



# Rufford Times

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Spring Term 2018  
1<sup>st</sup> Half  
16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

The Rufford Times will now be issued every Half Term via the School Life app. Paper copies will also be available from the school office.

Please remember that Rufford is a Healthy School and therefore we do not allow crisps or chocolate in school for tuck or in lunch boxes. Next half term we will be running a Healthy Lunchbox workshop for parents where we will discuss healthy options so to encourage our children to make better food choices. Please check your child's book bag after half term for details of how to enrol.

Please remember that only Year 6 children who walk home alone after school are permitted to bring in their mobile phone.

Please ensure that all money sent into school is of the correct value and in a named / labelled envelope. Money should be in different envelopes for different payments. Spare envelopes are available from the office.

There are several parents who are driving down the school road onto the staff car park when dropping their children off to school, especially nursery. We respectfully request that you park at the top car park or surrounding area and walk your children onto the school premises. There is a lot of activity at the beginning and end of nursery and it is not safe to be driving where small children are running around.

**Quid's for Kids** – Well done to our loyal Q4Ks team who provided yet another successful afternoon at the Red Disco on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. All of the children enjoyed themselves both at the disco and at the craft tables. Thank you for supporting the activities that we provide which helps raise much needed funds for extra provision in school. The disco made a **profit of £64.59**.

**Dudley Catering, Cleaning and Client Services** – Please have a look at their new website which gives details of their services including the up-to-date school menu. <https://www.dcccs.co.uk/>

## Nursery Places:

We have nursery places for 3 and 4 year olds, starting after Easter. Nursery sessions are either 8.45am to 11.45am or 12.15pm to 3.15pm. Parents working more than 16 hours per week can apply for 30 hours free nursery. Enquire at the school office for more details.

**Keeping in touch** – Please make sure I have an up to date contact telephone number for you in case of an emergency in school. I have attempted several phone calls to parents of sick children but have been unable to contact them. This is very distressing for an ill child as well as increasing the risk of infection in school.

Please remember that if your child is ill, you must contact school before 9.30am on each morning of their absence. Please make sure that phones have enough credit for this situation as having no credit to call cannot be used as a legitimate excuse.

**Dates for your diary:**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Back to School

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 Library visit

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 & Year 4 to Redhill (Invitation only)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – World Book Day – Come dressed as an animal from a book.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Gambia Day

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Carer's Assembly hosted by Year 1

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Class Photographs

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Debate at Pedmore C of E – (Invitation only)

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March – **INSET – School Closed to children**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Movie Night

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Sports Relief

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Mrs Jones's SENCo drop in - appointment needed

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March – STEM bus @ Hob Green (Invitation only)

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Assembly hosted by Year 5

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm

**BACK TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**Nursery Children** – Although children in nursery do not have compulsory attendance in school, we believe that good attendance during Foundation Stage continues throughout school. Only children with good attendance can reach their full potential. Parents of nursery children who do not attend regularly, may be invited in to talk to staff to discuss any issues that may be effecting their attendance in school.

**Attendance this half term: 95.38%**

**Rec: 93.87 %    1M: 94.64 %    2B: 94.73 %    3B: 95.29 %    4W: 96.93 %    5R: 98.19 %    6DJ: 93.52 %**

**Whole School Attendance: 94.89 %**