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Newsletter 20 Summer Term 2018



Dear Parents

The children are continuing to enjoy our Learning Adventure, 'Where the Wild Things Live' and most of the children have visited the beautiful Studland Bay to learn more about different habitats and living things. Today, our last class will be visiting Studland Bay.

At the beginning of this week, the children brought home their annual reports and many of you have booked appointments to discuss your child's report.

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent KS1 and KS2 Sports Afternoons. The children enjoyed the different activities and did very well. Well done, everyone.

Transfer Day

On Friday 6th July, Year 4 children will attend their new middle schools for the whole day. Please take your child directly to their new school. Children in Foundation and Years 1, 2 and 3 will spend some of their time with their new teachers on this day.

Year Group News

In the new academic year, the year group teachers will be as follows:

Foundation	Mr Smith and Miss Maese
Year 1	Mr McCormick and Miss Pitman
Year 2	Mrs Webb, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Russell
Year 3	Mrs Joyner, Mrs Ely and Mrs Sinclair
Year 4	Miss Hardy and Mr Preston

In addition, Mr White will continue to work across the school, carrying out his Deputy Headteacher responsibilities and using his expert skills and knowledge across the year groups. Mrs Joint, our Inclusion Leader, will continue to work with children across the school. I will continue to spend time with all the children on a regular basis. The children will have an opportunity to meet their new teachers on Friday 6th July.

Staff News

The school recently appointed a new teaching assistant to join our school in the autumn term and we look forward to welcoming her to Rushcombe First School in September. In addition, Mrs Scotney will be leaving at the end of the academic year to pursue other opportunities. She does hope to keep in touch with the school. We are grateful for her hard work and commitment during her time at Rushcombe and wish her all the best for the future.

NSPCC Assembly

Next week as part of our PSHE [Personal, Social and Health Education] programme of learning, the NSPCC will be leading a whole school assembly that will give the children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries. The NSPCC's work in schools helps to encourage conversations about staying safe and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. This includes 'Talk PANTS' which uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants.

Summer Fair

On Tuesday 10th July there will be a non-school uniform day for the children and we ask in return please can the children bring a donation of either £1 or special prize for the Summer Fair raffle.

A reminder that this year's Summer Fair will be on Friday 13th July. It will provide opportunities for the children and their families to participate in a range of different activities. The event will begin at 2.15 pm with the children sharing some aspects of their learning from our new Learning Adventure. The children will need to wear a specific colour t-shirt and a pair of shorts/leggings. Please see separate information for details.

Recently, the children have brought home raffle tickets. We would be grateful of any donations of filled jam jars and cakes which may be brought in on Friday 13th July morning to your child's classroom. Thank you for your support.

The Friends would be grateful to hear from any parents who are willing to help on the day. Help is particularly required to set up or tidy up afterwards, serve refreshments, look after different stalls and do face painting 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 Fair on Friday 13th July. Everyone is welcome. The Summer Fair will commence at 2.15 pm with the opening event and the children will then return to their classrooms to be collected by their parents to enjoy the rest of the Summer Fair from 3.05 pm to 5.00 pm. All funds raised will be used to provide further resources, equipment and opportunities for all our children.

Year 4 Leavers Concert and Disco

This year, the Year 4 Leavers Concert will be on Tuesday 24th July at 10.00 am and 1.15 pm in the school hall. A letter about the arrangements for the concert has been sent out recently. On Tuesday 24th July, Year 4 children will be having their Leavers Disco between 4.00 pm and 5.30 pm.

We look forward to seeing you at the different events over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher