

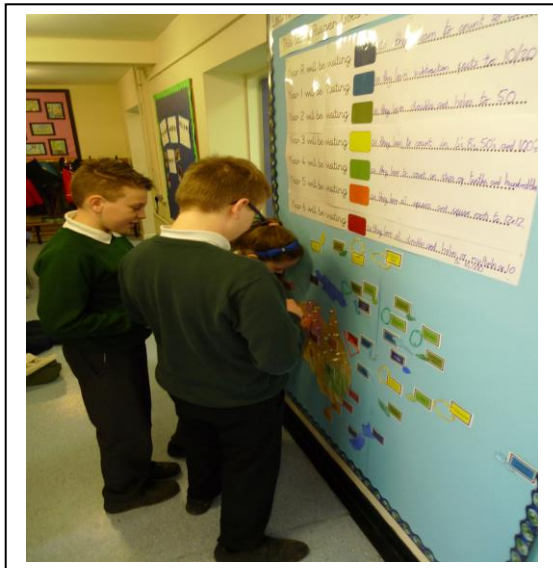
Dear Parents and Carers,

### **February / March News**

As ever, the term is flying by and there is much to share. In addition to reading this newsletter, please can I take the opportunity to promote accessing school news through the school website (news, more photos and learning links) and the through the school Twitter page, @RusperPrimary (news, photos and web links)

### **Collaborative Play**

This has been running since half term. Hobbit pupils have been independently organising and leading games during the lunch hour on Mondays and Thursdays. It is great to see the younger children learning traditional games and playing so collaboratively and safely with children from other year groups – a lovely thing to watch.



### **Maths Around The World**

Pupils have begun their daily maths fluency exercises in school and at home. Demonstrating the quick recall of number facts, getting your passport stamped and moving your flag around the continent map is the name of the game. The pupils are really embracing it and talking about it. Thank you to all parents who are helping this drive with number work at home. Please see the parent letters for each year group in the new learning zone on the website. These contain the key objectives currently being covered and handy tips for exercises and games to play with your children. The beauty of many of these games is that they can be done anywhere.

### **Lend With Care**

Following our recent non-uniform day, Rusper parents raised approximately £200 (£50 per class) to get this social enterprise project off the ground. Thank you all. The pupils have begun investing in entrepreneurs around the world, by using the Lend With Care website to investigate and choose causes they wish to support. Rusper pupils have been particularly interested in helping businesses where the profits go towards supporting children access education. For details of the Rusper Lending Team's impact in Zimbabwe and other countries please follow this link... <https://www.lendwithcare.org/groups/profile/rusperprimary>

### **Snowy Weather**

A big thank you to all parents for braving the conditions during the week of bad weather. We averaged 93% attendance on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Also, a big thank you for the swift response to the early close on Friday. This enabled all our staff members to get home safely too. If your children were unable to make it into school due to the bad weather please make sure you notify the school in writing/email so that the absence can be authorised retrospectively.



### Tractor Fun

Pupils in KS1 had some great first hand learning when Nick Kenward drove his tractor onto the school drive. As part of their 'On The Go' topic, the children were able to see a tractor close up for themselves, and listen to Nick as he explained why tractors are designed and built as they are. The children were also very pleased to be able to take turns climbing up into the cabin and sit behind the wheel.

Thank you very much to Nick for taking the time to help bring the children's learning alive.

### Horsham Dance Festival

A great evening was had by all who attended the festival on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Rusper sent a group of 19 dancers from KS2. The dance had a rock n roll theme. The costumes, the choreography, the catchy tunes and a fantastic performance left the audience 'wowed'. Rusper got a very big clap and lots of loud cheers at the end of the evening.

Thank you very much to Miss. Barkley for helping to establish Rusper so well within this festival.



### School Notices

#### Reminder:

Please can parents who wish to consult with a teacher make an appointment for after school at the office. It is a matter of both pupil safety and effective teaching that teachers are able to focus on the children once they have entered school. Also, any pupil related forms e.g. medical should be passed through Mrs Wickens or Mrs Pinder at the office. Thank you.

#### Staff Transition:

Ms Oddie is due to go on Maternity leave on 17<sup>th</sup> April. Mr Seagroatt (Ms Oddie's replacement) will teach alongside Ms Oddie for the final week of the Spring Term to aid smooth transition. Please do say hello if you get a chance during that week. Thank you.

#### Handwriting Pens:

Rusper will no longer be able to provide pupils with an unlimited supply of handwriting pens. The recently updated handwriting policy states that from now, the school will provide each pupil with their first pen, but when this pen is no longer useable, pupils should provide their own pen. Acceptable pen types are black standard smooth medium point ballpoint pens such as Papermate Inkjoy. For more information please see Ms. Clarke, thank you.

#### Uniform:

We are now happy to be able to offer our embroidered school uniform and bags through Tesco. Each order will generate a 5% donation to the school, as well as earning you Tesco Clubcard points. Items can be bought on-line at [www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues) where you should select 'Rusper Primary School' from the list and you'll see the customised items available to purchase.



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Taylor Made Uniforms will continue to offer our embroidered uniform, in addition to Tesco, but all new rucksack, P.E. and book bags should be purchased from Tesco rather than through the office. We hope that by adding Tesco to our supply options we can give you more choice and enable you to get the best value for money.

### Tempest Photos

We are discussing whether to change the date when the class 'vista' (group) photos are taken. Tempest take the vista photos during the summer term currently. However, in order for the photos to be current in school, it would work better to take them alongside the individual photos in September. For parents who wish to purchase a class 'vista' photo, this could then mean a greater cost at one time, rather than spreading the cost. We would like your opinion so please could parents take the time to tick a preference sheet by clicking this [link](#). Please note, we are trialling collecting feedback from parents using web-based forms, so really appreciate your help and patience with this.

*Please see the dates below for information re upcoming school events*

### Governor Notices:

Governors will be handing out parent questionnaires at parents evenings this week. Please could parents kindly spend just a couple of minutes completing the questionnaire whilst they are waiting for their appointment. It would be really appreciated as parents' views are very important to governors.

### PTA Notices:

The annual Easter Egg Trail will take place straight after school 15:30-17:00 in the grounds of Ghyll Manor Hotel, High Street, Rusper on Wednesday 28th March. Tickets are £2.50 each (includes entry, trail & chocolate Easter egg) & will be available from the office or PTA reps from Monday 19th March.

The next PTA meeting is Friday 4th May @9:05am.

The school will be running a non-school uniform day on Friday 4th May when instead of money, we'll be collecting donations of bottles for the PTA bottle tombola stall at the Rusper Village Mayday Celebrations.

### EVENTS

March		
12 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 – 6:30pm	Parents Meetings
13 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 – 4:00pm	Horsham Tag Rugby Festival @ Horsham Rugby Club
14 <sup>th</sup>	1:15 – 3:00pm	Music Festival Rehearsal – Arunside School
14 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 – 6:30pm	Parents Meetings
15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 – 10:00pm	PTA Comedy Night event @ Village Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00 – 4:00pm	ASSH Tag Rugby @ St Peters
23 <sup>rd</sup>		Last Tag Rugby Club
26 <sup>th</sup>	2:45pm	Rocksteady Concert
26 <sup>th</sup>		Last Scrabble Club
27 <sup>th</sup>		Last Tennis Club
28 <sup>th</sup>	9:10 – 9:45am	Daffodil Breakfast KS1
28 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 – 3:00pm	Y6 Horsham Junior Citizen
28 <sup>th</sup>	3:30 – 5:00pm	Easter Trail @ Ghyll Manor
29 <sup>th</sup>	2:45pm	Easter Songs and Readings @ St. Mary Magdalene Church
	3:30pm	End of Term



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<b>April</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Start of Term
26 <sup>th</sup>		Music Festival Rehearsal
<b>May</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00pm	ASSH Football
4 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Non - Uniform Bottle Day
7 <sup>th</sup>	All day	School closed - May Day bank holiday
8 <sup>th</sup>		Music Festival Rehearsal & Performance