



Rugby Free

Primary School

Newsletter 2

Friday 14th

September

2018

Receptions First Full week of school

We are so proud of our new reception for how well they have been settling in to school, making new friends and learning new routines. They have been a delight to be around. This week the children have been practising writing their names in different mediums, they have all been and visited the library, have decorated their class animal (Dinosaur egg, Monkey face or Whale) and have been learning the very important skill of tidying up.



Family Fund Programme

RFPS are now in the fortunate position to be able to refer families for additional funding through the BBC children in need emergency essentials programme, delivered by the Family Fund. Grants are provided for items that are needed to meet children's basic needs or are critical to their wellbeing such as: cookers, fridge freezers, washing machine, children's beds and furniture etc. If you feel your family would benefit from this support and would like the school to make an application on your behalf please contact Mrs Pratt directly on Christina.pratt@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk all applications will be made under the strictest confidence.

Protective behaviours

School staff have recently had training on something called Protective Behaviors. This is a programme designed and run by Warwickshire Safeguarding Board. It is to do with children feeling safe; knowing the early warning signs of not feeling safe; being in charge of their own body, called all of their body parts by the correct anatomical term and being able to talk about feelings openly. Today we have sent home two booklets: *We all have the right to feel safe* and *Let's Talk*. Both of these booklets are for you, as parents, to use as a guide when talking to children. These booklets are paid for by school and we think they are very useful. We would really appreciate if you took the time to look at them and talked to your child about some aspects. The children will also be learning about the content of these booklets, in lessons, over the year. If you have any questions about this, please contact Mrs Pratt (Learning/Family Support) via the school office.

Stars of the Week



Year One:

Brilliant Beards:

Lucy

Outstanding Owls:

Zara

Remarkable Rabbits:

Sophie

Year Two:

Gorgeous Giraffes:

Emmie

Curious Crocodiles:

Zak S

Fantastic Foxes:

Nicole

Year Three:

Lovely Lions:

Mani

Curious Cats:

Hope

Magnificent Moles:

Joshua R

Certificates of achievement:

Year 1:

Rebecca A

Finli

Dylan

Oliwier

Ophelia

Kieran C

Year 2:

Harry W

Aaron

Amelia O

Isla W

Aditya

Freya

Year 3:

Samuel L

Precious

Kane F

Annabelle

Jack S

Mikayel

Head Teachers award:

Macsen





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Year 1's Woodland walk

On Wednesday year one went for a woodland walk along local pathways to collect materials for Harold the Hedgehogs home. While collecting leaves, twigs and bark the children discussed where the ideal spot for Harold's house should be, and observed the animals in which could be Harold's new neighbors. In the afternoon, back at school the children created houses for Harold, using the materials they had gathered.



Year 3's Walk to Coton park

On Tuesday Year three went on a walk to Coton Park. We were looking at metals, how the different equipment worked and we looked at forces (pushes and pulls) and joining mechanisms. They had a great morning!



Year 2's Roald Dahl day

On Thursday Year two took part in Roald Dahl day, dressing up as their favourite characters, many Foxes, crocodiles and giraffes could be seen roaming around school. In lessons the works of Roald Dahl were incorporated into science with the children making George's Marvelous Medicines and potions, with ingredients such as cornflour and Jelly!



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Open Morning and Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28th September we will be having an open morning where parents/family members can come in to the children's classroom and share their learning with them from 8.40am -9.15am. Then between 9.15am– 10.30am we will be holding a Macmillan coffee morning. This will be a fantastic opportunity for us to welcome our local community, family, friends and siblings of our new children to our school. There will be plenty of time for parents to enjoy chatting and sharing a drink. We will be asking for a small donation which will go towards Macmillan Cancer Support, in return for coffee and a cake or tea and biscuits. We would also like to invite donations of cake or biscuits please for this event. We hope you will be able to join us.



Safeguarding

It is the duty of all of us to make sure our children are safe, protection from harm and happy both in and out of school. If we notice any concerns in school, we have a duty to report these to Warwickshire Safeguarding Team. If you notice anything at all that concerns you, please do not hesitate to speak to us. Our designated lead for safeguarding is Miss Butters and our safeguarding governor is Mr Legge. Alternatively, you can contact Warwickshire Safeguarding Team directly using the Mash agency. Please see our safeguarding notice board outside the main door for further information and contact numbers.

Attendance

Reception:

Delightful Dragons 98.8%
Marvellous Monkeys 98.7%
Wonderful Whales 100%

Year One:

Brilliant Bears 98.9%
Outstanding Owls 95.6%
Remarkable Rabbits 95.1%

Year Two:

Gorgeous Giraffes 100%
Curious Crocodiles 98.6%
Fantastic Foxes 95.6%

Year Three:

Lovely Lions 100%
Curious Cats 99.4%
Magnificent Moles 93.9%



Diary Dates

20th September – New to Year 2 Parents meeting – 6pm
26th Sept – European Languages Day
27th Sept – New to Year 1 Parents meeting – 6pm
28th Sept – Morning drop in for Parents 8.40am – 9.15 am and Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.15am – 10.30am.

29th Oct – 2nd Nov – Half Term Holiday

6th Nov – Year 3 Inspire Workshop – Maths – 9.15am – 10.15am
12th – 16th Nov – Anti Bullying Week
16th Nov – Children in Need



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Newsletter Announcement

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely - offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or cash payments at one of 33,000 PayPoint stores
- full payment histories and statements are available to you securely online at anytime
- Your children will not have to worry about losing money at school
- Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email and/or SMS text

What are the benefits to our school?

The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

You can help us reduce workloads for all staff, creating more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school.

Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises.

How to get started with ParentPay



We will shortly be sending you your account activation details, just follow the instructions in the letter we give you to get started with ParentPay.

If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to:

<https://www.parentpay.com/parents/>