



# Newsletter

## 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023



### Message from Mrs Bradbury...



*This week has been a busy one in school. Classes have been working on art pieces for the 'Picture This' exhibition in the summer. The theme is 'light' and I've been really impressed by the skills on show. The children have been inspired by the paintings of Bob*

*Barker and have been using these as inspiration for their own art work. Miss Preston, our art lead, has been thrilled with the outcomes. Some will be displayed in our school hall and others will be in the Rotherham exhibition.*

*We finished the week with some stunning science assemblies from Wingfield. The children loved learning all about light from a scientific point of view and were wowed by the experiments. Huge thanks to Wingfield Science department for coming to share their skills.*



*Our music provision has swapped over in school. After 18 weeks (approx.) of learning to play the clarinets in Y4 and Y6 enjoying music technology, it is now the turn of Y5 who will be learning to play brass instruments and Y3 who will be learning the recorder. Y1 and Y2 have also swapped to learn more about percussion.*

### **Teacher Strikes**

We anticipate that we will be able to cover the classes where teachers are on strike and that school will open as normal on the strike day of 28<sup>th</sup> February. School will be open as normal.

## Help us to improve our outdoor environment

Are you available on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March? We would love help planting trees, painting our wooden furniture, digging over our garden and generally helping to set things up outside. If interested, please see Mrs Taylor in Class Two or email Class 2- [rsp-class2@nclt.ac.uk](mailto:rsp-class2@nclt.ac.uk)

## Eco Warriors Competition

Before we broke up, RUFC came into assembly to talk about a special competition. Our eco warriors have been working with RUFC to organise their own competition. Children need to design their own poster to do with ANYTHING to do with saving the planet and helping the environment. The poster could be A4 or A3 and needs to be colourful.

Designs might be to do with:

- Renewable energy/ saving energy
- Conservation
- Recycling
- Animal protection
- Stopping or reducing carbon emissions e.g. using a scooter, walk or use bike.

**Entries must be given back by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Hand in to the Eco monitors/ Miss Jordan in Year 4.**

**The prizes are tickets to see a RUFC match or a signed football.**

## 'Eat them to Defeat Them'

If your child has school dinners, you may have noticed them coming home with a sticker when they have tried different vegetables at lunchtime. Between the 20<sup>th</sup> of February and the 31<sup>st</sup> of March we will be taking part in the 'Eat them to Defeat Them' scheme. Different vegetables will be available on the salad bar or in sample dishes.

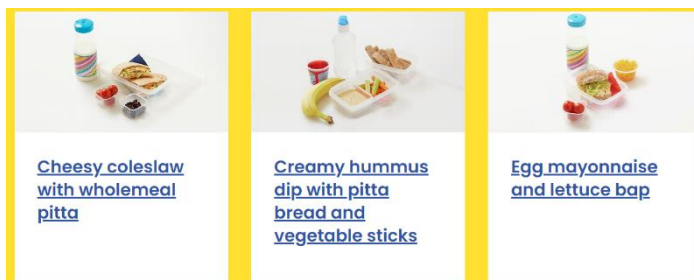


## Packed Lunches

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.

If you are packing crisps for the children, we advise that these are baked not fried. Please save chocolate bars to have at home and don't include these as part of the packed lunch.



### **Quick Reminder**

**On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, school will be closed as we have an INSET day.**

### **RUFC Fundraising for Ghana Day- Tuesday 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. During the day, each class will learn a Ghana dance from a qualified dance instructor, find out about Ghana in a special assembly and be visited by Miller Bear and RUFC players.**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Parents' Meeting about residential 2023
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening in person date. Alternate online appointments available.
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day Celebration – Wear pyjamas
6 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET Day – Children not in school
10 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Break up for Easter – Non-Uniform Day
	Easter Break
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Back to school after Easter
28 <sup>th</sup> March	RUFC Fundraising for Ghana Day
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
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS week
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Spring Bank Holiday
5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET day
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

### Lates

Please ensure that your child is in school on time. We have seen an increase in the number of children who are late. The first lesson of the day begins almost immediately as the children arrive. Children are falling behind because they are missing the maths input at the start of the day and this is affecting their progress.

If your child is on time each day all week, they receive 2 bonus house points.