

# Rusper Primary School



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Together we learn, together we succeed

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term of this academic year has been exciting and filled with achievements. Please read on for some key updates and additions to the schedule for the Christmas half term.

## Help us give them more opportunities...

New clubs and incentives have been really going well so far...

**Football:** The Y5/6 boys competed in two rounds of the Horsham Primary League and did very well, especially at the second meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Horsham Sports Development wrote... *"Rusper will be pleased with their first appearance in the league, earning 6<sup>th</sup> place and always presenting themselves as competitive."*

Well done boys, and thank you to Mr. Snook for the high standard of coaching.

After half term there will be a league for a girl's football team. Mr. Snook will be building in opportunities during Thursday lunchtimes to coach the 1<sup>st</sup> girl's football team from Rusper

**KS1 Games:** Mr. A has been teaching some Y1 and 2 children outdoor problem solving games such as Pom Pom and inventing some of his own. The pupils are enjoying them greatly and building both their confidence and their ability to work together.

**Lego:** Always popular and attended by lego-lovers across the school age range. Models made so far include vehicles, letters, bridges and lego marble run (on display in the KS1 shared area)

**Dance:** Following the success of last year's **'Kids on Broadway'**, Miss. Barkley and the gang have already begun preparations for the next Horsham Dance Festival (March). Rusper can't wait..

**Chess:** KS2 boys and girls have been developing their understanding of the game through opportunities to play at lunch. The club has been well attended and the standard of some play is really encouraging. It is hoped that this opportunity will run through the year.

**Manga Breakfast:** Aimed at Y6 mathematicians. Twice a week before school there is juice, pastries and fruit + online number challenges and games... what's not to like? The club has been a great success, and many of the students are now undertaking more Manga maths at home. The school vision is to fund the purchase of an annual Manga High site licence and roll out the access to the Manga High website across other year groups.

**Rocksteady:** There have been six sessions with Huw now; the bands are really starting to gel and create sonic magic together. For all parents of budding rock stars please see below for a date when you will be invited to see the **'Orange Elephants'**, **'Red Blue Fox'**, **'Sleeping Lions'** and **'The Lightning Rock Champs'** perform.

**Tag Rugby:** Aply run by Kim, the sports coach from Horsham Sports Development. This will be taken over by Mr. A in the Spring Term ahead of up-coming tournaments.

**Netball:** From this week Mr. A will be encouraging KS2 boys and girls to take part in a lunch time training session every Friday. The aim will be to put together a team to compete in the Horsham netball league. Please see below for dates.

**Choir:** Mrs. McCorkell has created a new group of singers for the school. Those who attended the Harvest Festival heard sing the 'Harvest Samba' with good confidence. Our choir's next performance will be to sing carols to the good folk at Durrant's Retirement Village, Faygate in December.

## Rusper's Got Talent - Please send in your pictures (we've had five so far)

As part of a drive to celebrate the individuality of all our pupils & stakeholders, and the diversity within the Rusper community, I will be creating a 'Rusper's Got Talent' display in the HUB. The idea will be to celebrate any talents your child might possess. This could be a sporting talent of any kind, a musical talent, an ability to cook, an artistic ability, a knack for telling jokes, an ability to do magic tricks, a natural way with caring for animals, a talent for crosswords, a gymnastic or dancing ability – literally anything that your child is passionate about – if in doubt, think about when they are at their happiest... Please help us create a wonderful display by sending in a photo (either with your child or by email to the office). Also, this does not have to be confined to our pupils, our talents as adults can be a source of inspiration for the children so if you would like to be a role model for them and are happy to share a photo of yourself engaged in activity for which you have a talent, then please send a photo in too. Staff members and governors will be joining in...

## School facilities for hire

If any parents know of any local teams or groups that would like to make use of our all-weather sports court - aka 'The MUGA' – we would like to offer it up for hire after school hours on weekdays or at the weekend. Also, if any parents would like to start a local netball, basketball or 5 a-side football team, this could be the opportunity for you. We are also willing to make our field available for other out-of-hours activities eg tag-rugby, rounders, stoolball etc. If you are interested please make contact with Mrs. Pinder in the office.

## Dates

<b>September</b>		
23 <sup>rd</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>		Half Term
22 <sup>nd</sup>		Silver Service @ Rusper Church
31 <sup>st</sup>	All Day	'Enable Me' group visiting school
31 <sup>st</sup>		Last day for Y7 school applications
<b>November</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9-9.45am	PSHCE Parent Workshop
6 <sup>th</sup>	4.00-6.30pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
8 <sup>th</sup>	4.00-6.30pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-10.30am	Prospective Parents Open Morning
13 <sup>th</sup>		Last Lego Club Today
15 <sup>th</sup>	3:35 -6:00pm	Netball League @ Collyers
17 <sup>th</sup>	4.00-5.30pm	Girls Football League @ Tanbridge House School
20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-10.30am	Prospective Parents Open Morning
27 <sup>th</sup>		Last Football club today
30 <sup>th</sup>		Last Dance & Tag Rugby clubs today
<b>December</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	4.00-5.30pm	Girls Football League @ Tanbridge House School
5 <sup>th</sup>		Last Outdoor Games lunchtime club today
7 <sup>th</sup>		Last Chess lunchtime club today
8 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-5.00pm	Christmas Bazaar – village hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	2:50 – 3:25pm	Rocksteady Bands Show
14 <sup>th</sup>	2:15pm – 3:00pm	Choir Carols at Durrant's Retirement Village, Faygate
15 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day – Wear a Christmas jumper for a contribution to charity
15 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Lunch Day
20 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Nativity – time tba. School finishes at 3.30pm

## Notices

- If you haven't done so already, please book your parent eve appointment with your child's teacher for 6<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> November. Mr. A and Emma Worskett (Chair of Governors) will both be available during those evenings and will be happy to speak to you without appointment

- Following very low attendance at the last two evening parent workshops, all subsequent parent workshops will be held between 9 and 10am in the village hall. Hand-outs and workshop documents will be emailed to all parents following any workshop run by the school. The next workshop will be **Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. The focus will be **changes to Ruser Personal, Social and Citizenship Education – this includes Sex and Relationships Education**.
- Please keep an eye on the school website. Each week new updates are added to the news feed. These include photos from events and pupil awards – it reinforces the importance we place on pupil achievement if parents see their child’s achievements published and celebrate with them. This in turn helps our children’s self – esteem and confidence. The latest newsletters from school, governors and PTA will also be on the front page of the website.
- A new Chartwells menu starts after half term, this has been sent out to parents via email.

**Please note:** This half term there have been a few children arriving at school without a meal organised. We cannot guarantee to be able to provide a meal but will endeavour to do so. Where a meal is provided in this situation a charge of £2.30 will be made to the parents to cover it.

Thank you for your continued support,

Nick Avey  
Headteacher