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Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Spring Term News



Rocksteady

Just before the Easter break we were delighted to put on another 'Rocksteady' concert. Rusper Primary was raucously rocked by our four fab rock bands

'Red Blue Fox'

'Flashing lights'

'Skull Star'

'Raging Rhinos'

Each band brought the house down with their unique versions of popular songs. Rocksteady band training continues this term.

Daffodil Breakfast

"One a penny, two a penny, Hot Cross Buns".

Children in Gruffalo and Unicorn class had a wonderful time taste-testing their own baked hot cross buns along with members of their families. Adults present were asked to write down their opinions of the buns they tried. All agreed that the buns were truly tasty. A big thank you to all who attended.



Lift Off

As a fantastic finish to their 'Area 51' topic, Hobbit class took turns to launch their own rockets. The 'Hobbits' had been challenged to research home-made rockets and build their own.

The rockets were mainly powered by compressed air, although some made use of expanding gas, produced in a chemical reaction, for thrust. The work put in and the results achieved were fantastic. Congratulations to A Smallwood for the longest measured flight. In addition, a special shout to O Bowden for a perfect flight trajectory and stunning landing. Again, thank you for all the help given at home and at school - Hobbits learnt a lot and had great fun.



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School Notices

Parent workshops:

We hope that you are all feeling keen this term... Rusper will be putting on a string of workshops over the next few weeks. All will be aimed at providing parents/carers with up to date information to help support learning at home. On offer this term are.

KS2 SAT preparation:	Y6 parents	Monday 23rd April	Hobbit classroom	3:40pm
E Learning for maths:	All year groups	Monday 30th April	Pegasus classroom	3:40pm
Improving Handwriting:	All year groups	Thursday 10th May	Unicorn Classroom	3:40pm
Relationships and Sex Education:	Y2-6 parents	Thursday 17th May	Y2 - Unicorn	
			Y3-4 - Pegasus }	3:40pm
			Y5-6 - Hobbit	

We will be very pleased to see all who can attend.

Free School Meals:

The criteria for applying for free school meals has recently changed. Eligibility has increased according to the new criteria. Clear details about the changes can be found at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/692199/Free_school_meals_guidance.pdf

Links to this guidance and the new downloadable application form can be found under School information on the school website. We would encourage parents to seek this support, if required, as it brings about additional funding for the school. Thank you

School support:

As always, any parents who wish to offer their services for reading support, in class support, running a club will be very welcome. Please enquire at the school office for an appointment to see Mr. A.

Family Fluency:

Following the continued success of Family Phonics in Gruffalo and Unicorn, we would like to provide an opportunity for family members of all pupils this term. Please watch this space for the introduction of 'Family Fluency'. This will be a once -weekly 20 minute session, first thing in the morning where family members are invited to come and take part in a games-based maths lesson alongside their children. This will be very motivational for your child and could help their learning significantly, so please do come if possible.

Staff Transition:

Rusper Primary School will be sad to lose the talents of Miss Barkley at the end of this term. Keen to progress her career, Miss B has successfully gained a new teaching post in a larger school in Crawley. This is an exciting and developmental opportunity for her, and we ask the whole school community to thank her for wonderful contributions to our school over the last four years; and to wish her well for the future.

School leaders and governors have already begun the search for the next bright teacher talent to replace Miss. Barkley. We aim to have appointed by half Term so that we can maintain a smooth transition for our current Reception pupils, and our new arrivals for September 18. Parents and carers will be kept fully informed once we have successfully appointed a new Gruffalo teacher.



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Unauthorised Absence:

As the holiday season approaches we would like to remind you that holidays during term time can be very disruptive to the children's learning. Holidays will not be authorised unless they are 'exceptional circumstances'. If you are thinking of going away during term time you will need to make an appointment to see Mr Avey to discuss. Unauthorised absence over 5 days (10 sessions) during any 10 week period is subject to a referral to the pupil entitlement team at the local authority, which may then result in a fine.

Uniform:

A reminder to all that Rusper Primary offers 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 tesco.com/ues, where you should select 'Rusper Primary School' from the list and you'll see the customised items available to purchase.

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.

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.

Cherry Tree

The beautiful cherry tree which used to be at the front of the school outside the school office window is being replaced by the Jory family in memory of Jean Jory. They have kindly donated a cherry tree which will be planted next week.

Governor Notices:

You will have seen by now the information that has come to you via Eschools 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

PTA Notices:

A big thank you from the PTA to everyone who supported the children's disco, the comedy night & Easter Egg Trail. The three events together raised over £1,600....another amazing total for a single term. We'll be reviewing these events & discussing future plans at the next PTA meeting on Friday 4th May. Please come along & have your say!

There will be a uniform sale after school this Friday - 20th April

The school will also 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.



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EVENTS (more dates will be added for after half term)

April	Time	Event
16 th	All day	Start of Term
23 rd	3:40pm	Y6 SATs prep workshop for parents
26 th	1:30 – 3pm	Music Festival rehearsal
30 th April	3:40pm	E-Learning – Maths workshop for parents

May		
3 rd	1:00pm	ASSH Football
4 th	All day	Non – Uniform Bottle Day
4 th	9:05am	PTA – Village Hall
7 th	All day	School closed - May Day bank holiday
8 th	1:30 – 3pm	Music Festival rehearsal
8 th	6-7pm	Music Festival performance @ Hawth theatre
10 th	3:40pm	Handwriting Workshop
14 th – 17 th	Each morning	SATs breakfast + KS2 Statutory tests
17 th	3:40pm	Relationships and Sex Education Workshop
23 rd	Morning	Inclusion Sports @ Kingslea