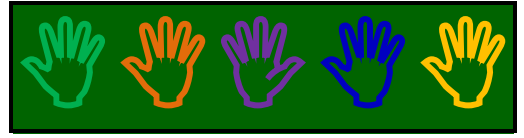


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Together we learn, together we succeed

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated welcome back to you all! The school break quickly passed and here we are in September again.

Last year was successful in many ways; many of them due to the great parental support we received. Following on from the 'GOOD' OFSTED inspection last term, staff and governors wanted to re-address the school vision for the future. I'm pleased to share with all community members our new school values and vision statement. These will be the statements that we use to guide the way we educate the children at Rusper Primary School. So, from this point forward...

Our welcoming learning community nurtures the attributes and develops the fundamental skills which enable everyone to contribute, flourish and succeed

I hope that we can work together to make this a reality and encourage the Rusper pupils to fully understand what it means to be...

COLLABORATIVE RESPECTFUL ENTHUSIASTIC CURIOUS INDEPENDENT

To engage parents and carers more in the broader meanings behind the vision statement and the values there will be two workshops. Please see below for dates and times.

Improvements

At Rusper this year we will be seeking to improve our curriculum by improving our science provision; learning a new language – Spanish; adopting a brand new approach to personal, social and health education including sex and relationships (there will also be a workshop on this – see below for dates); more 1st hand learning opportunities; new music opportunities; new sporting opportunities; increased clubs provision, including those dedicated to academic support; fundraising incentives for new equipment / installations to name but a few.

Help us give them more opportunities

As part of our drive to give our pupils as many opportunities as possible may I ask if any parents or family members would like to get involved in helping to run a school club. If you have the time, skills and willingness please come forward and have a word with any member of staff. The kinds of things we might like more help with are any specific sports, gardening, reading, Spanish, arts; or maybe you have a unique passion or endeavour that you think some pupils might also be interested in. Whatever it might be your ideas and support would be very welcome indeed. (Adults regularly working with school children will be required to seek a DBS form)

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.

Rusper's Got Talent

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...

Dates

September		
18 th		Clubs start
19 th	AM	Individual Tempest Photographs
22 nd	All Day	Jeans for Genes Day – Wear some denim for a contribution to charity.
27 th	5.15-8.15pm	Tanbridge Open Evening
28 th	6.00-8.30pm	The Weald Open Evening
29 th	11am	Harvest Festival – Rusper Church
29 th	4.00pm	Boys Football Open League Meeting @ Horsham Park
October		
2 nd	9-9.45am & 6-6.45pm	School Vision Workshop
3 rd	5.30-8.30pm	Millais Open Evening & Girls Football @ Tanbridge School
5 th	5.30-8.00pm	Forest Open Evening
8 th	11am	Pet Blessing Service – Rusper Church
13 th	4.00pm	Boys Football Open League Meeting @ Horsham Park
17 th	11am	Flu vaccinations for R,Y1,Y2,Y3 & Y4
23 rd -29 th		Half Term
22 nd		Silver Service @ Rusper church – Possibility of choir singing
31 st	All Day	'Enable Me' group visiting school
31 st		Last day for Y7 school applications
November		
2 nd	9-9.45am & 6-6.45pm	PSHCE Parent Workshops
6 th	4.00-6.30pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
8 th	4.00-6.30pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
13 th	9.30-10.30am	Prospective Parents Open Morning
13 th		Last Lego Club Today
17 th	4.00-5.30pm	Girls Football League @ Tanbridge House School
20 th	9.30-10.30am	Prospective Parents Open Morning
27 th		Last Football club today
30 th		Last Dance & Tag Rugby clubs today
December		
1 st	4.00-5.30pm	Girls Football League @ Tanbridge House School
5 th		Last Outdoor Games lunchtime club today
7 th		Last Chess lunchtime club today
8 th	3.30-5.00pm	Christmas Bazaar – village hall
15 th	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day – Wear a Christmas jumper for a contribution to charity. Christmas Lunch Day
20 th		Christmas Nativity – time tba. School finishes at 3.30pm

Notices

Online applications for Y7 school places in September 2018 are now open. Please complete your application by Tuesday 31st October. Information about this was given out to Y6 pupils last week. If you need any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support,

Nick Avey
Headteacher