



# Rushcombe First School

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Dear Parents,

Recently, a group of Year 4 children represented the school at two local inter-school football competitions. The children enjoyed the event and played very well.

This week, our Year 4 children visited the Allendale Centre in Wimborne to see a puppet production of 'Astra and the Waste Monster'. The production promotes energy conservation and gives an introduction to the subject of energy - especially the formation and use of fossil fuels. The children enjoyed the performance and gained an insight into energy conservation.

Next week the children will be involved in interesting science workshops run by staff and expert visitors to develop their understanding of science. The Sensational Science Week will culminate in a special sharing assembly for the children on the Thursday.

Thank you, also, for your support of the recent Funny Hair and Hat Day as part of Red Nose Day. The children looked great and over £338.00 was raised for Comic Relief. Well done, everyone.

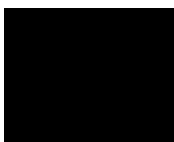
Also, thank you for your generous support with the recent Spring Shopping Event organised by the Friends of Rushcombe. It was lovely that so many people were able to come on the evening and £226.39 was raised for the school. I would also particularly like to thank those who coordinated the event and did so much behind the scenes.

## Tennis Equipment

The school has recently purchased some new tennis racquets for the children to use in school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Thomas, the tennis coach, who has kindly selected the racquets for us and paid half the costs.

## Violin Lessons

If your child is interested in learning the violin, we currently have 5 places available for children in Year 2 and above. Each child will require their own instrument and music book (to be advised by the violin teacher). There are approximately 30 lessons each academic year, with each lesson costing between £4.00 - £5.50 depending on numbers and termly fees are payable in advance. If your child is interested and you would like further information, please contact the school office.



### **Reminder about Medicines in School**

Please can we remind all parents, that in accordance with Dorset LA guidelines, medicines should only be brought to school if they have been prescribed by a doctor and if the medicine needs to be taken 4 or more times a day. Medicines that only need to be taken three times a day can be taken before school, after school and in the evening. Please note that non-prescribed medicines will not normally be administered to any children during the school day.

If prescribed medication does need to be administered during the school day, we request that parents come to school to give their child the medicine. In exceptional circumstances, when this is not possible, a form requesting school staff to supervise the administration of any medication to a child must be completed. This form is available from the school office on request. All medicines should be provided to school in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the prescriber's instructions for administration and dosage. Arrangements for children on long term medication can be made through the school office.


### **Open Afternoon**

A reminder that the children and staff of Rushcombe would like to invite all parents to our Open Afternoon on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 3.05 pm - 6.00 pm. Your child/ren will show you the work they have been involved in this term and will show you around the school.

Finally a reminder that the children will finish on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 1.00 pm and the school will reopen on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April for the beginning of the summer term.

I wish you all a Happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday, and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term.

Yours sincerely,

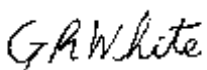


Mrs C Mahon  
Headteacher

### **Mr White's Marathon Challenge**

In April I am running the London Marathon and I am writing to ask for your kind support in helping me to raise money for my chosen charity.

I am raising money for the charity 'Scope', which seeks to help people with cerebral palsy. The reason I have chosen to support 'Scope' is because I have personal experience of cerebral palsy within my own family. The target amount for my fundraising is £1,700.00 and I would be very grateful for any donations to support me in this cause. A sponsorship form is available in the school office, or you could visit my webpage: <http://www.justgiving.com/gavinwhite2> (I have not advertised this webpage as yet, so you could be the first person to use it!). Currently, I am trying to ask as many people as I can, so that I can get as near to my target amount as possible. Any donations will be gratefully received. Once again, many thanks for your help,



Mr White  
Acting Assistant Headteacher and Year 3 Class Teacher