

Rufford Park Post



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Headteacher's news:

Once again, as I write, I hope that this issue of Rufford Park Post finds you and your family well.

It has been a quite exceptional week and the fact that this newsletter did not get published at its usual time shows how very busy we have all been in anticipation of a school closure and then in response to the Government's announcement on Wednesday. The requirement for schools to continue to stay open for some children generated a significant amount of operational work for us but we managed to communicate with the families we needed to and have a plan in place for Monday. I think it is good that we are open - there can't be many better purposes at the moment than being an exceptional support for vulnerable young people and those parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response.

Whilst school is closed to the majority of our children, we will continue to communicate with you on a weekly basis through Rufford Park Post. It will be published in the [News and Events](#) section on the website. In addition to this, all teachers will post a weekly message on their class website page with an update on work and well-being.

Please keep yourselves as safe as you possibly can and follow the Government's advice during this time. If you need to contact school, you can do so during normal school hours by telephone: 0113 3910906 or email: office@ruffordparkprimary.org.uk. Very best wishes.

After 30 years of working at Rufford (and previously South View Juniors), Mrs Hattersley will leave the school at Easter. It was always her intention to retire at this time and she will be missed. Mrs Hattersley started as a lunchtime supervisor and later became a teaching assistant. She currently works in our 'Before School Club', Year 1 and is the senior lunchtime supervisor. We decided to bring forward our plans to say thankyou and goodbye to Mrs Hattersley and sang a bespoke version of 'This Little Light of Mine' in assembly this morning.



Mrs Hattersley helping to promote 'Extreme Reading' earlier this year.

WARNING: Email scam related to free school meals. There are a number of fake emails circulating with the message: **If your child's school is closed and your child is entitled to free school meals, then send your bank details to the school and they will help you with funding while schools are closed.** School will never ask for your bank details via email or by any other method for that matter. Please be vigilant.

Bikeability: Year 6 managed to complete their Bikeability Cycling Training this week before Cycling North - the company employed by Leeds City Council to deliver the training - shut down their service until further notice.



This week in assembly we showed the children the new playtime equipment that has recently been purchased by the Friends of Rufford Park. Slowly but surely this equipment has been making its way outside and the children are enjoying using it. Thank you to the FORP for raising the funds to pay for this.

In case you missed this last week:

Due to the volume of junk and spam emails that we are receiving, we have changed the generic school email address. There will be a period of time when the old 'admin' email will still work but this will be terminated in the next week or so. Please spread the word amongst the school community. The new email address is:

office@ruffordparkprimary.org.uk

Welcome to the world baby chicks!



Whilst attendance numbers dropped across school, we had some 'new starters' in Nursery this week causing a great deal of excitement.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NO DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.



DUE TO COVID-19, SCHOOL HAS CLOSED TODAY FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR CHILDREN AND WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

I WILL CONTINUE TO PUBLISH A WEEKLY RUFFORD PARK POST AND THIS WILL BE UPLOADED TO THE WEBSITE AT THE END OF EVERY WEEK.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ MY NEWSLETTER SO THAT I CAN KEEP IN TOUCH AND SIGNPOST YOU TO INFORMATION FROM YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER.