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Headteacher's news:

As the fourth week of the half term comes to an end, I find myself continuing to juggle the priorities of keeping the children and staff safe whilst at the same time focussing on moving the school forward. On Monday evening, the full governing body met for the first time since mid-June and in the coming weeks smaller sub-committees will meet to work on school improvement items. The school is fortunate to have a very knowledgeable and supportive governing body and due to office terms coming to an end as well as 'retirement from governing duties' we are in a position where we would like to welcome more parents to join the team. We now have 4 parent vacancies to fill and I will be sending out further details about how to apply for these positions in due course.

Tuesday was a beautiful day and the highlight for me was watching the children spread out across our extensive grounds at playtime and lunchtime. I also had a meeting to finalise the plans for a new trim trail that will be constructed on the section of grass behind the KS2 playground. We are also having a ball shoot installed on the KS2 yard too. The Friends of Rufford Park are able to pay for most of this project as a result of their amazing fundraising efforts and we are very excited and looking forward to the work starting in a couple of weeks time.

Thursday was school census day. Every school in England has a statutory duty to complete a census each term. Part of the pupil level data that we submit relates to attendance which, in the current situation and in the build up to the census, I was concerned about. However, our attendance remained fairly consistent with the daily totals that we have been seeing since the start of term and gave a true picture of the impact that COVID-19 **is currently** having on the attendance of pupils across school. In the past I have shared attendance percentages with you and to the right, I thought it might be interesting to share some information about numbers of pupil absences in school.

Take care, stay safe and have a good weekend.



In Assembly ... we discussed the importance of salutations in the form of verbal greetings or through the power of a smile.

Governors News: A very special mention to **Jenny Rivas** who has been a governor at Rufford Park for over 20 years. On behalf of the whole school community, thank you for your thorough commitment and invaluable contributions to our school. Thank you also to governors who have recently ended their term of office.

Attendance

Leeds information:

Leeds schools total = 275

Schools fully open = 191 (this includes us)

School partially open = 84 (these schools have had to close bubbles)

Rufford Park information:

Today we have 16 children across the whole school absent and 8 of these are related to COVID. Of the 16 children we expect 10 to be back in school on Monday.

More importantly, we have had **no children or staff who have displayed symptoms whilst being at school who have then been tested positive for COVID-19**. This is why we have been fully open to all pupils since 7 September. Fingers crossed this continues...

Is your child in Year 6?

Benton Park Virtual Open Evening takes place next week. Click [here](#) to register.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents' Evening Phone Calls:

Mon 12 - Wed 14 October 4:00-6:00pm

KS2 Trim Trail Installation:

Mon 19 - Fri 23 October

Childhood Nasal Flu Vaccination:

Wed 21 October for all children in Reception to Year 6.