

Rufford Park Post



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Headteacher's news:

I hope Issue 1 of Rufford Park Post finds you and your families well and that you have had a good summer. It was great to welcome the children back into school on Monday and I, personally, have enjoyed getting back into a normal routine. Holidays are great but I think that we enjoy them all the more when we have had a sustained period of hard work preceding them. The end of summer term was certainly indicative of this with Ofsted's visit in the final week. I have received the draft report from our inspection and expect to be able to share the final published version next week.

On Wednesday the teachers enjoyed opening up the doors before and after school for informal drop-ins - a chance for parents and carers to see classrooms and meet the staff. We will be holding formal parents' evenings in October (see dates for your diary below) but throughout the year, you can email the teachers at any time using the email address for your child's class e.g. cedar@ruffordparkprimary.org.uk for Y3/4 Cedar.



It has been exciting watching the new climbing frame being installed this week on the KS1 playground. Mostly funded by the Friends Of Rufford Park (FORP), we expect this new structure to enhance playtimes and lunchtimes for the children. Like the KS2 trim trails, we are unable to supervise its use before or after school and, once the climbing frame is opened, children using it during these times will need to be closely supervised by an adult and school will not be able to take any responsibility for accidents that might occur.



And finally ... we ended the week with the very sad news about the death of Queen Elizabeth II. I briefly spoke to the children about it in assembly this morning and we await further guidance about any possible disruption to the school in the coming days.

Have a good weekend.

The Friends of Engine Fields Open Day: Sunday 11 September 10am-2pm

Engine Fields, also known as Dog Mill Ponds, is a lovely green space (just next to Aldi) and is open to the public to exercise and enjoy the nature within. A leaflet was sent home earlier this week with details of the open day.

Click on the link below to take you to your child's class website page where you can read important information about your class, routines and the Autumn Term Curriculum. Click on the blog link on the page 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](#)

Welcome to our new starters: Pupils

and Staff We have had new pupils start school in KS1 and KS2 this week. We have also had new children start in Nursery and Reception have had staggered visits too. Reception will attend school full time from Monday 12 September. Our 3 new teachers have settled in well to Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5 and we have also welcomed new teaching assistants to EYFS, Y4 and Y5/6.

If you shop at M&S and purchase **Eat Well** products then you might like to register and nominate our school and we could win some goodies!

[Click here](#)

to find out more.



Summer Life Cycle Works

For those of you who haven't been to school this week from the top entrance, our Muga has had a makeover.

Parking: a polite message from Blossom Court

Court Please do not use Blossom Court's car park or park on the foot pavements to the left and right of the exits at drop off and pick up times. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 11 Sept: The Friends of Engine Fields Open Day (see information to the left)

Fri 16 Sept: Y4 swimming to commence

Tues 20 Sept: Y5 visit to Eden Camp

Wed 21 Sept: Y6 visit to Eden Camp

Mon 26 Sept: Y4 visit to Murton Park

Wed 28 Sept: Y3 visit to Murton Park

Tues 11 Oct: Parents' Evening 15:40-19:00 in school

Wed 12 Oct: Parents' Evening 15:40-18:00 in school