

Rushcombe School News



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Already it's nearly half term and there is so much to tell you about! Please see below for some very important information and dates for your diary!

HOLIDAYS TAKEN DURING TERM TIME

As I'm sure you will have noticed in our OFSTED report, '*attendance of learners*' was highlighted as a point of concern, only coming out as 'satisfactory'. This is due to the ever increasing number of parents who are taking their children out of school during term time for holidays. Whilst we appreciate that holidays are cheaper during term time, this **is not an acceptable reason** for applying for leave of absence. Please consider the following before requesting leave:

- The lessons your child will miss
- The difficulty they will have catching up
- The effect it will have on how well they will do in school
- How many other days has your child missed due to sickness / non-attendance at school?
- The Education Welfare Service will take action against families who have children with high non-attendance at school and this will include holidays taken during term time
- **You do not have a legal right to take your child on holiday during term time and school can refuse permission**

Absences will only be authorised in **EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES** as stated by the DCSF (Dept for Children, Schools & Families) at the Headteacher's discretion, who will take into account all other absences over the academic year. We hope you will work with us to improve our attendance of learners.

OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **PE / Games uniform:** Can we remind all parents that children can wear named jogging bottoms during the colder months for games / PE / tennis
- **Website:** For lots of useful info, please see Rushcombe's website – ie newsletters/diary dates www.rushcombe.co.uk
- **Emergency contact details:** Any changes to telephone or mobile numbers / addresses please let school office know
- **Use of scooters in school grounds:** For the safety of others, please **do not** let your children ride on scooters in our school grounds

HARVEST FESTIVAL SALE OF PRODUCE: WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER – 3.10 PM IN THE HALL



Donations of fresh and tinned produce would be very much appreciated on this day.

Monetary donations welcome too. All parents/guardians are invited to a **sale of the produce at 3.10 pm** in the hall (not the quiet area). The proceeds will go to FoodAid.

All unsold produce will be donated to Poole Foodbank for distribution to local individuals and families in crisis. (Morning only children in Foundation can purchase produce at 11.30 am after collecting their children from the base. Entry into hall via base).

BUILDING WORK – YEAR 1 – COMMENCING 22 OCTOBER

As part of our on-going refurbishment plan, building work will start in Year 1's toilets during half term. After the break, entry into school for pupils will not be affected. Part of the playground, however, will be used to store building materials and builder's vehicles. This will be cordoned off so for safety reasons please do not let **any children** venture into this area. The building work is due to complete mid-November. Children in Year 1 will be using toilets in other bases for the duration of the building work.

PTA MEETING: TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER, 7 PM

For all those parents who attended the initial meeting at the end of September, just a reminder that our next meeting is being held in school on the above date. Details will be sent by e-mail. Look forward to seeing you all!

PHOTOGRAPHER IN SCHOOL – FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER

The photographer will be in school on this day to take individual and sibling group photos.



Please note change of time & place!

PARENT / TEACHER CONSULTATIONS: Sessions: 3.10 – 6 pm

- Monday 12 and Thursday 15 November
- Monday 19 and Thursday 22 November

Lists will go up in your child's base on the afternoon of **Monday 5 November**. If you are unable to get into school please ask a friend to sign up for you.

PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING: NUMERACY – WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER – 6 PM

Parents are invited to attend this Numeracy information evening. This will be a FUN, practical evening for parents to find out more about the Numeracy Hour, the work the children do in school and how to support your child at home. **Please do not bring children with you on this occasion.** If you are unable to attend, notes from the evening will be available from the school office, but we recommend that attendance is preferable due to the practical nature of the evening. Entry into school will be via the Foundation play area, into the hall. NB: Parents with children in Foundation: information meetings about Numeracy and Literacy specifically for new parents have been arranged so your attendance at this meeting is not essential unless you would like to!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES: YEAR 2 – Tuesday 27 & Wednesday 28 November

Year 2 would like to invite their parents to share their work in progress. The assemblies will take place in the hall (entry via Foundation play area) at 2.30 pm on:

- Tuesday 27 November – Miss Draper's class
- Wednesday 28 November – Miss Newbury's class

Due to limited space, regrettably, these assemblies are for parents only.



CHRISTMAS DECORATION WEEK / OFSTED CELEBRATION WEEK: 3 – 7 December

Parents invited into school to work with their children as mentioned in OFSTED letter. Further details will follow.

OPEN AFTERNOON – TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER

The children and staff of Rushcombe would like to invite all parents to a guided tour around the school on **Tuesday 11 December, 2.30 – 5.30 pm**. Your child / ren will show you their work they have been involved in this term.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH – MONDAY 17 DECEMBER

Advanced warning! The date you need to put in your diary is **Monday 17 December**. Further details will follow but so that you can plan your diaries, all children with surnames A – H will perform during the morning and all children with surnames I – Z will perform in the afternoon. Foundation children will be performing their own Christmas concert on Tuesday 18 December. Details to follow.



CHRISTMAS TREATS! TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER

The children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be having their Christmas treat, a Christmas disco with 'Blitz', in school on **Tuesday 18 December** at the following times:

- Years 1 and 2: 2 – 3 pm (party clothes can be worn this day)
- Years 3 and 4: 5.30 - 7 pm

There will be no charge for these treats!

Foundation children will have their own party during the morning of **Wednesday 19 December**. Party clothes for Foundation children can be worn this day.



HOLIDAY CLUBS / ACTIVITIES / LOCAL EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU & YOUR CHILD

Every day the school is inundated with requests for the children to take home leaflets publicising local events such as holiday clubs, after school sports activity clubs and many other various events. The Governing Body has decided that due to the large number of requests, school will not send out any publicity material via the children other than for the agencies who currently work with us. The Governing Body understands that this may mean that parents and/or children might miss out on some local events/activities and so have agreed that the publicity material can be put up on a board in the school entrance for parents to look at. So, pop in to the school entrance regularly to check out the board for any holiday clubs/activities that you or your child may be interested in!

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT – 2 x VACANCIES

Want to join the Rushcombe crew?? We have **two** vacancies for temporary lunchtime supervisory assistants to commence mid-November until 31 August 2008. No previous experience necessary. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 01202 695722 for further details. Supply dinner persons wanted too!

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