Rufford Park Post





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Headteacher's news:

The first half term of the academic year has finally come to an end. I use the word 'finally' not because it has been in any way unpleasant - in fact it has been a very positive and enjoyable one - but because it has been 8 weeks in length. In 25 years of teaching, I can't ever remember Autumn 1 being so long or for the October half term to be so late. I hope you have a lovely half term break, enjoy Halloween and Bonfire Night if you are celebrating these events and I look forward to seeing you on 6 November. When we do return, our Christmas Fayre will be upon us in no time - only 3 weeks after the holiday before the school will start to feel festive; I do like this time of year!

Sporting update:

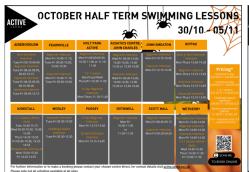
- Our 11 football team had a convincing league win against Queensway Primary School on Monday.
- Following the cross country event last week at Wharfe Meadows... Millie, Tristan and Teddie (Y3); Ella, Isla and Max (Y4); and Mia and Oscar (Y6) have all qualified for the Leeds City Cross-Country Finals. Well done!

Friends Of Rufford Park: We had a successful AGM meeting on Monday morning. Emily Gregson and Claire Bond stepped down from their roles as Chair and Treasurer. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank both Emily and Claire for their commitment to the FORP over the years. Claire is going to continue to help during the course of this year and based on the work she is doing for the Christmas Fayre (see links below), it feels like she is working as tirelessly as ever. Emma Swailes and Louise Rowling were elected as Chair and Treasurer and were welcomed with thanks to their new roles.

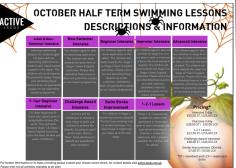
Some FORP actions for parents/carers:

- ◆ Please click on the link to read the Christmas Fayre poster.
- ◆ Please complete this google form if you can help at the fayre.
- ◆ If you would like to support the FORP in other ways, please sign up to <u>Easy Fundraising</u> where your online shopping can generate donations to Friends of Rufford Park (search this 'cause'). **easyfundraising**

Intensive swimming lessons: the information below was only sent to school today so apologies for the short notice in sharing with you.



Y5 Oak



Y4 Beech

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

Y5/6 Ash Y6 Maple

In **assembly** this week, Mrs Harris spoke to the children about keeping safe on Bonfire Niaht.

I reminded the children of our British Values. Can your child match each picture to the correct British Value?

Telephone: 0113 3910906



Staffing updates:
After half term, I
am delighted to
announce that
Louise Machell
will join our
administration
team. We are all
looking forward to
working with her.



Today we said goodbye to Mrs Gallimore in assembly. Pinnacle have made a recruitment and Heidi Kennedy will be 'cook in charge' from 20 November.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 27 Oct: School closes for half term
Mon 6 Nov: School opens for Autumn 2
Thurs 16 Nov: Reception 2024 Open
Day 3 13:30-14:30

<u>Fri 17 Nov:</u> Teacher Training Day 3 - school will be closed to all children <u>Sat 25 Nov:</u> 09:30-11:30 KS2 Cross

Country Race 3 at Wharfe Meadows

Christmas Fayre 12:00-14:00

Mon 4 Dec: Tree of Lights at Yeadon Town Hall 19:00-20:00

Fri 22 Dec: School closes for Christmas