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Headteacher's news:

School partial re-opening: Week 6

This week has been our 'Sports Week' and the children in school and at home have enjoyed taking part in the virtual sports organised by West Yorkshire School Games as well as the Rufford Park Relay (information to the right). Over 160 schools across West Yorkshire took part in the virtual sports and you are welcome to view the results here. Many thanks to Mr Spence and all the staff for running this event in school.

I have been busy working on the plans for the full opening of school in September following the governments announcement on 2 July. Much of this work has been reading, listening and sharing ideas through a variety of forums. I accessed a Zoom 'Coronacast' meeting with the LA and Dr Matt Butler (a consultant from the COVID Assessment Unit at Cambridge University Hospitals) which was very interesting and informative. He provided practical ideas and solutions for how schools can manage the increased pupil and parents numbers we will have on the site at the start of the Autumn Term. Today I expect to receive a generic risk assessment from the Health and Safety Team and this will help inform our strategy plan which I expect to publish next week.

I have written a little less text this week as I wanted to allow for the pictures of Virtual Sports Day and Rufford Park Relay.

Take care, stay safe and have a good weekend.









Many thanks again for supporting your child with their education over the last 4 months. Some of you have been doing this since 23 March and there might be a sigh of relief to read that next week's home learning below is the last for - hopefully - a while. The summer holidays are a time to switch off from the pressures of the formal learning you have been doing but...it is important to keep up with regular reading (trips to the library) as well as number work (build them in to everyday life and access online games) so that the children come back to school in September ready for the challenges of their new class:

Nursery Reception
Year 3 Willow
Year 5 Oak

Year 1 Pear Year 1/2 Lime Year 2 Cherry
Year 3/4 Cedar Year 4 Beech
Year 5/6 Ash Year 6 Maple

Domestic violence and abuse

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This information was sent to schools by the Local Authority in last week's bulletin from the Director of Children and Families. It is on our website in the MORE section (LINKS/Parents) and we have been asked to signpost to parents / carers of the school community.



Friends of Rufford Park Relay

Today the FORP have been very busy raising further monies for the school. The relay started in school this morning and then took to the streets of Yeadon before returning to school for the final leg. Approximately 90 children took part in the 40km+ circuit and at the time of writing had raised over £1500. A massive thank you to our 'very active' PTA and to Mr Spence for organising and running this brilliant event. Thank you to you too for sponsoring your child to take part.

Virtual baton exchange as the relay left Rufford Park and headed out onto the streets of Yeadon. Click here to see more pictures of the school based leg of the relay.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon13 July: Report collection for N-Y5 -

details on the website or click here

Tues14 July: Y6 Leavers' Event collection details on the website or click here
Wed 15 July: New Reception Starters Event
- details on the website or click here
Fri17 July: Final day of the academic year
Mon 7 September: School opens for the
first day of the 2020-21 academic year