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Headteacher's news:

It has been a good first week back after the long summer break and the children have settled back well into school routines. I have enjoyed seeing the children as we have gathered for assemblies and look forward to spending more time in class over the course of the coming year. In mid-August I [published plans](#) outlining how we will continue to make adjustments to keep the whole school community safe as we continue to live during these unprecedented times.

The main points to note are:

- we continue to have a one-way system in place for drop off / pick up
- we still have staggered start and end times to the school day (see below) although these are slightly tighter than previously
- parents/carers do not need to wear masks on site outside but will do if they come into school (e.g. meet the teacher sessions next week)
- we continue to follow good hygienic procedures (handwashing etc...) and we keep the school well ventilated
- we no longer have bubbles and zones
- lunchtime procedures are very similar to last year except we do not have such regimented sittings
- contacts will no longer be identified if anyone in school tests positive for Covid so we will not be closing whole classes

We are looking forward to the meet the teacher drop in sessions after school next week. Please use these as an opportunity to ask any questions about the year ahead. If you are unable to attend, you can email the teachers at any time using the class email address - e.g. cedar@ruffordparkprimary.org.uk for Y3/4 Cedar.

And finally ... thank you for responding positively to the slight changes we made to [school uniform](#). The children are looking very smart and ready for learning. I appreciate that the uniform changes were only issued in mid-July and that there will be a natural period of time for the changes to be fully implemented. For example, I do not want you to replace the navy items from the previous uniform list if you have these but I do want you to replace sports branded shorts and joggers with plain items. I also want the children to wear school shoes on non-PE days.

Have a good weekend.

Meet the teacher drop-ins: these will take place after school next week. Please go to the place where you usually pick up and you will be invited in by the teacher:

Tues 14 Sept: KS1 & LKS2 Wed 15 Sept: KS1 & UKS2 Thurs 16 Sept: LKS2 & UKS2

Click below to see what has been happening in your child's class this week:

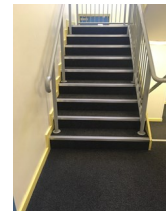
[Nursery](#) [Reception](#) [Y1 Pear](#) [Y1/2 Lime](#) [Y2 Cherry](#)

[Y3 Willow](#) [Y3/4 Cedar](#) [Y4 Beech](#)

[Y5 Oak](#) [Y5/6 Ash](#) [Y6 Maple](#)

Welcome to our new starters: Pupils and Staff

We have had new starters across school in KS1 and KS2 this week. We have also had new children start in Nursery and Reception have had staggered visits too. Reception will attend school full time from Wednesday 15 September. Our 3 new teachers have settled in well to Year 1, 3 and 5 respectively and our new School Business Manager (Michelle Atkinson) is making headway in the office. A very warm welcome to all the children, families and staff who are new to Rufford Park Primary.



Summer Life Cycle Works ... include new toilets between the Y2 and Y1/2 class and new lighting in the Community Room and foyer area. We have also had new 'hardwearing' carpet fitted on the stairs leading up to Y5/6 Ash and Y6 Maple. This will help keep these classrooms clean - we no longer change our outdoor shoes when we come into school and this stretch of carpet will help absorb moisture on wet days.

Summer Reading Challenge:

The deadline to send in the challenge sheets is Thursday 16 September and we will announce the winners in assembly on Friday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next week: meet your child's new teacher (various dates already communicated and to the left)

Fri 17 Sept: Y4 swimming to commence

Mon 20 Sept: Y3 visit to Murton Park

Tues 21 Sept: Y4 visit to Murton Park

Thurs 23 Sept: Y6 visit to Armley Mills

Fri 24 Sept: Y5 visit to Armley Mills

6 & 7 Oct: KS1 Great Fire of London workshop

Letters for swimming and up and coming trips to follow early next week.