



# Rugby Free

Primary School

Newsletter 1

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

September 2020

## Welcome back!

A huge welcome back to all of our pupils and families. It is lovely to see everyone back in school and learning. The school feels vibrant and positive. Thank you to everyone who has followed the drop off and collection protocols and are making sure they are following social distancing rules. Some of the procedures haven't gone as smoothly as we would have liked but they are getting there and everything we have put in place is aimed at keeping all of our school community as safe as possible. The indepth risk assessment that I have written is constantly updated and tweaked to make things work better for all of us. I do very much welcome constructive criticism so please do get in touch with us if you have any thoughts, ideas or suggestions.

With warmest regards  
Miss Butters

## Our 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

On the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015 we opened our doors to our first ever pupils! We had 42 Reception pupils and 7 members of staff. We now have 361 pupils in Reception through to Year 5 and 42 members of staff – how we've grown! We have had many incredible moments over the past 5 years e.g. – fantastic school trips, pantomimes, exciting visitors, hatching chicks, positive Ofsted inspection, excellent assessment results, fabulous plays, a residential trip etc. We have also had our fair share of challenging moments too such as: travel chaos, trespassing travellers, power and water outages, heavy snowfall and not to mention a global pandemic! However, what has made us successful, in my eyes, is the overwhelming positivity, enthusiasm, resilience and kindness from everyone involved in the school from staff, pupils

parents, governors, local community, trust employees and trustees. Every person involved has made a difference. I couldn't be more proud to lead an incredible school community. Thank you everyone for making the last 5 years so successful. Just imagine what we can achieve in the next 5!





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## Testing and isolating!

We all thought we may have a bit of a honeymoon period with Coronavirus but positive cases seem to have increased slightly in Rugby (as well as nationally) and we have seen positive cases in 4 local schools which has led to partial closure. We have had quite a few pupils off 'isolating' and then being tested due to having symptoms. All of these have turned out to be negative so far but thank you to parents for taking precautions and getting their children and themselves tested. Rugby currently has a testing station but appointments are very limited.

If your child or anyone in their household has symptoms of either:

- a continuous, new cough
- a high temperature (over 37.8)
- a change or loss in taste and smell

Unfortunately, your child will not be able to come back to school until they have received a negative test or 10 days after their first symptoms.

If you are confused at all about what to do, please give us a ring or email and we can support you with this.

To complicate matters further, there is a nasty cold circulating around the school (typical on the first week back!) which is adding some confusion. If your child just presents with a runny nose with no temperature or cough, then your child is fine to come to school. However, if a new cough starts or they have a raised temperature you will need to isolate and get them and the family tested.



## Stars of the Week

**Year One:**  
**Hedgehogs:**  
 Amelia M  
**Owls:**  
 Skylar  
**Rabbits:**  
 Oscar N

**Year Two:**  
**Orcas:**  
 Milan  
**Penguins:**  
 Ben  
**Seals:**  
 Ruben

**Year Three:**  
**Crocodiles:**  
 Rebecca A  
**Kangaroos:**  
 Rebecca E  
**Turtles:**  
 Arjan

**Year Four:**  
**Bears:**  
 Kimran  
**Eagles:**  
 Aibhlinn  
**Raccoons:**  
 Mia

**Year Five:**  
**Elephants:**  
 Jack S  
**Pandas:**  
 Isla S  
**Tigers:**  
 Alexandra

## A huge welcome to our new Reception children

We are so proud of how the new reception children have started their Rugby Free Primary School journey! They have all been so brave, confident and grown up coming into school, even without their adults. This week the children have enjoyed building mega structures in the construction area, creating artistic masterpieces in the creative area and joining in with stories with their new teachers! Outside is proving very popular and the children have loved zooming down the slide. We think the children deserve a huge well done and their parents should be incredibly proud of them.

The Reception teachers and TAs would like to thank the parents for all their wonderful support. We are sure it is going to be a fantastic first year at Rugby Free Primary School and we can't wait for Monday morning!





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## Welcome to our new staff

We are delighted to welcome our new staff to Rugby Free Primary this September. Our new class teachers are:

Mrs Pratt – Reception teacher

Mrs Parry and Miss Lockley – Year 2

Mrs Colledge – Year 5

Our new Teaching Assistants are Mrs Spiers & Miss Ede.

We are also welcoming Mr McPherson as our new Premises Officer.

Please make them feel welcome when you meet them. They are excited to be joining our lovely team.

## Certificates of Achievement Certificates:

### Year One:

Sophie E  
Ashton  
Alyssa

### Year Three:

Ayaan  
Johnathan D  
Oliwier

### Year Four:

Erin J  
Katie B  
Bonnie

### Year Five:

Harper  
Nathaniel  
Jashith

## THANK YOU TEAM PTA ☺

The more observant among you have noticed we have some fabulous new activities marked on our playgrounds. These were funded by the Friends of RFPS (our PTA) and their great work fundraising. These beautiful playground markings cost over £4000 and so was a large chunk of the PTA's fundraising. Thank you to all the parents who have supported events in the school and continue to do so. This money is ploughed straight back in to the school to make your child's school experience that much better!



If you are interested in being part of Friends of RFPS please email [frrfps@gmail.com](mailto:frrfps@gmail.com) for more information.

## Diary Dates

14<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y4 Memorable Experience Day (Red, White & Blue)

14<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y3 Park visit

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14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y5 Bikeability

21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y5 Bikeability

26<sup>th</sup> Sept – European Languages Day

October – Black History Month

October – Harvest celebrations

W/B 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parents evening (TBC how!)

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Half Term

1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – UK Parliament week

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-bullying week

10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Flu vaccinations

## School Times and Procedures:

- Reception (when in full time) – Drop off between 8.40 and 8.55 am and pick up 3.10pm, Year 1 - 8.40am start and 3.10pm finish, Year 2 and Year 3 - 8.50am start and 3.20pm finish and Year 4 and Year 5 - 9.00am start and 3.30pm finish
- Please can I parent only bring their child in to the playground
- Please can parents leave the playground straight away to avoid congestion
- Please can you encourage your child to leave you straight away after a quick goodbye
- Please do not arrive earlier than your time slot
- If you have more than one child in a different time slot, please socially distance on the other side of the turning circle (if your child is in Year 4 and 5 and you have already dropped off their sibling(s) you may leave them before 9.00am - as long as they are happy to be left and they would not leave the playground unattended).