# Rufford Park Post





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## Headteacher's news:

School partial re-opening: Week 4

I hope this week's issue of Rufford Park Post finds you and your families well and that you have been able to enjoy the hot sunshine. When the temperature rises to 25+°C, it can become quite uncomfortable - with very few options to cool off - and it has certainly felt like this in school. I was pleased that the beginning of the week was cooler and stayed dry for the Keeping In Touch meetings that we hosted for the children and parents of Y2 -Y5. These face to face sessions went well and the feedback I have had has been nothing but positive. Next week, we are inviting the non attending children (and parents) from Reception and Year 1 to school for similar catch up meetings. We have not forgotten about Y6 and will be arranging something different for them before the end of the academic year.

Pupil attendance continues to rise and we hit triple figures on Tuesday this week which I was pleased about. I think that as we near the summer holidays, families are keen to get their children back into school for a period of time and the government's most recent announcement about the lock down changes has added to this - we are expecting even more pupils back next week. The school's position remains the same - we have opened and are able to accommodate the numbers we are doing based on our Strategy, our staffing levels and our risk assessment. Our classes are only able to take limited numbers until the DfE directs changes to social distancing and class sizes in schools and then this would need to be agreed by the LA and the Trade Unions.

And finally, the Reception teachers have been busy this week completing home visits and delivering packs for our September new starters. The home

visits have consisted of a knock on the door and a quick hello; a nice opportunity for the teachers to meet the children and parents.

Take care and stay safe.



KIT meetings with the staff earlier this week.





Click on your child's class page below to access home learning for next week. Once on the class page, select the link dated 29.6.20.

Nursery Reception Year 1 Pear Year 1/2 Lime Year 2 Cherry

Year 3 Willow Year 3/4 Cedar

<u>Year 4 Beech</u>

Year 5 Oak Year 5/6 Ash Year 6 Maple

#### Parents of the key worker children:

Telephone: 0113 3910906

Please continue to email the office to inform us of your working days so that we know when your child will be attending. These groups are rising and we need as much notice as possible in case we need to make adjustments to the organisation of these classes. Thank you.

#### BASC - COVID dependent...

We are not sure what September will look like but we need to at least have a plan and you probably need to plan too. As such, we are taking provisional bookings for our Before and After School Club for the start of the new academic year. Please email your request to the office with the title **BASC September** in the subject line. Thank you.

#### Rufford Park Relay 10 July 2020

The FORP have finalised their plans for the exciting fundraising relay. I was going to call it a virtual relay but the only virtual element is the 'invisible baton' which will be passed from a distance to each participant as we safely navigate the grounds of school and



the streets of our locality. Please visit the <u>News section</u> of the website to read the full details of the event.



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### Ongoing item: Reception 2020

Our Reception classes for September 2020 still have places. If you know any families who have children due to start school after the summer holidays and still need a school place, please encourage them to contact us here at Rufford Park.