

Headteacher's news:

School closure: Week 4

I hope you have all had a good week and that you and your families are well. School has now been closed to the majority of our children for 4 term-time weeks but the 'lockdown' period has been longer than this when you include the Easter period. Throughout this time, we have continued to remain open and we also continue to support children in school as well as some of our families at home.

The printed learning from home packs that we sent home before the schools closed were well received and since then we have adjusted the way in which we are providing home learning by publishing it on the school website so that it can be accessed from home.

The class website pages have been redesigned to make it easier for you to navigate. The Home Learning can be found on the right hand side of every class page. UKS2 teachers have introduced a class blog and if these prove popular, we will look at extending these to other classes across school too. Miss Bairstow has led on this piece of work and I would like to thank her for all her time and effort - I think that you will agree that the class pages are looking really good.

Next week, school is open from Monday to Thursday but will be closed on Friday. This is the bank holiday (usually the first Monday in May) that was changed to Friday 8 May in recognition of the 75th Anniversary VE Day when the guns fell silent at the end of war in Europe. Many events have sadly been cancelled but we will be busy with the children in school engaging with the '[Great British Bunting](#)' campaign. Friends of Rufford Park are also promoting this on their Facebook page. Why don't you join in at home too and together we can brighten up the school community and display our bunting with pride over the weekend of Friday 8 May to Sunday 10 May.

Take care and stay safe.



Click on your child's class page below to access home learning for next week. Once on the class page, select the link dated 4.5.20. There is also a useful [Home Learning](#) page on the website in the MORE section - this page contains all the useful website links that can be used to support learning at home.

[Nursery](#) [Reception](#) [Year1 Pear](#) [Year 1/2 Lime](#) [Year 2 Cherry](#)
[Year 3 Willow](#) [Year 3/4 Cedar](#) [Year 4 Beech](#)
[Year 5 Oak](#) [Year 5/6 Ash](#) [Year 6 Maple](#)

Staffing update:

This week we welcomed two new members of staff to the team. Miss Jones will be the new teaching assistant in Year 1 Pear Tree Class and Miss Scott will be working in Nursery. For now, they are contributing to the weekly staffing rota for the children attending school.



Miss Jones

Miss Scott



Elliot's 1000 punches for the NHS

Many people across the country are supporting the national emergency in their own special way by raising money for the NHS. Rufford Park Primary School is proud of the contribution Elliot (in Year 6) is going to make as he aims to raise money by throwing 1000 punches in 30 minutes on 24 May. If you would like to read more, click [here](#). Good luck Elliot!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday - Friday:

Daily workout with Joe Wicks 09:00-09:30

Daily dance with Oti Mabuse 11:30-12:00

Tuesday: Mrs Firth - school office based

Thursday: Clap for the key workers - 20:00

Mrs Fearon - school office based

Friday 8 May: School closed

VE Day 75 - display your bunting