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Dear Parents and Carers,



A big thank you to the pupils who took part in the Remembrance Service on the 11th. It was a great honour for RPS to support this very special and moving event. Well done to all pupils who contributed Remembrance artwork in the run up to the 11th. A special mention should go to Finton in Y3 who produced an excellent design which was used as the cover for the Order of Service. To mark the centenary of the 1918 Armistice, both Pegasus and Hobbit classes have a specific WW1 focus in their current class learning. They have already produced some excellent empathy writing in the form of letters home from the Western Front.

Further to this, a big thank you to all parents for your great support with new incentives this term. Pupil engagement with homework and online maths is fantastic. It has also been great to see full classrooms when parents have been invited in – this is so positive for the children.

Mr. A

Notices

Tag Rugby Club

Mr A will be running the popular tag rugby club with pupils from Y4 upwards. The club will be open to boys and girls. It will run on Tuesday after school: 3:30 – 4:15pm. The first session will be Tuesday 20th November, and will continue right up to the end of this term and throughout the Spring Term. It is intended that the school will take a team to 2/3 competitive tournaments in the Spring Term. Please click the [link](#) to sign your child up... Thank you.



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'Get Into Music'

Since September, RPS has been using the services of a W Sussex music teacher (Ms Ryder) to deliver this scheme to our Y1 and 2 pupils. The scheme introduces pupils to a variety of instruments – one instrument per term. This term the children have been learning the basics of djembe drumming, and they would like to share their work with you..! Thus, we would like to invite all parents/carers of Y1&2 pupils to a drumming show in the Village Hall at 2:45pm on Wednesday 21st November.

Book Fayre

RPS is working with the 'Book People' to host a week-long book fayre. From Monday 19th to Friday 23rd November, a large selection of children's books will be on sale in the Village Hall. Opportunities to buy the books will take place daily between 3:20 and 3:45pm. Please support us and your child's reading by coming and having a browse.

What's in it for parents? up to 75% reduction from RRP on many new and current books.

What's in it for the school? Commission in the form of free books to stock our shelves.

What in it for my child? Greater access to reading all round.

Staff Transition:

Rusper Primary School will be sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Pinder at the end of this term. Mrs Pinder has decided the time is right to move on, and we collectively thank her for all her great work. Under her management, RPS has made significant steps forward. We wish her well for the future.

School leaders and governors have already begun the process to find a new school business manager for January 2019. Parents and carers will be kept fully informed once we have successfully appointed a new person into the role.

Daily Mile Mornings

We would like to keep encouraging pupils, accompanied by their parents, to use our school grounds for morning exercise before school. If your child wishes to use the gym equipment, it is essential from a safety point of view, that a parent or carer should watch their child from a close distance whilst they are on any piece of equipment. Additionally, please do not leave your child on-site unsupervised before the doors open at 8.50am. Thank you.

Manga Maths

The Mangahigh online maths site is both popular and effective at raising standards in pupils core number skills. Log ins have now been issued to our Y1 and 2 pupils. Tasks will be set weekly by class teachers, which pupils should complete as part of homework. To have the most impact, pupils should access the Manga site little and often e.g. 15 mins per day. To incentivise this, one pupil from each year group, each week will receive a certificate for the most complete activities in Friday's celebration assembly.



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1st Aid Communication

In order to improve efficiency at school, all 1st Aid communication home will now be done via phone call. This will replace the combination of standard emails and calls for more serious incidents that were used previously. Where the call is simply to report a routine treatment, a member of staff will leave a message if there is no answer. Where there is a more serious incident or emergency, a member of staff will continue to call all available numbers until there is an answer.

Whole School Photo

RPS is considering having a whole school photo taken this academic year, instead of the usual class 'vistas'. This is something the school hasn't had done since 2008 and would be great for the children to be part of. We would like to gauge parental interest, as we would need to sell at least 20 photographs to cover the cost. Please follow the [link](#) to indicate if this is something you would be interested in.

Christmas

The following events are now planned to celebrate Christmas at school.

Christmas Jumper day: Friday 7th December – Pupils to bring in contributions to our Christmas shop (usually two small gift items)

Christmas Dinner: Thursday 13th December – Please order in advance, as usual, if you wish your child to have school Christmas dinner

Choir at Durrant's Village: Thursday 13th December @2:00pm – Choir will sing carols for the residents at Durrant's Village

Christmas Shop: Friday 14th December during the morning – Pupils bring in £4 (£2 per present) to buy a gift for their parents/carers

Christmas Bazaar: Friday 14th December from 3:35pm – Christmas fayre from our pupils and external companies + Christmas fun and refreshments.

Nativity: Tuesday 18th December @ 2:30pm – a KS1 production for parents in the Village Hall.

Carols: Wednesday 19th December @2:30pm – a whole school + parents carol service in the village church.



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Governors – A note from B Kiely (new school governor)

Back in July I became a co-opted governor. If I am honest, I wasn't sure what to expect ...my previous first-hand knowledge of schools was limited to being a parent. However, I have a strong business and consultancy background and have always felt passionately that education is what makes a difference to people's lives.

My governor experiences so far have been humbling – there is a lot to learn and the span of work covered by the governors is as broad as any other business, with additional critical aspects such as safeguarding. I am genuinely in awe of the commitment and energy Mr. Avey and the team put into creating the best learning environment they can for the children. It makes me feel proud to be part of the team that supports this.

Finally, I have to mention the children; every time I visit the school I see happy faces, eager to learn and making the most of what the school can offer. I love the way learning can be extended outside the classroom to develop their imagination and confidence. This term, I have been treated to a full meal from the Gruffalo mud kitchen, a puppet show and full instructions on how to build the 'best' train track!!

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

The Class Fundraising Christmas orders have been received & are currently being sorted for collection hopefully later this week. Please look out for further details on this.

Friday 7th December is 'Christmas Jumper' day. Rather than a £1 charitable donation on this day we would like each child to bring in two 'small gift items' to stock the children's christmas shop. One gift must be suitable for men, the other suitable for women. The children's Christmas shop is a special tradition at Rusper that gives all children the opportunity to buy and wrap up to two gifts to give as surprise presents. If we do not receive enough gift items for all children to participate then we will be unable to run the Christmas shop.

Please also ensure items are appropriate to be given by a child, we cannot include gifts of alcohol for example.

All raffle tickets stubs & unsold tickets need to be returned to the office by Monday 10th December. Remaining tickets will be available to buy at the Christmas Fair on Friday 14th December.

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Nikki



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Dates

Autumn Term 2018		
November		
Tues 20 th		2 nd Payment for PGL due (Hobbit Parents)
Wed 21 st	2:45pm	Y 1& 2 Drumming performance in Village Hall
Fri 23 rd		Christmas Tree Orders in
Thurs 29 th	tbc	Hobbit Boys - Crawley Town Graduation
December		
Wed 4 th		Christmas Trees delivered to school.
Wed 5 th	AM	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 7 th	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 13 th	Lunchtime 2:00pm	Christmas Dinner Day Carols at Durrant's Village
Fri 14 th	AM PM	Christmas Shop Christmas Fair
Mon 17 th	2.45pm	Rocksteady Performance
Tues 18 th	2:30pm	Nativity - Village Hall
Wed 19 th	2.30pm	Carols at the Church End of Term
Spring Term 2019		
January 2019		
Thurs 3 rd & Fri 4 th	All Day	INSET DAYS
Mon 7 th		Spring Term Begins
Wed 9 th		Swimming begins for Years 3,4 & 5
February		
18 th - 22 nd		HALF TERM
Mon 25 th		Back to school
March		
April		
Wed 3 rd		Last Swimming Lesson for Years 3,4 & 5
Fri 5 th	3.30pm	Last Day of Spring Term
Summer Term 2019		
Tues 23 rd		Term Begins
May		
13 th - 17 th		Y6 Bikeability
27 th - 31 st		HALF TERM
June		
Mon 17 th - Fri 21 st		Hobbit PGL Residential
Fri 28 th		INSET
July		
Tues 23 rd	3.30pm	Last Day of Summer Term