



# Rushcombe First School

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Dear Parents,

As this is my last newsletter of the academic year, I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone for their support in my first year at Rushcombe and wish everyone a lovely summer holiday. It is a privilege to be the headteacher of Rushcombe and it has been a joy to see the children's progress throughout the year. They have worked hard in their year groups and have taken part in so many different educational visits, sports, clubs, activities and events. I am proud of all their achievements.

It has been good to see so many of you at our recent Year 3 class assemblies. I would like to say well done to all the children and thank you to the staff. The Year 4 Leavers Concert will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30 pm at St Nicholas Church.

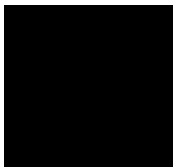
At the end of last week, Year 4 children visited their middle schools and all our children in Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 have now had the opportunity to meet their new teachers and spend time in their new classroom. I am delighted that Rushcombe First School continues to benefit from such a skilled and dedicated staff team and that we have been able to appoint Miss Gurney to join our team from September.

## Building News

As you are aware, the school has commenced a programme to improve the accommodation and facilities at Rushcombe First School which includes internal alterations, a refurbishment and an extension. It is anticipated that the internal alterations will be completed in time for the new academic year and the extension will be completed during the autumn term. For the new academic year as part of the developments some year groups will be moving to different parts of the school building as follows:

- the new Foundation base will be in the current Year 1 area
- the new Year 1 classrooms will be in the current Year 2 area
- the new Year 2 classrooms will be in the current Foundation area and the studio
- the new Year 3 classrooms will utilise part of the Year 3 area and the study
- the Year 4 base will remain in its current position

At the beginning of the new academic year please take your child/ren to their new year group areas.



## School Uniform

Our school uniform provides the children with a sense of belonging, community and pride in their school. It is practical and the children do look smart in their uniform. Our school colours are red, white and grey. A reminder, that if you are purchasing new items over the summer the children wear the following items:

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dress as appropriate [trousers should be grey school type/tailored trousers and not fashion or casual trousers]
- Red and white striped or checked summer dress
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Red school sweatshirt
- Grey, white or black socks or tights as appropriate
- Black flat sensible school shoes [no trainers please]

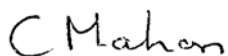
Please make sure that all items of clothing are labelled to prevent them from getting lost around the school. Thank you for your continued support of the uniform guidelines.

## End of Term

This year we are saying goodbye to our Year 4 children and a couple of staff. My best wishes go with all the Year 4 children as they move on to middle school and thank you to their families for all their support over the years. I am sure you would all like to join me in thanking Mrs Collison for all her work and dedication to Rushcombe over many years and wish her a relaxing, enjoyable and happy 'retirement'. We would also like to thank Mrs Hayman for her hard work over the last two years and wish her all the best for the future as she moves to Yorkshire with her husband to take up a promoted post. In addition, thank you to Mrs Holmes who has worked with us over the last two terms in year 1.

The children will finish on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1.00pm and will return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. I hope you all have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Mahon  
Headteacher