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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy start to the term with a lot of exciting new initiatives. It's great seeing parents and children at the 'Daily Mile' sessions, making use of the grounds each morning to run and exercise. If you haven't tried this yet, please do if you can.

Please find below some up to date notices and events.

Extra-curricular clubs

In addition to the clubs already running, please note that Mr. A will be running Y6 Manga Breakfast on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 8:15 and 8:45 in the Group Room. As before, there will be a charge of £1 per pupil, per session to cover breakfast costs.

The club will start on Monday 8th October and run from then on throughout the year with the exception of Wednesday 7th November when the club will not be available.

Harvest

This year we are trialling a different approach to Harvest celebrations. On Friday 5th October there will be a Harvest assembly in the village hall. This will be led by the school with Father Nick in attendance. However, unfortunately, for capacity reasons, this will not be a celebration that involves parents. We will still be collecting food contributions for Crawley Open House and we ask that food donations are brought into school on Friday 5th ready to be collected by the charity. Thank you.

House Mascot Competition

Following a great suggestion from a parent, a competition has been launched through school council for the pupils to design a cuddly mascot for their school house. Our school houses are Red 'Swallows' and Blue 'Swifts'. If your child wishes to, they should design one cuddly bird for their house. Please see the attached doc. Thank you.

Online Maths Systems

RPS has recently cancelled its subscription to MyMaths in favour of an updated subscription to Mangahigh. Currently Mangahigh is accessible to Y3 upwards. By mid October, it will be accessible to Y1 and 2 pupils also. As with MyMaths, use of Mangahigh will form part of weekly homework expectations moving forward. To support this, there will be a Manga workshop for Y1, 2, 3 & 4 parents on Thursday 4th October at 3:30pm in the Pegasus Classroom. Please do come if you can – it will help you help your child. Thank you.

PGL Residential Trip – Action required by Y5 & Y6 Parents

Following the success of the last visit in June 2017, the Hobbit residential trip to Marchant's Hill is set to take place again in June 2019. There will be an introductory parent meeting to introduce the trip, discuss the costs and basic arrangements. Y5 & Y6 parents please click this [link](#) to complete the form telling us if you are able to make the meeting.



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Governors – A note from E Worskett (Chair of Governors)

We hope you all had a lovely summer break and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new parents this year.

We have had our Housekeeping Meeting already this year so all the governor roles have been allocated, meeting dates have been set, we have been presented with the contents of the new annual School Improvement Plan so we are set for another great year at Rusper. As well as our usual governor roles, we are trying to improve the profile of our class governors. These governors are assigned to classes but not in a monitoring capacity. It is for governors to get to know the children, teachers and teaching assistants in their particular classes and to build a relationship with all. Governors will be contacting teachers soon to arrange when they can visit to either celebrate the work their class has been doing or be part of a particular themed lesson for instance

F.O.R.P.S – A note from Nikki Rooney (Chair of F.O.R.P.S)

Thanks to all the parents and carers that came along to the first meeting of the year on Friday 14th Sept. It was lovely to see such a mix of new and existing parents and carers. The big change to note is that following a parent vote back in May, the PTA is changing its name to Friends of Rusper Primary School or FORPS for short. With this in mind we have this lovely new logo that you will see on all information, events and activities so that you know it is from us.



We will be continuing to use Classlist for all our communication, so if you haven't registered for your free account yet then you can do so here...<http://www.classlist.com>

Each year group also has a FORPS rep who will be happy to talk to you at any time. They are:

Reception – Laura Mott (William's mum)

Year 1 – Shona Laachal (Eisa's mum)

Year 2 - Mel Bowden (Toby & Ollie's mum)

Year 3 – Lorna Prill (Aurelia's mum)

Year 4 – Jo Houslander (Eleanor's mum)

Year 5 – Judy Warren (Harriet & Rupert's mum)

Year 6 - Martina Forsyth (Reece's mum)



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There are a number of ways that all parents and carers can get involved. We have decided this year not to put out a formal request for subs, but should anyone wish to help kick start our fundraising for the year then we will happily accept a £10 donation per family. Just drop it into the office in an envelope labelled for FORPS. For those of you that shop online we are continuing to collect donations via EasyFundraising. You can register for a free account using this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/EVLAY1/EMWXIQ/> and if you download the 'donation reminder' or app then every time you shop online using easyfundraising you will be asked whether you want to collect a donation for the school, at no additional cost to yourself. We will also need volunteer helpers for our fundraising events and activities throughout the year so if you are available on the day or to help with the organisation just send us a message via Classlist or a note left at the office to let us know.

New for this year we have also agreed to organise a FORPS school maintenance working group to help maintain the school building and grounds. This group will meet as required but there is already quite a long list of jobs that need doing so the first get together will be @2:30pm on Sunday 7th October. All the details are on Classlist, but if you have any questions you can talk to either myself, or Wayne Mott, any parent or teacher should be able to direct you to in the playground.

In terms of a fundraising target and what we are raising funds for this year, we are hoping to be able to raise over £6,000 again this year. We already have £8,750 raised from previous years and so we are exploring the logistics of using the existing concrete slab by the small playground to site a new structure to provide an additional breakout/classroom/practice space. This would require planning permission and it is not something that we can rush but it would be a fantastic achievement and boost for the school if we can make this happen. If anyone has any expertise, skills or resources that could benefit this project then please let either myself or Mr A. know.

Dates

Autumn Term 2018

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September		
Fri 28 th	9am	Individual School Photographs – All Years
October		
Tues 2 nd	3.40pm	Hobbit – PGL Meeting for parents
Thurs 4 th	3.30pm	Manga Workshop for Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 parents in Pegasus classroom
Fri 5 th		Harvest – Assembly in school
Mon 15 th	All Day	Able Writers day at Chichester Cathedral (Don't order hot lunch)
Tues 16 th		Hobbit & Pegasus History Actors WW1 Workshop
22 nd – 26 th		HALF TERM
Tues 30 th		Able Maths day at Heron Way (Don't order hot lunch)



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November		
Thurs 1 st	9.30am	Open Morning for Prospective parents – Sept '19 intake
Mon 5 th	PM	Parent Meetings
Tues 6 th	9.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents – Sept '19 intake
Wed 7 th	PM	Parent Meetings
Sun 11 th	TBC	Remembrance Sunday
Thurs 29 th	TBC	Hobbit Boys - Crawley Town Graduation
December		
Wed 5 th	AM	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 7 th	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 14 th	PM	Christmas Fair
Mon 17 th	2.45pm	Rocksteady Performance
Wed 19 th	3.30pm	End of Term
Spring Term 2019		
January 2019		
Thurs 3 rd & Fri 4 th	All Day	Inset Days
Mon 7 th		Spring Term Begins