



# Rugby Free

## Primary School

Newsletter 17

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

2024

### Pantomime – Hobgoblin Theatre Company

Today the Hobgoblin Theatre Company came into school to perform a pantomime to the children called The Greatest Fairy tale ever told. **This was a treat from the Friends of Rugby Free Primary School and we would like to thank them**, all of the children really enjoyed the pantomime 😊



### Traffic Incidents

We wanted to raise some concerns regarding the traffic situation during both drop off and pick up times at our school.

We have observed cars being parked on the double yellow lines and double parking at the end of Central Park Drive. These parking issues not only pose a hazard to the safety of our children but also cause unnecessary congestion in the area. We kindly ask for your cooperation in finding alternative, safer parking spots or walking to school where possible. Furthermore, there has been at least one incident involving parents being verbally abusive towards each other in front of the children. We want to remind everyone of our school values of kindness and respect. Such aggressive behaviour is not tolerated in and around the school premises and undermines our efforts to create a positive and safe learning environment.

While we understand that these issues are complex, as a school, we are doing everything within our power to address them. We are in close communication with the local police and council to find long-term solutions. In the meantime, we kindly request that any specific incidents be reported directly to the police. We believe that by working together, we can create a safe and respectful environment for our children.

Thank you for your support with this matter.



### Art Clothing

From next half term, the children will need to bring in an old, over-sized shirt or t-shirt which they can wear during art lessons to protect their school uniform. Please could these be brought into school before the start of next half term, clearly named? The art shirts will stay in school and will be passed on to the next class teacher. In addition, if anyone has any spares which could be donated to school, these would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks!



### Parents' Evening

Parents evenings will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please book your time slot using the 'Parents Evening' tab on the menu on MCAS.



During Parents' Evenings there will also be a bookstall provided by Hunt's Bookshop.

### Sickness and changes to pick up arrangements

Please can we remind you that if your child is ill, please contact the school office by 9am on each day that they will be absent. The school office is manned from 8.15am each morning, if you are unable to get through, please leave a voicemail. If your child is ill with vomiting and/or diarrhoea, the school's policy asks that your child does not return to school until 48 hours has passed since they last exhibited symptoms.

Please can we also ask that if your child has different pick-up arrangements to the usual; perhaps they are going home with a friend or you would like them to not go through to club or they have a GP or hospital appointment, that you **please let the school office know before 1pm**. We are getting several calls just before 3pm each day and we are not always able to get these messages to teachers on time. We would also appreciate that unless there are exceptional circumstances that you please book routine appointments such as dental check-ups outside of school time.

### Competition!

In assembly this week, we looked at our value of Kindness. Miss Butters showed us her favourite book, which is *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy. Her favourite quote from the book is "What do you want to be when you grow up", asked the mole. "Kind" said the boy". We talked about kindness, friendship, joy and belonging. We read several parts of the story and watched the first part of the film.

Miss Butters has set everyone a competition to create a new page for the book and have our own RFPS version. We are going to be creating a display of the ones that really stand out.

- Deadline is Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- On white A4 or A3 paper (if you need paper, please ask!)
- The page/poster needs to have a unique quote (make one up!)
- Everything spelt correctly, get those dictionaries out!
- A drawing (ideally in pencil or colouring pencil)
- Name on the back and class
- Put in the competition box outside Miss Butters' room

*The Boy, the mole,  
the fox and the Horse*



*Charlie Mackesy*

There will be prizes for the winners and the most inspiring ones will be displayed in school and possibly framed!

Here are some pages from the book for inspiration! The film is also still on BBC iPlayer and worth a watch!

"What is the bravest thing  
you've ever said?" asked  
the boy.



"Help," said the horse.



"So much beauty we need  
to look after."



"What's the best thing you've  
learned about storms?"  
"That they end," said the  
horse.

"We have a long way  
to go," sighed the boy.  
"You but look how far  
we have come," said the  
horse.



Happy writing and drawing!



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

We hope you have had a lovely week. Thank you to everyone that came on a very chilly night to our meeting on Monday, lots of discussions were had and we are looking forward to our first events of 2024! Our AGM will be held in March.

We hope all the children (and staff) enjoyed their visit from The Hobgoblin Theatre Company today, providing a panto of The Greatest Fairy tale ever told as a treat from us 😊

**Coffee morning- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February - 9-10am.** Please enter via the hall entrance.

This is a free event where we invite you to join us for a hot drink (or two) cake/biscuits and a chat. A few toys and activities will be available for younger children too, we hope to see you there.

**Friendship Disco - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**Reception - 5-6 pm, Years 1 & 2 - 6:15pm-7:15pm** PARENTS/CARERS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY FOR THIS EVENT PLEASE!!! Refreshments/snacks, hot drinks, temporary tattoos and glow sticks will be available for small fees - PLEASE BRING CASH! Squash will also be available free of charge. More information will be sent home soon with details of how to register.

**Preloved Uniform sales at Parents' Evenings - 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - Preloved uniform will be available to purchase over the two evenings. If you do require anything beforehand, please do get in touch and we can have a look for you. We are accepting donations of logo uniform items but unfortunately due to a lack of storage space we cannot accept non-logo items at the moment. Have a wonderful weekend.

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

**25<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y2 Inspire Workshop – 9am–10am (parents welcome!)

**26<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Friends of RFPS Coffee morning – 9am-10am - all welcome! (please use the Hall entrance)

**30<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y3 Inspire Workshop – 9am–10am (parents welcome!)

**30<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y1 Animal Workshop (children only)

**31<sup>st</sup> Jan** – Y6 visit to Airwaves

**1<sup>st</sup> Feb** – Y6 Inspire workshop and SATS information session - 9am–10.30am (parents welcome!)

**6<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y5 Inspire Workshop – 9am–10am (parents welcome!)

**8<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Rec Disco – 5pm-6pm (parents/carers must be in attendance).

**8<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y1 & Y2 Disco - 6.15pm–7.15pm (parents/carers must be in attendance).

**12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Half term holiday

**20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb** – Parents evenings (Bookings now open via MACS)

**27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y4 Residential Trip - Leicestershire

**29<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y1 Inspire Workshop - 9am–10am (parents welcome!)

**19<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Y4 Inspire Workshop - 9am–10am (parents welcome!)

**21<sup>st</sup> Mar** – Reception Inspire Workshop – 9am–10am (parents welcome!)



### **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 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. To book your dates, please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly - his contact details are on the booking form.



### **What is an Inspire Workshop?**

On the Diary Dates you will see dates for Inspire Workshops. They are a chance for parents/carers/family members to come and work with their child on lots of relevant learning activities, which have been planned and organised by their class teachers. They are usually based in the hall and approximately 1 hour long. We really hope you can join us!

*inspire*





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## 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**.

## 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.

## 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 Beadle  
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.

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**Singing, Mc'ing, Song Writing,  
Joining a Band, Music Production,  
Playing an Instrument,  
Making Music in a Recording Studio,  
Live Performances - Aged 8-25?**

Then get in touch with us and join our  
**EXCITING YOUTH MUSIC PROJECT,**  
4:15pm - 5:15pm for ages 8-12 year olds,  
5:15pm - 6:45pm for ages 13-25 year olds.  
At Hill Street Youth Centre, Rugby

**50p PER SESSION**

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