

17th September 2018

Newsletter 2 Autumn Term 2018



Dear Parents

It is lovely to see how the children are settling into their new classes and we are delighted with the way the Foundation Stage children have started their first year at school. This week the children will be in school full-time. Well done to everyone for their prompt arrival at school this year which starts the day off well for all the children. The gates are open from 8.35 am and all children should be in class for 8.45 am for the register.

The children are enjoying our new exciting Learning Adventure 'Delights of the Deep' and are currently working with the artist Sarah Butterworth to create some large scale marine models.

Reading at Home

We greatly value the partnership between home and school and believe the time you spend supporting your child's learning can enhance their progress and development.

Children have recently brought home their reading book. Regular reading is vital and should be the main focus of home learning, with children spending approximately 10 to 20 minutes a day either reading with an adult or if they are fluent readers, reading on their own. It is important that children have opportunities to discuss their reading to enhance their understanding and comprehension. We would appreciate if children could bring their reading bag and book each day so that staff can continue to hear the children read regularly.

Foundation Stage Information Sessions for Parents

The Foundation Stage Team will be holding two early learning information sessions this half term. The first on Tuesday 25th September at 6.00 pm will be focusing on English skills and the second on Tuesday 16th October at 6.00 pm will be focusing on Maths skills.

Learn Together – Parent and Child Workshops

A reminder, that the 'Learn Together' workshops for Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will take place on Tuesday 2nd October, between 4.00 pm and 5.30 pm and will take place in your child's year group. We very much look forward to seeing you at our 'Learn Together' event.

Year 1 Phonics

There will be a meeting for parents with children in Year 1 to discuss the government phonic screening programme on Thursday 11th October at 6.00 pm. Please see separate letter for further details.

Reception/Foundation Intake for 2019

Any parents wishing their child to come to Rushcombe First School in September 2019, for children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, 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 2019. 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.

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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 2019.

Additional Date for your Diary:

Thursday 15th November

Year 2 Assessment Information Meeting, 6.00 pm [details to follow]

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

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher