

# Rufford Park Post



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## Headteacher's news:

It has been a long, tiring, busy yet productive week. It has also been a very positive week as the teachers spent many hours on their telephones speaking to you. I hope you found the parents' evening arrangements useful. The feedback that I have had from the teachers is that these conversations went well and that they were well received; a number commented on how supportive and grateful you are for everything we have done and continue to do since we fully reopened the school in September. I would like to further extend this thanks to the all the staff at Rufford Park - we are lucky to have such a talented and dedicated team. We are also lucky to have such supportive parents and I appreciate the kind words that you shared with the teachers this week.

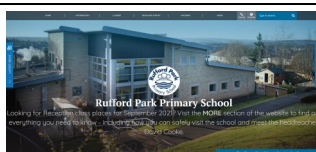
The decision to complete parents' evening by telephone was taken early in September as we wanted to ensure that we spoke to you in this half term and we knew that we would not have the IT infrastructure in place to do these meetings face to face by virtual means. We will be in a better position for the February meetings. I am currently working with an IT company on a DfE funded project to help the school set up a virtual learning platform so that we can deliver remote education for children who are unable to attend school due to COVID-19. This will be a legal requirement for schools from 22 October 2020. The school's duty as stated by the DfE is as follows: *'where a class, group of pupils, or individual pupils need to self-isolate, or there are local or national restrictions requiring pupils to remain at home, schools are expected to provide immediate access to remote education.'*

I will communicate with you soon with a proposal of how we might deliver remote learning but I am very aware that setting this up will have implications for us here at school as well as for you at home. One of the issues will be that not all children have access to a computer, laptop or a tablet in the home and that access to the internet may be problematic too. As such I would like all families to complete [this short survey](#) to help us plan and support you with remote learning.

Take care, stay safe and have a good weekend.

### New to Reception in September 2021:

In the absence of open days, please visit our website to view new bite sized videos about the school.



Y5 enjoying tag rugby with Fisical



Y4 being taught Dance remotely



**In Assembly ...** we talked about world mental health day which took place last Saturday. The main focus was about how everyone is the same but that everyone is different. This assembly continued the work we have been doing on emotions.

### Remote learning in LKS2 this week:

An unplanned absent led to a teacher delivering lessons remotely from home this week. We used Teams so that the teacher could join the children for the start and end of lessons. It went very well - especially considering a dance lesson was on the timetable for the day.

### Halloween Trail reminder:

This will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 in Yeadon. If you would like to take part, please click on [this link](#) to purchase your ticket, which includes a trail map and goodie bag.

### Non-uniform day:

We are raising money for the Friends of Rufford Park by having a non-uniform day on Friday 23 October. Please send your child to school with £1 on the day. Staff will collect and 'quarantine' monies in a jar. Thanks in advance for your support with this.

### Item from last week - do you have the skills to be a parent governor?

If so then [click here](#) to find out more.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### KS2 Trim Trail Installation:

Mon 19 - Fri 23 October

#### Childhood Nasal Flu Vaccination:

Wed 21 October for all children in Reception to Year 6

#### Non-uniform Day:

Friday 23 October

#### October Half Term:

School will close on Friday 23 October and will reopen on Monday 2 November.

#### Teacher Training Day:

Friday 20 November will be closed to all children.