



# Rushcombe First School

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Dear Parents,

Last week, children in Year 1 and Year 4 participated enthusiastically in drama workshops led by visiting specialists and two children represented the school at the East Dorset Pupil Voice conference. Well done, everyone.

## Staff News

At the end of this academic year, Mrs Russell will be leaving Rushcombe to take up a new post in a Bournemouth school. She will continue to teach in Year 2 until the end of the summer term and the children in her class will be able to finish their year with her. We are grateful for all her hard work and commitment over the last few years and will mark her contribution to the school later in the summer term.

Recently, Mrs Webb has returned from her maternity leave and is currently working on a part time basis across the school. As planned, Mrs Joyner will continue to teach her Year 3 class until the end of the summer term.

We recently said goodbye to Miss Burrows, Year 1 teaching assistant, who has gone overseas to participate in a voluntary educational project in Kenya and to Mrs Read, midday supervisor, who has taken up a full time post elsewhere in the local community. We thanked both of them for all they have done for Rushcombe First School and wished them all the best for the future.

Change always presents us with challenges but also opportunities and the Governing Body have recently made two new teaching appointments for the new academic year. Miss Emma Groves and Miss Jennifer Singleton will join our dedicated staff team at the beginning of the autumn term. They will be visiting the school soon to familiarise themselves with the children, staff and the school. In addition, I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Joyner, who is currently covering a maternity leave, will continue to teach at Rushcombe next year. We look forward to working with them all in providing high quality education for all the children at Rushcombe and continuing to build on the success of the school. Preparations for the new academic year are well underway and I will let you know about future class arrangements soon.



### **Internet Safety Information Sessions**

Dorset Police will be holding an Internet Safety Information Session for parents and carers at Rushcombe First School on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 pm. The police anticipate the session will last approximately an hour and all are welcome to attend. In addition, the police will be leading short safety sessions in school for all the children in Years 1 to 4 later in the month.

### **Sports Afternoon**

This year we will be holding a whole school sport afternoon on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 12.30 pm which will combine skill based activities and a range of races for both individuals and teams. The children will bring home a sports afternoon programme prior to the event and we look forward to seeing you on the afternoon.

### **Summer Fayre**

The Friends of Rushcombe are busy organising the Summer Fayre which will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. This year, the Summer Fayre will have a world football theme and as part of the day the children are allowed to dress up for the day. The children may choose to dress up in their favourite football kit, a costume from a different part of the world or they may have other ideas.

Thank you for your generous donations received so far. Further donations of different items would be much appreciated. This week any unused toiletries and stationery can be brought in to school. From week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> June, any unwanted toys and books and week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> July any plants or seedlings would be very much appreciated. Donations of cakes may be brought in on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July morning to your child's classroom. This week, the children will be bringing home raffle tickets for you to purchase. Additional tickets can be bought from the teaching assistant, Mrs Horton, in Year 3.

The Friends would be grateful to hear from any parents who are willing to help on the day. Help is particular required to set up or tidy up afterwards, serve refreshments and look after different stalls even if you can only help for a short time, such as half an hour, your help would be appreciated.

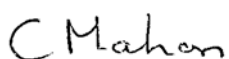
**Do come to our Summer Fayre on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 3.05 pm to 5.00 pm. Everyone is welcome.** All funds raised will be used to provide further resources, equipment and opportunities for all our children. This year, we are focusing on developing the outside environment for the children.

### **A further date for your diary:**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June:            Year 4 Open afternoon, 3.05 pm - 4.00 pm

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

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher