

# Rufford Park Post



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## Headteacher's news:

It was fantastic to see so many parents, grandparents and carers attend the parents' evening meetings this week. There was a positive atmosphere in school and the teachers have reported that these face to face meetings went well. I certainly enjoyed meeting more parents and had some lovely conversations over the two consecutive evenings. I hope that you found the meetings informative and that you were also able to ask questions, share information and raise any concerns or worries that you might have had.

On Wednesday evening, the full governing board met for the first of the three 'big' meetings that take place over the course of the school year. Rufford Park Primary School has a very committed and supportive governing body who work hard to ensure the best outcomes for our children. We were delighted to welcome two new parent governors to the team: Ivelina Durcheva and Jessica O'Hanlon.

Today the children of Rufford were treated to a dress rehearsal of the much anticipated drama production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. The Drama Club will perform at the Shakespeare Schools Festival on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (next week) at Stage@Leeds which is located in Leeds University. I am looking forward to the main event and will report on how fabulous it was next week.

## Cross Country Success!

We had another fantastic turn out for the second Saturday morning cross country event last week. All pupils showed excellent resilience and determination to finish a tough course, representing the school in a positive way in the process. We also had some excellent results to go with the superb attitudes. Thank you to all involved and we look forward to the next meeting!



**This week in assembly we discussed: British Values—with a special focus on 'Democracy'.**

In class assemblies, the teachers spoke to the children about the school council and next week each class will hold class elections to decide who the class 'rep' will be. Weekly meetings for our new school council will start after half term.

### Dates for your diary:

#### Harvest Festival Reminder

YR—Y6 - Wed 23rd Oct 2019

**Y 1 - 6** - 9:15 - 9:45am & 2:30 - 3:00pm

**YR** 10:00am

Nursery - Thurs 24th Oct 2019

At morning drop off time

#### Open days for new families

Tuesday 5th November 2019

9:15 - 10:45am

Thursday 7th November 2019

9:15 - 10:45am

Wednesday 13th November 2019

1:30 - 3:00pm

**Please contact the office to book an appointment.**

#### Training Day Update

There are 5 Teacher Training Days (TTD) to allocate during the academic year. They are summarised below (including a new date\*) with some details of what we will be doing:

**TTD 1** - 2.9.19 (has taken place)

**TTD 2** - 22.11.19 ('Curriculum Design' and 'Writing Processes')

**TTD 3** - 10.1.20\* (First Aid)

**TTD 4** tbc

**TTD 5** - 20.7.20 (in lieu report writing)