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Headteacher's news:

It has been a productive week in school with no further bubble closures and focussed teaching and learning throughout.

Some children accessed additional catch-up lessons after school this week and these have gone well. Throughout COVID times, Headteacher representatives across the city have attended meetings with the Dave Clark (Head of Learning Improvement). In the meeting last week, discussions took place about the Education Recovery Strategy being led by Sir Kevan Collins. He is against the notion and the use of the phrase 'catch-up' and is more focussed on the term 'recovery'. There have been at least 115 school days impacted by the pandemic and he has stated that the recovery is going to take a number of years. He has also said that these three Ts are essential to recovery:

- Teaching - especially quality first teaching
- Tuition - including interventions
- Time - unaffected schooling time as well as time to access after school provisions and wider curriculum activities.

I am going to move forward in line with the commissioner and begin to use the word recovery when I talk about the education of the pupils at Rufford Park. I do feel that we are meeting the expectations of the three T's above. The last T refers to providing opportunities to have more time accessing provision in the form of after school clubs and experiences. Our football club started before Easter, curriculum swimming lessons are going well and Y3 and Y4 are looking forward to their educational visit to Nell Bank next week. These all contribute to the well-being of our pupils and we will look to build upon these in the coming months.

Have a lovely weekend.

PARKING - I have had further complaints this week. Driveways have been blocked and parking on corners has also been raised as an issue. Please think about where you park and be respectful of the local residents. Nationally, next week is **walk to school week** - a perfect opportunity to reduce the need to park a vehicle.

Friends of Rufford Park (PTA): Make the Rules Day Please keep an eye out on the PTA section of the website and for information in your child's book bag about the next exciting fundraiser being organised by the FORP. We hope that you will support this event which will take place during the school day on Friday 28 May.

Click below to see what has been happening in your child's 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 this week...the children learned about the Muslim festival of Eid ul Fitr which was celebrated by some of our families this week - 'Eid Mubarak!'.


The children also learned about the **5 ways to Wellbeing** as it was mental health awareness week across the country. There was a nature themed link to this and the children were asked to think about:

- ♦ taking notice
- ♦ getting creative
- ♦ being active
- ♦ giving to others
- ♦ connecting with others

Are you and your children getting opportunities outside of school to improve wellbeing? This list certainly made me reflect what I do independently and with my family.



Reminder: The Bag2School collection will take place on Friday 21 May. [Click here](#) to

remind you of the details.

Dates for the diary

Fri 21 May: Bag2School collection

Fri 28 May: PTA fundraiser: Make the Rules Day.

Fri 28 May (end of day): School closes for half term holiday.

Mon 7 June: School opens for Summer 2

Mon 28 June: Teacher Training Day - school closed to the children.