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**Together we learn, together we succeed**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

*A huge thank you to all in the Rusper Primary community for their support at the end of last term. Although it was a difficult time for staff and the Hobbit pupils with Mr Seagroatt's awful accident, the close knit nature of our school shone through as we all supported each other, and showed our collective support for the Seagroatt family. All gifts and pupil letters and videos were gratefully received by Mrs Seagroatt. The school continues to maintain contact with the family and I can share that Mr Seagroatt is receiving the best care, and continues to improve gradually.*

*Despite this, it was wonderful to be part of the YR-2 Nativity - 'The Inn-spectors', the choir singing at Durrant's Village, a very well attended Christmas Bazaar and equally well attended Carol Service at the church. Thank you one and all.*

*The start to the new term has been busy and purposeful. I have been impressed by the positive attitudes shown by the pupils to the staffing adjustments and to their work in general.*

*We have many exciting things to look forward to this term. Among them are new learning opportunities, events and after school clubs. Please read on...*

*Best wishes, Mr. A*

### **Upcoming Additional Learning Opportunities**

#### **Get Into Music**

This West Sussex Music programme, delivered by Mrs Ryder, continues for pupils in Y1 and 2. This term the pupils are discovering the recorder. Please see below for a newly added date for a concert before the Easter Break.

#### **Family phonics**

This is a weekly practical session for YR & 1 parents to come and join the phonics learning in class – great for boosting phonic development at home. The sessions will take place on Wednesday mornings between 9:05 and 9:25. The first session will be next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Singing with Mr Weaver**

Mr Weaver is an ex music teacher and Rusper local. He will be supporting singing assemblies on a voluntary basis each week. He will be playing the keyboard and helping the pupils to sing as an ensemble.

#### **Spanish Support**

Mr. A has been working with Mrs Klempa (a private Spanish tutor) to see if her expertise can be brought into the school and add weight to the Spanish delivered as part of the curriculum. Mrs Klempa is proposing to run two lunchtime clubs (one KS1 pupils and one for KS2). These will be specialist clubs, that will include a charge to parents. There will be more detail to follow in a separate letter. Parents who may be interested should think of these clubs in the same way as small group music lessons. Mrs Klempa and the school are also considering the possibility her delivering whole class Spanish sessions during class time.

#### **Science Week**

Science Week runs from 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March. The school has won some funding to run a specific science project. With the help of members of the parental community, we are aiming for pupils to investigate the way adults use science within their daily jobs. Again, we are very excited about bringing the community into RPS learning. Please keep a look out for continued specific information about this.

#### **Book Week**

Runs from 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March. This year RPS is collaborating with a WS historical group to investigate the works of Hillaire Beloc, a local, late 19<sup>th</sup> Century poet. He is famous for works such as 'The Bad Child's Book of Beasts' and 'Cautionary Tales for Children'. The Book Week activities will include drama workshops run by actors, recitals, dressing up and, of course, 'World Book Day' – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Notices**

### **Staffing**

RPS has successfully appointed two new staff members since returning after Christmas.

Congratulations go to **Mrs C Garabet** who will be replacing **Mrs Pinder** as the school business manager before half term.

Congratulations also **Mrs K Smallwood** who will be providing a small amount of additional learning support on Thursday and Friday afternoons in the Hobbit classroom.

### **School Closures**

As the weather has turned significantly wintery this week, please remember to check the school website for information each morning. If the school needs to close, this information will be on the banner at the top of the home page, and also as a separate news item, where more detail can be found.

### **Uniform/Presentation**

Tesco have moved their uniform production over to a company called My Clothing (myclothing.com). The range of Rusper uniform items available and prices remain exactly the same as with Tesco. Any orders that are pre-existing with Tesco will be honoured and completed.

Please could parents ensure that children come to school following uniform policy protocols detailed below...

- That girls continue to wear their hair tied back with a narrow hair band only.
- Pierced ears need to be taped and where they have been pierced for more than 6 months they need to be removed for school.
- Completely black trainers only as an alternative to school shoes
- Full PE kit is in school on the days your child has PE.

Many thanks.

### **E Safety**

For the parents of keen 'gamers', please continue to be vigilant with monitoring the 'chat' networks they are accessing through games such as 'Fortnite'. It is apparent from a couple of recent pupil reports, that some children may be chatting with strangers whose identity is unknown.

From a pupil well-being point of view, we do often see evidence of tired children. In this context, we ask parents to continue to manage/limit their children's screen-time and gaming. Many thanks.

### **Parent Access in the morning**

If possible, please could all parents try and avoid entering the school at drop off time in the morning. We ask this for two reasons:

- To keep building pupil independence and confidence
- To minimise risk in congested cloakroom areas (this is particularly the case if the parent has a push chair too).

### **Gruffalo Resources**

Please could any parents who have toys, games, puzzles etc that they are considering recycling or discarding, consider the school. Mrs Rodgers in Gruffalo class would be grateful for any such donations. Many thanks

## **Governors –**

Well it is hard to believe we are nearly half way through the academic year already. Governors have just had their first Full Governing Body meeting of the term where amongst other items we discussed the School Improvement Plan and its focus for this term as well as governor's planned monitoring for the term.

Governors will be present at the upcoming Parents' Evenings during the last week before half term to carry out a Parent Questionnaire as we did last year. The views of our parents at Rusper are extremely important to us so please take time to fill out one questionnaire per child. We really do appreciate it. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Emma Worskett, Chair of Governors

## **F.O.R.P.S –**

Friday 8th Feb - school disco 17:00-18:30 in Rusper Village Hall. All Rusper Primary children, friends & relatives welcome. Tickets £3.50 each available on sale from the school office.

### NOTE

- parents/guardians of Reception class children are requested to stay.
- this is the only disco planned this academic year so will be the last chance for Year 6 children to boogie with their friends.

Friday 15th Feb - end of term FORPS non uniform day. £1 donation per child will be collected at the school gates. All children will be entered into the draw to win a cake to take home. Winner will be notified before the end of the day.

## SCIENCE PROJECT

Thanks to everyone who has responded so far...please respond even if you don't consider yourself a scientist...lots of jobs utilise knowledge learnt through science. For example mechanics, plumbers, builders, ground workers, electricians, gardeners, beauticians, farmers, marketing, IT, anyone working with animals, childcare providers, cooks, bakers, cleaners, coffee makers, sport/fitness trainers...Any parents who would like to support this project can still sign up [HERE](#)

Thanks, Nikki

# Dates

<b>Spring Term 2019</b>		
<b>January 2019</b>		
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>		Next PGL instalment due
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Booking open for Parent's Evenings
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Swimming
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>		Swimming
<b>February</b>		
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5.30-6.30	Disco £3.50 Tickets available in the office.
		Booking closes for Parent's Evenings
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4.00-6.30	Parent Meetings
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4.00-6.30	Parent Meetings
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Non-Uniform Day – Win a cake
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>		HALF TERM
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>		Back to school
<b>March</b>		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>		Book Week
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>		Book Day Dress Up
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30	Comedy Night
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>		Science Week
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	2.45	Unicorn Getin2Music Performance in the village hall
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>		ASSH Tag Rugby
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>		National Skipping Day
<b>April</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	2.45	Rocksteady Concert
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Easter Trail
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Last Swimming Lesson for Years 3,4 & 5
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Last Day of Spring Term Non Uniform Day – Bottle Tombola 'Patrick' film screening in the village hall.