

REMINDER DIARY DATES

- ♦ Parent Consultation Evenings: 12 & 15, 19 & 22 November – 3.10 – 6 pm – sign up now!
- ♦ Parents' Numeracy Information Evening: Monday 26 November, 6 pm in the hall, entry via Foundation play area – **please note correct day and date! Sorry for error!**
- ♦ Y2 Celebration Assemblies at 2.30 pm: Miss Draper's class: 27 Nov, Miss Newbury's class 28 Nov
- ♦ Open Afternoon: Tuesday 11 December, 2.30 – 5.30 pm
- ♦ Christmas Concert: Monday 17 December at St Nicholas' Church

HARVEST

A grand total of £181.50 was raised from our Harvest food sale and donations – thank you very much! All left over produce has been donated to Poole FoodBank. Thank you for your support.

VACANCIES AT RUSHCOMBE

JOLLY JANITOR! – JANUARY 2008 START

A vacancy has arisen for a janitor to work alongside our fantastic team at Rushcombe! The main role of the job is to undertake a range of duties that contribute to the security and day to day maintenance of the school premises. No formal qualifications required. Training will be provided. A full job description and application form is available from the school office. Initially, the post will be for approx 10 hours per week although this will be flexible depending on the candidate. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office or see Mrs Fawcett in the school playground. This post is subject to satisfactory CRB clearance. If you know of anyone locally who may be interested in this post, please ask them to contact the school office.

SUPPLY LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORY ASSISTANTS: 12 – 1 pm as and when required

We are currently seeking two or three people who would be willing to act as supply lunchtime supervisory assistants. Supply assistants are only required on an 'as and when required' basis. The role is to supervise the children whilst they are eating their lunch. If you are interested please contact the school office. Again, this role is subject to satisfactory CRB clearance.

RUSHCOMBE RULES FOR PARENTS!???

Children Coming In to School

Reminder: Register Times

We are well into the school year and we are experiencing an ever increasing number of pupils arriving late into school. Gates close promptly just before 9 am and all children arriving after this time should come into school via the school office. Please note that 'lates' will be recorded as 'unauthorised' absence which could result in the Education Welfare Office contacting you if it is a recurrent problem. Register times below:

- ♦ F, Yr 1 and Yr 2 MUST BE IN CLASSROOM BY 8.55 AM – registration is at 8.55 am
- ♦ Yr 3 and Yr 4 MUST BE IN THEIR CLASSROOM BY 8.45 AM – registration is at 8.45 am

If you have a valid reason for being late, please contact the school office – 01202 695722.

Entry Into Bases

As part of developing children's independence and responsibility for themselves, we are asking that parents encourage their children to enter their base on their own in the mornings. Parents have expressed concerns that too many adults crowd around the entrances to classrooms which makes it difficult for pupils to enter and for teachers to see who is coming into school. So, for the health and safety of your child, please send them into their base from a safe distance and in school we will also encourage the children to be independent.

Children Coming Out of School

Most days, the School organises clubs for pupils which use our outside grounds. Most of these clubs start at 3.10pm. Therefore, we are requesting that parents and children leave the school grounds promptly at the end of the day so that the gates can be locked and clubs can start on time! Thank you.

Leap Frog Play Trail

Also another health and safety issue, the new Leap Frog Trail. Please can I request that you do not allow your child to play on the new Leap Frog Trail on the field unsupervised. Also please be aware that the Trail is slippery when damp/wet and is therefore out of bounds. If you allow your child to use the Trail, please understand this is at your own risk.

AND NOW FOR THE GOOD STUFF!!

PTFA – AGM TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2008, 7 PM

Following a successful initial committee meeting, we are pleased to announce the launch of Rushcombe's PTFA, to be known as 'Friends of Rushcombe' (FOR). We are organising a fun Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 5 February at 7 pm. This is for parents only due to the nature of the evening! As we have given lots of notice about this meeting, we hope to see the biggest turnout ever, so we look forward to seeing you all!! A letter from the acting committee will be sent out soon to all parents. All posts in the committee are still up for grabs, so if you are interested please contact the school office.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION WEEK / OFSTED CELEBRATION WEEK

Monday 3 to Friday 7 December

We are inviting all parents to come into school and work with their child/ren. Please see below for the timetable for the Week. On arrival, 9am for morning group and 1pm for afternoon group, please come round to the school office to sign in. You will then be invited for coffee/tea and a mince pie! After refreshments, you will then join the children in the classroom and take part in creative Christmas decoration making which could prove to be messy, so please come dressed prepared! The morning session will finish at 11am and the afternoon session will finish at 3pm. We are very much looking forward to working with you all!

	9 – 11 am	1 – 3 pm
• Monday 3 Dec:	Y4 Mrs Russell	Y4 Mrs Hill
• Tuesday 4 Dec:	Morning children only	All day children only
• Wednesday 5 Dec:	Y2 Miss Draper	Y2 Miss Newbury
• Thursday 6 Dec:	Y1 Miss Brown	Y1 Mr McCormick
• Friday 7 Dec:	Y3 Mrs Webb	Y3 Mr White

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – ST NICHOLAS’ CHURCH, MONDAY 17 DECEMBER

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, all children with the surname A – H will perform in the morning and all children with the surname I – Z will perform in the afternoon. Times as follows:

- ♦ A – H: Morning performance will start at 10.30 am
- ♦ I – Z: Afternoon performance starts at 1.45 pm

Children to wear school uniform unless otherwise directed. A letter will follow detailing arrangements nearer the time.

Foundation children are not taking part in this as they will be performing their own concert on Tuesday 18 December at 11 am in the hall. Further details will follow.

RUSHCOMBE WEBSITE

Please note that dates for your diary, newsletters and information about the school can be found on our website www.rushcombe.co.uk. Feedback about the site always welcome.

YELLOW PAGES CHALLENGE!

We are once again collecting your old yellow pages. Please send as many as you can into school as there is an opportunity to win a cash prize for the school that collects the most!! Whole books acceptable.

HAS YOUR CHILD OUT GROWN THEIR RUSHCOMBE LEOTARD??

For those parents who have purchased a Rushcombe leotard for their child, we are offering to buy them back for £5 so that we can sell them on as a second-hand purchase. If you have a leotard that is clean and in excellent/good condition and is no longer of any use to your child, please send it into school in a named carrier bag and we will send a refund home of £5!

HOLIDAY DATES

End of Autumn term: Thurs 20 December, school closes – 1 pm

Staff training day: Monday 7 January, school closed

Start of Spring term: Tuesday 8 January, gates open – 8.40 am

Half term: Monday 18 – Friday 22 February, school closed

End of Spring term: Thursday 20 March, school closes – 1 pm

Start of Summer term: Monday 7 April, gates open – 8.4 0 am

Half term: Monday 26 – Friday 30 May, school closed

End of summer term: Tuesday 22 July, school closes – 1 pm

NEWSLETTER FORMAT

We would appreciate any feedback concerning the layout of our newsletters. Do you prefer ‘letter style’ like this one or magazine style as in previous letters, with boxes / pictures etc. Please let us know what you think!

TRAVEL SURVEY

In order for us to complete a statutory Government survey, we are required to find out how each child regularly travels to and from school. Please complete the slip below indicating your child’s ‘mode of transport’. Thank you.



CHILD’S NAME: (please PRINT). My child most regularly travels to and from school by: (please only circle one option)

Bus Walking Car Car Share Cycling

CYCLE SHEDS

We are looking into the possibility of purchasing a bike shed. In order for us to know how popular cycling to school would be, please can you indicate your interest by ticking the applicable box below. Thank you.

My child would cycle to school if facilities to leave them at school were available Yes No