

## Headteacher's news:

This time last year, I opened up my news item with the following musical lyrics: *It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...*

Things feel very different this year but Rufford Park Post still finds itself full of Christmas related items. We are trying to make things as normal and as special as we can do over the coming weeks and we hope you will support this too.

The children have started to bring in Christmas cards for one another and the teachers have set up 'quarantine post boxes' in their classrooms so that we can receive and redistribute these safely. A Christmas tree arrives today (donated once again by a parent of a child in school - many thanks) and this will be decorated in time for the start of December.

The senior leadership team spent time looking at maths and english books this week as well as talking to pupils about their work. Next week, we will be dropping into lessons across school to look at pupil engagement, behaviour and learning environments. Monitoring exercises like these are an important part of school improvement and it has been refreshing to spend time discussing teaching and learning at a time when managing the school in response to the pandemic has dominated.

Take care and stay safe.

### Friends of Rufford Park - Christmas fundraiser

On the last Saturday of November, the school has historically held its Christmas Fayre and this tends to be the biggest fundraiser in the school year. In its place, the FORP have organised an exciting alternative



which - in order to be a success - is going to rely heavily on as many families as possible taking part.

Details of **Rufford Races to Lapland** were sent out last week and can also be viewed on the [Friends](#) section of the website.

Please click on the link below to find out what your child has been doing in class this week.

[Nursery](#)   [Reception](#)   [Y1 Pear](#)   [Y1/2 Lime](#)   [Y2 Cherry](#)

[Y3 Willow](#)   [Y3/4 Cedar](#)   [Y4 Beech](#)

[Y5 Oak](#)   [Y5/6 Ash](#)   [Y6 Maple](#)

**Assembly** was about getting along, having courage and being kind.

### Christmas dinner - Friday 18 December:



There will be an extended lunchtime on Friday 18 December so that the children can have a Christmas dinner with **all** children eating their lunch in the main school hall. Each bubble will be kept together and staggered sittings will be timetabled from late morning. If your child is on packed lunches and would like a school dinner on this day, please let the office know by Friday 4 December at the latest. The cost of a school meal is £2.30.

**Christmas Jumper Day: On Friday 11 Dec, the children can bring £1 and come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. Money collected will be sent to Save the Children.**



### Dates for the diary

**1 - 13 Dec:** Rufford Races to Lapland  
**11 Dec:** Christmas Jumper Day  
**14 - 18 Dec:** Class Christmas parties (your class teacher will let you know the arrangements)  
**18 Dec:** School closes for Christmas  
**4 Jan:** School closed for a Training Day  
**5 Jan (Tuesday):** School opens for Spring Term