

31st October 2017

Newsletter 5 Autumn Term 2017



Dear Parents

I hope you all had a good half term break.

Thank you for all your kind donations for our Harvest Festival Celebration and attending our cake sales at the end of each day. The children enjoyed making cakes and biscuits during the fortnight. We are delighted that we raised over £492.00 for this year's chosen harvest charity, Child.org. Thank you very much for your support and generosity.

The school's new Learning Adventure, 'Mission into Outer Space', has commenced this week. During the course of the Learning Adventure, each class will be planning their own mission into space, including the areas of inquiry that they would like to find out about. Alongside opportunities for fiction and non-fiction writing, the children will also explore the history of space travel and aspects of the science curriculum. The children are very excited about their new Learning Adventure and we look forward to giving you further updates about their 'Mission into Outer Space'.

Staff News

We welcome Mr Hancock, who has recently joined our staff team. We look forward to working with him.

Parent Teacher Consultations

A reminder that Parent Teacher Consultations are being held this week. We look forward to seeing you at one of the consultation sessions.

Winter's Coming

Now that the colder weather is here, please could you ensure that your child brings a coat to school, as we aim for the children to go out to play and get some fresh air every day. Please make sure that all items of clothing are labelled to prevent them from getting lost around the school. If you require any further uniform items please call in to the school office where most items can be purchased.

Year 4 Visit to Lockyers Middle School

A reminder that during this month, the children in Year 4 will be visiting Lockyers for an afternoon enabling them to spend time in a middle school. Please return your child's slip to school as soon as possible, indicating where your child will be collected from. Thank you.

Year 2 Assessment Information Meeting

A reminder that an information session has been arranged for all parents with children in Year 2 about the national assessments that will be completed by Year 2 children in the summer term. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th November at 6.00 pm. Entry will be via the main entrance. All parents with children in Year 2 are welcome to attend, however, we would appreciate it if children are not brought with you on this occasion. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Children in Need

On Friday 17th November, as part of Children in Need, the children are able to bring a teddy bear or soft toy to school. Donations will be collected on the day for the charity.

Flu immunisation

A reminder that members from the Dorset Healthcare NHS nursing team will be in school on Thursday 23rd November to deliver the flu immunisation, which is given to the children in the form of a nasal spray. We have been advised that information packs from NHS England will arrive this week. These will be sent home with your child.

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The pack contains details about the programme and a permission letter. In order for your child to take part in the programme, it is essential that parents complete and return the permission letter to school as soon as possible. If you have any questions or you would like more information about the programme, please ring the School Nursing Team on 01425 891153.

Christmas Decoration Week

This year, we are once again, inviting all parents to come into school and work with their child/ren. Each class will have a morning or afternoon session between 27th November and 1st December. On arrival, 9.00 am for the morning group and 1.50 pm for the afternoon group, please come round to the school office to sign in. You will then join the children in the classroom and take part in creative Christmas decoration making which could prove to be messy, so please come dressed prepared! The morning session will finish at 10.00 am and the afternoon session will finish at 2.50 pm. We look forward to working with you on the following days:

	9.00 -10.00 am	1.50 – 2.50 pm
• Monday 27 th November:	Beech	Maple
• Tuesday 28 th November:	Elm	Pine
• Wednesday 29 th November:	Oak	Ash
• Thursday 30 th November:	Hawthorn	Rowan
• Friday 1 st December:	Willow	Chestnut

If you would like to join us for Decoration Week, please complete and return the slip below by Friday 24th November. Please note that due to a lack of space we regret that we are unable to accommodate younger or older siblings on this occasion.

Reception/Foundation Intake for 2018

Any parents wishing their child to come to Rushcombe First School in September 2018, for children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, need to apply for a school place. Applications should be completed on-line at www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions. The closing date for all applications is 15th January 2018. I am happy to meet parents and show them around the school. Please pass this message on to any families you may know. If you need any advice or further information, please see myself or Mrs Wardman in the school office.

Year 4 Transfer to Middle Schools

Parents of Year 4 children will shortly receive information from the local authority about their child's transfer to middle school. Applications should be completed on-line via the local authority website at www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions. The closing date for all applications is 15th January 2018.

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

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher

Christmas Decoration Sessions: [* please circle which applies]

2] Child's Name: **Class Name:**

1 * or 2 * parent [s] will be attending the Christmas Decoration Sessions.

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