

15<sup>th</sup> May 2017



Newsletter 16 Summer Term 2017

Dear Parents

Following a recent review of Rushcombe First School by Dorset County Council, the school has received a highly positive report which commented on the high quality curriculum provision, staff commitment and the children's excellent skills and outcomes. It stated that 'Teachers have very high expectations of all pupils ...pupils demonstrated high levels of motivation and engagement...leadership and management are strengths of the school.' The report noted 'the excellent teaching, learning and outcomes achieved by the school.' I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for their continued hard work and support.

The children are continuing to enjoy our current Learning Adventure and last week the children began working with a team of puppeteers and dramatists to develop a performance for the whole school community. The performance will tell the story of 'The Rainbow Serpent' – an Aboriginal creation story. As previously requested, we are asking if your child can be provided with a plain coloured t-shirt i.e. red, green, blue etc to wear during the show tomorrow. There has been a high demand for seats for this event and regrettably, we cannot accept any further requests as we have reached the maximum number allowed for each performance. We apologise for any disappointment this may cause.

#### **Bikeability**

The Bikeability Scheme for Year 4 children will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 3.15 pm until 5.15 pm in the school grounds. There are still a few places available. If your child would like to participate, please contact the school office. Thank you.

#### **Football Matches**

Our Year 4 footballers recently played a home match against Hampreston First School. Both the boys' and girls' teams put in excellent performances and the return legs will be played at Hampreston next week – we wish them the very best of luck.

#### **Class Assemblies**

A reminder that all parents with children in Foundation are invited to attend their child's class assembly: Oak class assembly will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Ash class assembly will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Both assemblies will take place in the school hall at 2.45 pm and entry will be through the office/reception area.

A reminder that parents are able to take photos/videos of their child during school events but it is recommended that images that include other children should not be uploaded onto social media websites unless permission is sought from their parents. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

#### **Wonderful World Day**

On the last day of the half term, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, we are celebrating the end of our 'Outback Explorers' Learning Adventure, by holding a 'Wonderful World Day'. 'Wonderful World Day' will build upon the key themes of 'The Rainbow Serpent' story, which reminds us to celebrate the diversity of our world. On this day, the children will take part in a range of learning experiences that will explore friendship, respect for diversity and care for our planet. 'Wonderful World Day', will also be a non-uniform day, with the theme of dressing in bright colours as part of the celebrations. In return for dressing in non-uniform, we ask that the children make a donation of either £1.00 or a special prize for the Summer Fair raffle. All proceeds from the day will go towards the Summer Fair.

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Finally, a reminder that this half term will finish on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May and the half term break will begin on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

We look forward to seeing many of you at various events over the next couple of weeks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Mahon". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Mrs C Mahon  
Headteacher