

# Rufford Park Post



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## Headteacher's news:

It seemed timely that we had over 180 pupils receive the nasal flu vaccine this week following reports of several Leeds schools being hit significantly by a flu-like virus recently. We have been fortunate here at Rufford Park - attendance for the whole school over the past 2 weeks has been approximately 97% which is good. During this time, the cleaning staff have been extra vigilant and have conducted more rigorous cleans whilst the rest of the staff have been expressing the importance of hygiene and have been following the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' rules. Please continue to reinforce this message at home so that we can keep everyone fit and well during the build-up to Christmas.

The senior leadership team have been busy looking at the children's books across school this week with a specific focus on marking and feedback. We were pleased with the books and the work contained within them. Monitoring exercises like this are planned out over the course of the academic year and provide useful information about the quality of education we provide.

We had four new Interactive Touchscreens installed this week in all three KS1 classes and one in Y4 Beech class. These new backlit screens have replaced old, tired and broken boards that were no longer fit for purpose. Replacing the older Interactive Whiteboards (IWBs) will happen over time.



## Christmas Concerts - final call

If you have not yet returned your request for tickets, please send it to the office by the end of Monday 9th December.

## Christmas Fayre - thank you

A big thank you to everyone for their hard work and contributions to last Saturday's Christmas Fayre. It was a huge success and has raised a staggering £2400 profit. A special thanks to Rhiannon, Claire and the rest of the team who worked tirelessly preparing and running the event. I would also like to thank the Pinnacle Team for the catering and all the preparation they did before and after the event.



Photograph courtesy of Jo Ewans

## Ongoing item: Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

There is a vacancy in school for a Lunchtime Supervisor working 5 days a week from 12:05 - 1:20pm per day, term time only. If you are interested in this role, please contact the office.

This week in assembly we focussed on: **Advent and the importance of waiting**

### Christmas Party Information

Christmas parties will take place on the last day of term (Friday 20th December) and will be largely based in classrooms but will also make use of the hall and / or playground for games. Children are expected to come to school in their school uniform but can wear a Christmas jumper if they would like. This year we are asking the children to bring in a voluntary contribution of 50p or £1 and the staff will use this money to purchase food for the party. Please send the money into school with your child on Friday 13th December and hand in to the class teacher.

### Important dates for your diary:

#### Tree of Lights

Monday 9th December 7:30pm at Yeadon Town Hall (Free Admission)

#### Christmas Performances

**EYFS** - Monday 16th Dec 9:30am

**KS1** - Tuesday 17th Dec 9:30am and

Wednesday 18th Dec 2:00pm

**KS2** - Tuesday 17th Dec 2:00pm and

Wednesday 18th Dec 9:30am

#### Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December 2019

**Christmas Class Parties** - Friday 20th December. Details above.

#### Teacher Training Days

The final Training Day has now been set and is included below with the other dates. School will be closed to the children on these days:

Friday 10th January 2020

Friday 13th March 2020 (**new date**)

Monday 20th July 2020