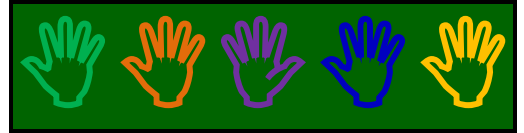


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Together we learn, together we succeed

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The second half term of this academic year has been filled with events and achievements. Thank you to all parents and stakeholders for your continued fantastic community support. Please read on for updates, notices and events.

November News

Girl's Football: At the time of writing the previous newsletter, Rusper Primary did not have a girl's football team. Five weeks down the line, it feels like there has always been one. The girls from Hobbit class have represented the school at two Horsham League meetings and have done incredibly well. They have learnt fast, shown very positive, happy attitudes in all the games they have played and been very well supported by parents. Big "well dones" all round.

'Enable Me' Day: Rusper was privileged to host a visit from the Enable Me team. Amanda, Ian, Vicki, Sam and Ben all have different disabilities. They worked with us to help pupils understand how they overcame some of the barriers they face. The activities included Wheelchair relays, Boccia (a popular game similar to Boules) and personal life stories. Rusper pupils listened carefully, asked excellent questions and learnt a lot about specific disabilities and about the resilience and successes of our guests.

Family phonics: A big thank you to all those parents who have attended the Family learning sessions in KS1. These times spent learning together are hugely valuable. The pupils really enjoy having a family member in the class with them; it also doubles the learning impact for the pupil as the teaching points are consistent between school and home.

Jeremy Quin MP: Rusper Primary was also privileged to be host to the MP for Horsham on the 3rd November. During his time at the school Mr. Quin visited every class and enjoyed speaking to all the pupils; asking them questions about British Values and democracy. He was impressed with the level of knowledge of the pupils and also with their attitudes toward learning in the classroom.

Remembrance: Rusper Primary was proud that members of the school choir attended the Remembrance service at St. Mary Magdalene Church. The ten-strong choir sung a simple modern piece called 'Sun Arise' to the congregation within the church. The whole service was very moving and several members of the congregation commented that the choir added a lovely dimension to the proceedings.

Photos for all these events can be found on the News thread on the front page of the website.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities for the Spring Term

We are very grateful to those parents who have offered to support pupil learning at school (either in lessons or in a club). With this increased parental support and additional funding for sporting opportunities now available, extra-curricular learning during the Spring term may now include (the list below is not exclusive, but are ideas which are currently being worked on – if you wish to suggest anything extra or get involved in any of these, please make an appointment with Mr. A) ...

- Glider Challenge Club (Parent)
- Scrabble Club (Parent)
- Science Club (Parent)
- Tennis Club (LTA coach)
- KS1 Multi-Sports (Horsham coach)

Notices

School

Nativity: As with last year, Rusper Primary will finish the Autumn Term with a Carols plus Nativity service at St. Mary Magdalene Church. The service will take place on 20th December and will start at 2:15pm. Parents / family members are all welcome and should arrive from 2:05pm. Thank you.

Drop Off: Unless absolutely necessary, please could KS1 parents avoid walking their child down to the classrooms in the morning. This will be both beneficial for your child's transition into the school setting and for the teacher/members of staff in your child's class as they will be either working with pupils already in school or preparing resources. If your child is upset, please bring them through the office if there is not a member of staff visible on the playground to support you. Alternative pick up arrangements should still be written on the board just inside the door. Important messages should be passed through the office, where they will then be passed directly to the teacher. If you require a meeting with the class teacher, an appointment should be made for after school. Thank you.

Report Cards: As with last year, parents can expect a termly report update. This will include information about your child's progress and attainment for the Autumn Term. It will also provide information regarding your child's attendance for the term. The report cards are intended to give you performance headlines and promote your interaction with the class teacher. These will be sent out at the beginning of the Spring Term.

Christmas Dinner Friday 15th December: Both KS1 and KS2 Christmas dinner orders need to be placed this week. KS1 to order through the office by Thursday 30th November and KS2 to order online as usual by Friday 1st December..

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

PTA

Class list app: Our PTA membership and fund-raising are both doing well. It has been proposed that the group trial use of the app 'Classlist' to maximise their efficiency and reach into the Rusper Parent community. This has been agreed by the school so please take the time to look at the information found at <https://classlist.com/pta.html> More specific information about registering your child's details, should you wish to, will be sent separately to this newsletter by email.

Christmas Shop: The PTA are very keen to receive your donations of items that can be used as gifts for the pupils to purchase for family members at the Christmas Shop. Gifts suitable for men or women or unisex for the children to buy at the Christmas Shop...in the past we've had toiletries, socks, scarves, mugs, small gadgets/games, chocolate, accessories, picture frames, pens, notebooks/pads, 2018 diaries, books etc.... Please can any donations be brought into the school the office by Wednesday 6th December. Thank you.

Christmas Bazaar: This event will run from 3:30pm in the Village Hall on Friday 8th December. It will be similar to last year, including stalls selling items (some created and run by pupils), games and refreshments. Please support our school and attend if possible. For those families attending, unless your child is involved in running a stall (you will be notified separately), please collect your child as normal from school and make your way round to the hall.

Community

Christmas Trees: Our sample Christmas tree is here in the playground for you to see. Orders need to be in to the office with payment by Monday 4th December & delivery to school is Tuesday 5th. They can be left at school if you can't collect them on that day, but this will be at your own risk.

Advent Calendars: Further to the email sent on Mon 27th November, 3D Beach Hut Advent calendars are available to purchase from the school office for £5. Proceeds go to the 'Beyond Church' organisation.

Dates

November		
30 th		Last Dance & Tag Rugby clubs today
December		
1 st	4.00-5.30pm	Girls Football League @ Tanbridge House School
7 th		Last Chess lunchtime club today
8 th	3.30-5.00pm	Christmas Bazaar - village hall
11 th	2:50 - 3:25pm	Rocksteady Bands Show - village hall
14 th	2:15pm - 3:00pm	Choir Carols at Durrant's Village
15 th	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day - Wear a Christmas jumper for a contribution to charity
15 th		Christmas Lunch Day
20 th	2:15pm	Christmas Nativity @ St. Mary Magdalene Church, Rusper. School finishes at 3.30pm
January		
4 th	From 8:50am	Start of Term - pupils in as usual
23 rd	1:00-3:00pm	Y5&6 Tag Rugby tournament @ Collyers
February		
12 th - 16 th		HALF TERM
19 th + 20 th		School Closed - INSET Days

Thank you for your continued support,

Nick Avey

Headteacher