



## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carers,

'As educators, we need to be role models to the young children in our care and we need to remain enthusiastic about spending time in all weathers.' This statement has come from the RSPB's first blog about the visit Ash Class made to Rye Meads last year to do some pond dipping. The blog features some of the children's work and we are very proud to share it with you. Please follow the link - [RSPB Rye House community blog](#).

Sometimes it can be a bit hard to be enthusiastic, especially on these rainy days, but as I watch the children excitedly going off to Forest school in the rain, it reminds me of how important this is and how privileged we are in our little school to be able to provide these wonderful learning opportunities for our children. As Aristotle said, 'To see the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand outdoors.'

Willow Class are deep into their topic of Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. In English they have been writing imaginative stories about an adventure in a tunnel and on Thursday the whole class took a walk to St Nicholas Church for a close look at how a building in the old days was built. They came back with great excitement having listened to the old clock ticking, the church bells ringing and a walk up the spiral stair case of the church turret. Today you may be surprised to see a few children (and teachers) dressed up for their Castle experience day! Children learn best when they are having fun and how true this is!

I hope many of you are able to join us for our first Class Celebration assembly today at 2:45pm, led by Oak class. Oak Class have been busy learning about Greek Gods and can't wait to share what they have been doing in class with you. I have been very impressed with how well the Year 4s have risen to the challenge of being leaders of the school and it is great to see them taking on more responsibility around the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lynda Cowler

### Heads Monitoring

Every Friday, Mrs. Cowler draw's a number out of her special bag to find out who the lucky children are, that will have a chance to share what they have been doing in class with her. It's a chance for Mrs. Cowler to not only monitor the teaching and learning in the class but, for her to also hear what the children think about their learning and school experiences.

**Year 3 – Archie - "I am proud of my writing. I wish I could do more! I am also proud of Maths. My teacher says I am a Maths master!"**

**Year 2 – Rocco - "I am proud of everything. I like everything. I like Mrs. Wade - she helps me."**

**Year 3 – Jessie - "I am proud of my Maths because it is challenging and I like that."**

**Year 1 – Emilie - "I am proud of doing my work. I like numbers and I like playing and lunch"**



### Headteacher Awards

Well done to the following children who have had a Headteacher's award for showing Resilience, working hard, making excellent progress and following our school values.



### House Points

Ruby Emerald Amber Sapphire



## Consent forms

Thank you to those who have returned the recent forms sent home with your child/children. Please can we ask for the reply slips for the Flu Vaccination and the Data Collection sheet to be returned to the office. If we do not receive a consent form for the Flu Vaccination by 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019, then your child will not receive the vaccination

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club is up and running. Children from R – Yr 4 are welcome to come along from 7.45am – 8.45am where they can have breakfast (cereal or toast) at a cost of £5.00 per morning. If you wish to book a space for your child/children then please speak to the office staff.

## Free School Meals

**Please Apply – even if your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2!**

The Government use Free School Meal numbers to allocate additional funding for schools – this is called the Pupil Premium Grant. It is worth an additional £1300 per qualifying pupil in school – money we use to purchase resources and specialist support for your child. There is a link on our website to apply for Free School Meals – **please apply – even if you think you will not qualify and even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.** It is an entitlement, not a benefit.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

## NUTS IN SCHOOL:

Please make sure your children do not bring food containing nuts or Sesame Seeds into school, due to some children having severe allergies. This includes home packed lunches.

## School Dinners

The cost of school dinners are **£2.50 daily for Nursery Children and Oak Class.** This can be paid via the School Gateway.

## Healthy Snack

The school provides a healthy snack of fruit for all children at break time.

Please do not send a snack in with your child/children.

## Weather

As the weather is very changeable at the moment, please ensure your child/children wear suitable clothing for the day. **If it is sunny, please send your children in to school with sun cream already applied and a sun hat. If it is raining, please send your children with a rain coat**

## PE Kits and Wellies

Please can you ensure that your child/children have their PE kits and wellies in school daily.

## Additional Diary Dates.

### December 2019

10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Nativity times have been amended please see below for new times  
10<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am, 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm & 12<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am