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Dear Parents and Carers,

May News



Mayday

Glorious weather and a great time had by all... that was Rusper May day 2018! The Rusper Rock and Roll dancers performed brilliantly by the park; as did the Maypole dancers in the Church car park. It was lovely to see so many pupils and parents taking a part in the community. A big thank you to all those community members involved in the organisation of such a successful event; and also to the PTA for their fundraising activities on the day. Proceeds from the May Day committee will be going to improve village road safety.

Music Festival

Pupils from the Rusper choir joined other children from schools around Horsham for the annual music festival event. All the children had learnt and practised songs linked to the theme of suffrage and women's rights. At times, the singing was goose bump inducing, and the speeches about famous 'strong' women in history were well delivered and often moving. A big thank you to the event organisers and to Mrs McCorkell for her work with the Rusper choir.



Memorial Cherry Tree

It was a great pleasure to welcome John Jory and members of his family to the school to help us plant a new cherry tree. Mr Jory donated the tree to the school in memory of his mother, Jean Jory, who used to attend Rusper, and who sadly died in 2017. Members of John's family have been attending the school for nearly 100 years. The children were engrossed as John told us about some of his family members who have attended the school through the years. Daniel, John's grandson, is currently in Y1.



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School Notices

Staff Transition:

Unicorn parents are no doubt aware that Ms. Clarke has been absent from school recently. She has successfully undergone an operation and is recovering. Her full convalescence requires that she will be absent from school for the remainder of the summer term. In her absence, Unicorn class will be taught by Mrs Comber. We are very pleased and lucky to have this provision – Mrs. Comber is a staff member who already has a good working relationship with the Unicorn pupils. How we collectively support the pupils in Unicorn class at this time is very important. Unfortunately, Ms Clarke's absence is not something we were able to properly prepare them for in advance. Thus far, the children have been informed that Ms. Clarke is unwell. They will now be told that she has had an important operation and that she needs some time to get better. To help them process this, they will be involved in a card making exercise before half term. The card will be sent to Ms Clarke, who will in turn correspond with the pupils, via school, over the coming weeks. We thank you in advance for your support at home with this matter.

We are delighted to share with parents the news that Mrs. Lizzie Rodgers will be starting as Gruffalo teacher full time from this coming September. Dates are currently being agreed for transition days for our new reception starters, and for those parents involved there will be an opportunity to meet Mrs. Rodgers at the New Parents Welcome Meeting, which will be arranged for the second half of the Summer Term.

We are also delighted to announce that Ms Oddie has had a baby boy! Mother and son are doing well and we are sure you'll join us in sending our congratulations and well wishes to Ms Oddie and her family.

Handwriting pens for KS2 children

As part of our renewed focus on handwriting, each KS2 child has been provided with a specific handwriting pen. The pens have been carefully selected to enable both left and right handed pupils to write neatly and with speed, without any smudging and smearing across the page. We believe that handwriting is a basic skill that influences the quality of work throughout the curriculum, and helps give pupils pride in their work if its presentation is good quality. The school is not able to fund an unlimited supply of handwriting pens to KS2 children, and therefore ask that if a child needs an additional pen, parents purchase a suitable replacement. The pens we recommend are Paper Mate InkJoy 1.0mm medium point in black. These will be available to buy from the school office for 60 pence each.

General Data Protection Register

As part of GDPR compliance this week we have sent out a new electronic photograph and film footage consent form, which we ask all parents to complete. The form can be found [here](#). Please note that your consent can be withdrawn at any time by contacting the Data Protection Officer (Catherine Pinder) by email or in writing. You will have noticed that we are now moving to using electronic forms rather than paper forms in all areas of the school. We hope this is proving to be a convenient method for collecting your feedback, as it also ensures that we process the data securely. Over the coming months we will be implementing further changes to how we process your data, so please look out for communication about changes as and when they're implemented. For further information about how the school ensures compliance with the new GDPR guidelines, please see our website [here](#).



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Requesting absence for your child

Please could we draw your attention to a new area of the school website [here](#), which gives details of the school absence policy and includes access to the forms that you must complete in order to request an absence for your child. These electronic forms now replace the paper forms that were previously available from the office.

Please note that:

- Absence request forms must be completed at least 5 days before the planned absence, and will only be authorised by Mr Avey if there are exceptional circumstances for the request
- Appointment request forms must be completed with as much notice as possible.

Growing vegetables

The raised beds have been recently dug and are currently going through a period of weed suppressing. Our future vision is for pupils to cultivate winter vegetables annually. To get this started we would like to improve the quality of the soil in the beds. If any parents or school associates could provide a wheelbarrow's worth or two of horse manure for this purpose we would be very grateful. Please could any offers be passed through the office or by speaking to Mr. A at the gate. Thank you.

Car washing at the Star

The Star Inn has recently opened a new hand car-wash service, which is open every day in their car park from 8:00am to 6:00pm. The pricing is below. Please note the discounted rate for Rusper Primary parents, which is available between 8:00-10:00 am and 2.30-4:00pm each week day.

| Clean type | Small car | Large car | Parent price in happy hour |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Outside | £7 | £10 | - |
| Inside and outside | £15 | £18 | £10 |

Governor Notices:

You will have seen by now the information that has come to you by email about applying to become a parent governor at Rusper. If you would like more information as to what is involved there are some leaflets in the office provided by West Sussex. Please feel free to ask for one. You can also find out more information by emailing the Chair of Governors, Emma Worskett at eworskett@rusper.w-sussex.sch.uk

Friends of Rusper Primary School (formerly PTA) Notices:

A big thank you to those that voted on our name change! Friends of Rusper Primary School will be running a jumble sale on June 23rd, which will be a great opportunity to turn any unwanted items you may have into cash. Tables are available for sellers to pre-book for a fixed fee, please get in touch with Nikki Rooney if you'd like to book yours.

The Summer Fair will take place on July 13th, following Sports Day, so please put this date in your diary as we have some exciting ideas for this year's event.



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| May | Time | Event |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 24th | 3:40pm | Relationships and Sex Education Workshop (Y1 - Y6) |
| 28th - 1st June | | HALF TERM |
| June | | |
| 6th | 9:30 - 11:30am | School Council Event, Horsham |
| 22nd | All Day | ASSHletics KS2 |
| 23rd | 2:00 - 5:00pm | Friends of Rusper Primary School Jumble Sale |
| 27th | AM | ASSH Problem Solving |
| July | | |
| 6th | | INSET DAY |
| 13th | PM | Sports Day and Summer Fair |
| 17th | PM | ASSH Rounders, Warnham |
| 23rd | 2:45pm | Rock Steady Concert, Village Hall |
| 24th | 2:30pm | Y6 Leavers Assembly |
| 24th | 3.30pm | End of Term |