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Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many parents at the recent year group meetings which we hope you found informative. The children have made an enthusiastic start to their new learning adventures and are responding well to our learning heroes. Please do remember that the staff are on hand to answer any further queries you may have.

Our refurbishment and extension programme is continuing to go well and we are looking forward to moving into our new offices and entrance area after the autumn half term break. Thank you to everyone for your continued cooperation with the temporary pathways and gates during the building programme.

Year 2 Celebration Assemblies

A reminder, that all parents with children in Year 2 are invited to attend their child's celebration assembly this week. Miss Brown's class assembly will be on Tuesday 13th October and Mrs Russell's will be on Thursday 15th October. Both assemblies will take place in the school hall at 2.40pm and entry will be through the main office from 2.30 pm. Regrettably, due to limited space, these assemblies are for parents only.

Harvest Celebration

In the week beginning Monday 19th October, the children will be taking part in our Harvest Celebration activities culminating in a special Harvest assembly at the end of the week. On different days throughout the week each year group will be baking cakes and biscuits in school which will then be offered for sale at the end of the day to raise money for the charity FoodAid. FoodAid helps families around the world to secure for themselves a long term, dependable source of food. The cake sales will be on the following days and times:

Monday 19 th October	11.30am	Foundation
Tuesday 20 th October	2.45pm	Year 1
Wednesday 21 st October	2.45pm	Year 2
Thursday 22 nd October	2.45pm	Year 3
Friday 23 rd October	2.45pm	Year 4

If you are able to donate cakes, biscuits or other fresh produce that can be sold we would be very grateful. We hope you can support this worthwhile cause.



Governor News

A Parent Governor vacancy has arisen on our Governing Body. If you are keen to play a more active role in the school and / or have any key skills or experience that you would be willing to share, please contact Mrs Wardman [Clerk to Governors] in the school office or myself for further information. All parents with children at Rushcombe are eligible. Applications [of no more than 200 words] should be made in writing, addressed to the Chairman of Governors, c/o the Clerk to Governors. The closing date for all applications is Friday 23rd October 2009. In the event of more than one application being submitted, an election will be necessary. Please indicate in your application if you still wish to stand in the event of an election.

Friends of Rushcombe

Friends of Rushcombe [FOR] organise social and fundraising events for the whole school community. Over the last couple of years, funds raised have provided additional resources for the children and the school. At our recent committee meeting it was agreed to purchase a stage for the children to use in the school hall for different events which we are delighted with. All parents are automatically members of FOR and are welcome to come to the different meetings and events. The Friends of Rushcombe are currently looking for a Year 1 representative so if you are able to help please let them know. The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th November at 7.00pm and all are welcome to attend.

Winter's coming

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.

Children's Health and Attendance

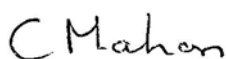
A reminder that all schools are required by law to keep attendance registers and to distinguish between authorised and unauthorised absences. Authorised absences include illness and medical treatment. For all absences the school requires notification by letter or phone call and we ask that you contact the school office on the first day of absence. If your child is unwell and suffers from sickness or diarrhoea please give them 48 hours in which to recover as recommended by the Dorset County Medical Officers. Thank you.

School Photographs

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

A reminder that the half term break begins on Monday 26th October and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd November. I hope you all have a good half term break.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher