

## Headteacher's news:

I hope this finds you well and that your spirits have been lifted this week as the national lockdown ended and the announcement that the Pfizer/BioNTech coronavirus vaccine has been approved. Tier 3 rules are still restrictive but do allow for some changes and I am looking forward to meeting up with friends for a walk this weekend as well as watching my son play football. The infection rate per 100,000 has been declining and was approximately 200 earlier in the week (data from LCC) which is a significant decrease from the beginning of November.

We will all need to remain vigilant as we approach the last 2 weeks of term. Christmas is going to be different this year but being unwell and/or having to isolate throughout the holiday period is something we all want to avoid.

Take care and stay safe.

## Friends of Rufford Park: 'Tis the season of good will ...'

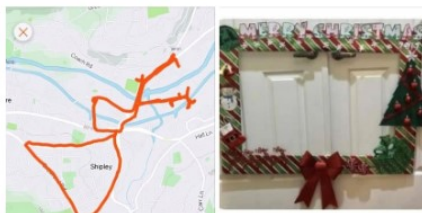
Tuesday was the start of Rufford Races to Lapland. As I write, we have already collectively walked past London and raised over £500 through sponsorship. This is a promising start and with the weekend upon us, we hope to walk more miles and raise more money. Please join in with this event and help raise money for the school. You might forward this newsletter to friends and family outside our school community to help gather sponsorship. This is the link to the [event details](#) and this is the link to the [JustGiving page](#). Not everyone visits the Friends Facebook page and so you might not be aware of the competitions linked to this event:

We have three competitions alongside our challenge, with the prize for each being a family movie night hamper 🍷🍷. These are:

1. Best Christmas photo/Best elfie taken on a walk - if you're looking for a Christmas craft activity to do with the children, why not make a Christmas themed elfie frame that you can use in your photo (see example below). Winner judged by local photographer J Ewens.
2. Best Christmas costumes/outfits. Winner judged by FORP.

3. Best route art - this can be done on an App such as mapmyrun or Strava (which are free). The idea being you do a route, which is in the shape of something festive (see example below). The best three will be chosen by FORP and then put to a vote on Facebook.

Please send entries to [ruffordracestolapland@gmail.com](mailto:ruffordracestolapland@gmail.com)



## Mychild'sart Christmas card order:

The deadline to order Christmas cards and other personalised gifts from [mychild'sart](#) is Wednesday 9 December. Please click on the link and search for your child's name if you would still like to order anything.

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

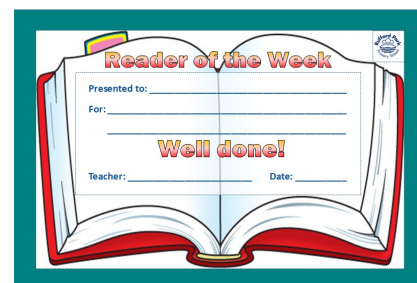
[Nursery](#)   [Reception](#)   [Y1 Pear](#)   [Y1/2 Lime](#)   [Y2 Cherry](#)

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

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

**In Assembly** we talked about the importance of waiting as the Christian period of Advent began last Sunday.

**Reader of the Week:** Last Friday, your child may have come home with this certificate. In the absence of the Extreme Reading Challenge, we have added an extra award that is given out in class during Friday's virtual Special Mention. Reader of the week can be awarded for a variety of reasons related to efforts with reading both at home and in school.



## 16 Days of Action:

Safer Leeds' 16 Days of Action began on 25 November and runs for 16 days until 10 December. The focus is on domestic abuse and to elevate general public awareness and available support in Leeds. There is a link on the [Parents section](#) of the website related to Domestic violence.

## Parking on the roads around school:

Please can parents and carers be considerate as to where and how you park before and after school. We have received a number of complaints from the residents on: Rufford Avenue, the Brooklands, the Henshaws and Enfield in recent weeks about driveways, entrances and exits being blocked. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

## Dates for the diary

- 1 - 13 Dec:** Rufford Races to Lapland
- 11 Dec:** Christmas Jumper Day (bring £1)
- 14 - 18 Dec:** Class Christmas parties (your class teacher will let you know the arrangements)
- 18 Dec:** Christmas dinner day and school closes for Christmas
- 4 Jan:** School closed for TTD
- 5 Jan (Tuesday):** School open to pupils