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Friday 17th April
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Welcome back – Headteacher

Welcome back to school for the Summer term. I can't believe we are two thirds of our way through this academic year! It seems to have sped by, and we are already planning transition events etc. and thinking about next year. However, we still have lots of amazing things planned for the rest of this year, alongside lots of fantastic learning still to be had.

The children are very welcome to wear summer uniform of a red and white summer dress or shorts and a short sleeved white shirt. However, our summers can still be very chilly and therefore normal uniform is of course still allowed too.

I would like to welcome some new staff members to our team. We have Mrs Edwards in our front office, Miss Pritchard as a Key Stage 1 Teaching Assistant and in a week's time we have Mrs Gill starting with as a Year 6 Teaching Assistant. We also have Miss Lydiatt (Teacher) return to us after some time away travelling, Miss Lydiatt is teaching in Year 2. I hope they will all be very happy working at RFPS and enjoying being part of our lovely school community.

Please do check the diary dates for new dates e.g. Sports Days!

Thank you for your ongoing support, Miss Butters.



Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes
Anu and Rex
Zebras
Luis and Aeryn

Year One

Hedgehogs
Cadyn
Rabbits
Indie Rose

Year Two

Penguins
Shivi
Seals
Hallie and Hugo

Year Three

Crocodiles
Olina
Turtles
Oliver

Year Four

Bears
Oscar and Maja
Eagles
Stan

Year Five

Pandas
Ivy
Tigers
Emilie

Year Six

Sloths
Nico
Toucans
Valeria

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum

We would like to invite parents and carers to attend an informative meeting about our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum on **Wednesday 7th May at 5:30pm in the school hall.**

During the session, we will outline the content of the RSE curriculum, explain how topics are taught in an age-appropriate way, and provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions. Our aim is to ensure all families feel informed and confident about the learning taking place.

Further details can be found in the attached letter. As part of your rights as a parent/carer, you may choose to withdraw your child from aspects of RSE (excluding statutory elements) up until **23rd May.**



Safe and active schools

The weather is improving and it's great to see this inspiring so many to come to school actively! Our travel tracker is looking great!



Please could you remind children to wear helmets when riding bikes or scooters to ensure safety at all times.

Earth Day

On **Wednesday 22nd April**, we are celebrating Earth Day. On this day, children can come to school wearing non-uniform blue or green to represent the colours of the earth. There is no charge for this.





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Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

We are holding our **AGM** on Monday evening (20th April) at Brewers Fayre 7:45 for an 8pm start. During this we will be electing/re-electing the committee. We would love to see you there.

AGM

Annual General Meeting



20th April 2026

@ Brewers Fayre 7:45 for 8pm start

We invite you to join us to discuss the past year and vote for the committee going ahead to this coming year

We are always looking for more volunteers you do not have to attend all events/meetings- pop along and see if and where you could help or share your skills



We have some fun fundraising events coming up so keep your eyes peeled for these.

Please find below some quick and easy ways to help raise funds for our school, the Easy fundraising is at no extra cost to you but the company you shop at will donate.



The Parents Lottery - New Parents Lottery by Parentkind, which helps support our school. Follow the QR code to find out more information, tickets are just £1 and the top prize is £25,000!!!! Please follow the details on the image for more details.

How does it work?
There will be guaranteed prizes up for grabs each week including the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot! Keep your eyes on the Friday weekly draw to find out if you'll be a winner this week.

Easy FundRaising QR Code-

Easy Fundraising is an easy way to help us fundraise for our school while doing your shopping and is at no extra cost to you. Follow the QR link for more information.



Game On Holiday Camp

Game On is operating a Holiday Camp over the May half term holiday. The booking form will come out soon.

The dates are: **26th to 29th May**



All Sorts Magazine

Here is the link to the March/May digital edition of Allsorts magazine https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS-MAG_MARCHMAY you can tap straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone/tablet (please mention allsorts). There are lots of attraction to visit, services and clubs/classes to help your family. You can view this issue at www.allsortsmag.com too or on the allsorts Facebook page. Take care - Michelle Love (Editor).



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

22nd April – Wear **blue or green** for Earth Day (non-uniform)

30th April - Y3 Hunstanton trip

4th May – Early May Bank holiday

7th May - Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) meeting for parents – 5.30pm

11th -14th May – Y6 SATS week

19th May – Y1 Ryton Pools trip

5th Jun – KS2 Athletics practice day

12th Jun – KS2 Sports Day at Diamond Jubilee Athletics Track – parents welcome from 12.50pm for a 1pm start.

22nd Jun – Y5 Tudor World trip

23rd Jun – KS1 Sports Day at school 9.00am

30th Jun – EYFS Sports Day at school 9.00am

30th Jun – Y2 Coventry Cathedral trip

1st July – Rec British Motor Museum trip

9th July – Y3 Bosworth Battlefield trip

14th July – Y6 End of year performance to families (no limit on attendees)- 9.15am

15th July – Y6 End of year performance to parents & Graduation (2 adults per child only) - 6pm

Safeguarding

If you are concerned that a child appears unhappy or is being abused act now using the contact numbers provided below or alternatively come in to school and ask to speak to a DSL. Contact the **Warwickshire's**

Family Connect 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**.

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 Finch or, in her absence, one of her safeguarding team.

	Miss Finch Designated Safeguarding Lead		Mrs Colledge Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead		Mrs Pohill Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
	Miss Butters Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead		Mrs Screen Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Jeniffer Beattie Trustee for Child Protection & Safeguarding	

If you consider a child is in immediate danger phone the Police on 999 or phone Family Connect on 01926 414144 or out of hours on 01926 886922.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

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It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).
 - First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
 - Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

All penalty notices are issued by Warwickshire County Council and all fines are paid directly to WCC. The school does not receive any of the money.

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