/members of the community only

24th September – European day of Languages

29th September – Y1 & Y2 Phonics & Reading Parents Workshop 5.15pm

4th October – World Mental Health Day Assembly

8th October – Non-uniform day for World Mental Health Day (Hats – it's the theme! And any non-uniform)

25th – 29th October – GAME ON Holiday Club at Rugby Free Primary (Info coming out ASAP)



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