



# Newsletter

## 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Basic Skills

Creativity

Emotional Literacy

Positive Contribution

### Message from Mrs Bradbury...



*Our World Book Day celebration was a huge success. Children enjoyed wearing pyjamas and taking part in reading-themed activities throughout the day. Because Classes 13 and 14 had the joint highest number of home reads this year (from September), they won the opportunity*

*for RUFC to deliver World Book Day themed activities.*

*We had some wonderful entries to the 'story in a jar' competition. Thank you to everyone who participated and encouraged their children to have a go. The school councillors found it so difficult to judge but did settle on some winners in the end.*



*Thank you to all of the parents who attended our in-person or online parents' evenings. A school nurse and Early Help were present at the in-person event. We are working with both agencies to set up regular coffee mornings so that anyone who needs advice can receive it. More details to follow.*



*Last week, we were lucky enough to receive 500 fantastic writing journals from Prudential. These are a lovely quality and are a wonderful donation to school. We are so happy to receive them and will definitely put them to good use – most probably to showcase our wonderful 'Talk for Writing' stories and texts. Thank you to one of our wonderful Y6 parents for making this happen for us.*

*Thank you to everyone who posted pictures of our children enjoying the snow on our Twitter feed @Redscopeschool. Fingers crossed that we can see more Spring-like temperatures over the next few weeks!*

## Planting a Tiny Forest

As part of our Science Week celebrations, we will be planting trees on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. Your child will need to bring in a pair of wellies and a coat. Each class will be planting trees to build up our mini forest of over 200 trees. Children also need to bring a cup or mug to hold hot chocolate or orange squash (allergy information sent on a different letter).

## Cars

You may be aware that recently the Police and Rotherham Council have both done checks on cars on Kimberworth Park Road. We are told that 9 cars have been fined for parking on yellow zig zags or yellow lines. These agencies will continue to do spot checks in the area.

We appreciate that everyone is busy but the safety of our children must come first. If possible, we ask that parents park away from the main school and walk in with their children. Please take extra care when driving in the vicinity of school. **We appreciate that most parents are extremely responsible and do drive and park with courtesy or indeed do walk to school with their children.**

## Forum/ PTA

Can you help us to make a positive contribution to our school?

Our PTA are looking for some new parent members. Currently, the PTA host fundraising events for school e.g. discos, bingo nights, fashion shows, York coach trips etc. **Our next event is Family bingo on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3:45pm. Tickets are available from the school office at 50p each.**

Could you offer good ideas, time to help with fundraising or are you creative and able to help with projects? We can use everyone's talents! If you are interested, please send an email of interest to [RSP-enterprise@nclt.ac.uk](mailto:RSP-enterprise@nclt.ac.uk)

## Packed Lunches

Children can have a healthy cooked dinner at school or can bring a packed lunch from home. Tips from the NHS about healthy lunchboxes can be found at

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/#tips>

'Change for Life' packed lunch suggestions also feature on the website.



[Spicy chicken and salad wrap](#)



[Tuna and bean salad](#)



[Tuna mayonnaise and sweetcorn sandwich](#)

## **RUFC Fundraising for Ghana Day – 28<sup>th</sup> March**

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, we will be having a Ghana cultural day in school. Children are being encouraged to dress in the colours of the Ghana flag (yellow, red and green) for a £1 donation. The donation will go towards the RUFC fundraising efforts. During the day, each class will learn a Ghana themed dance and be visited by Miller Bear.

## **Language**

In recent weeks, we have had an increase in the number of complaints we have received about parents swearing in the playground and around the school gates. Please be mindful of the language that you are using in and around the school grounds. Children do pick up on words that they hear adults say and we all have a responsibility to be role models for all our children. We know that the vast majority of parents and carers are responsible in their words and actions. This is just a polite reminder.

If you have an issue with another parent or a child that attends our school, please speak with a member of school staff who will act on this in an appropriate manner. Parents should not be approaching other people's children before/after school.

## **Strike Action**

School will be open as normal on Wednesday and Thursday this week during the planned NEU strike days.

## **Science Week**

This week, we are celebrating Science week. We will be planting a mini forest, taking part in 'Little Laboratories' experiments and children in KS1 and KS2 will have a science week assembly from Winterhill Science Department as well as our normal science lessons.

If you wish to do some science related activities at home this week, we'd love to see. Post on our Twitter @Redscopeschool You might try some experiments e.g. Skittles dissolving or maybe you could try growing something e.g. cress and track the progress.

Useful websites include

<https://www.science-sparks.com/great-preschool-science-experiments/>

<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/>



**Key Dates (new or changed items are in a colour)**

Date	Event
10 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Ghana Day for RUFC – Wear green/ red/ yellow £1 donation for RUFC Ghana project
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Break up for Easter – Non-Uniform Day
	Easter Break
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school after Easter
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Bacon Butty Morning
1 <sup>st</sup> May	May day – School closed
8 <sup>th</sup> May	King’s Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS week
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Open event - Collect from classes at hometime
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Spring Bank Holiday
5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET day – School closed
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Bacon Butty Morning
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports day
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Leaving Assembly – parents/carers of Y6 pupils invited to watch
3- 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 residential (over 3 different days in two classes)
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 children begin Winterhill/ Wingfield