



# Rushcombe First School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good half term break.

It has been a busy half term at school with most of the building works now completed. The new school reception and office area is now open, the foundation base has been refurbished, and the library and hall have been decorated. The school is looking lovely with its improved accommodation and facilities. My thanks go to Scullys and the staff for their help in getting the school ready for the children in such a short time. Thank you to everyone for their support and cooperation during the building programme over the last half term.

Thank you so much for all your kind donations for our Harvest Festival Celebration Week and attending our cake sales at the end of each day. The children enjoyed making cakes, biscuits and bread and are thrilled that we raised £408.97 for the charity FoodAid. FoodAid helps vulnerable communities around the world by providing essential seeds, animals and tools. The children are keen that some of the money raised is put towards the purchase of a buffalo to help with ploughing so that farmers can grow more food.

Just before half term, we said goodbye and thank you to Miss Osborne who has gone on to pursue further training. We wish her all the best for the future.

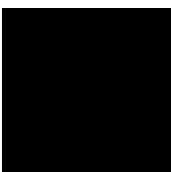
## Class Names

As you may be aware, each class now has a name based on different trees in our environment. The class names are as follows:

Foundation:	Mrs Connolly - Oak	Miss Newbury - Ash
Year 1:	Miss Gerra - Elm	Miss Gurney - Pine
Year 2:	Miss Brown - Chestnut	Mrs Russell - Willow
Year 3:	Mrs Joyner - Maple	Mr McCormick - Beech
Year 4:	Mrs Ely/Mrs Hill - Hawthorn	Mrs Benham/Mrs Holmes - Rowan

## School Photographs

A reminder that on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November, a photographer will be coming to school to take individual and sibling photographs. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform and if you wish, you may send a comb/brush in with them.



### **Year 4 Celebration Assemblies**

All parents with children in Year 4 are invited to attend their child's celebration assembly: Rowan class assembly will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November and Hawthorn's will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Both assemblies will take place in the school hall at 2.40pm and entry will be through the new office/reception area from 2.30 pm.

### **Parent Teacher Consultations**

A reminder that Parent Teacher Consultations are being held next week on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November between 3.20 pm - 6.10 pm and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November between 5.00 pm - 7.50 pm. Please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher by signing up on the list available in your child's class room from this afternoon. Thank you.

### **Friends of Rushcombe**

A reminder that the Friends of Rushcombe's next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm and all are welcome to attend.

### **Reception Intake for 2009**

If your child will be 5 in the academic year of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 and you wish your child to come to Rushcombe First School, you will need to inform the school as soon as possible. Application forms need to be completed and returned to school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009. I am happy to meet parents and show them around the school. Please pass this message on to any families you know. If you need any advice, please see myself or Mrs Wardman in the school office.

### **Year 4 Transfer to Middle Schools**

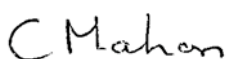
Parents of Year 4 children have recently received information about their child's transfer to middle school. Application forms need to be completed and returned to school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

### **Winter's coming**

A reminder that now that the colder weather is here, please could you ensure that your child brings a coat to school, as we aim for the children to go out to play and get some fresh air every day. Jogging bottoms for PE / Games can also be worn by the children in the colder months. Please make sure that all items of clothing are labelled to prevent them from getting lost around the school. If you require any further uniform items please call in to the school office where most items can be purchased.

Details of additional events and activities will follow during the term.

Yours sincerely,



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