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Newsletter 3 Autumn Term 2018



Dear Parents

The children are demonstrating high levels of interest and curiosity for our new Learning Adventure 'Delights of the Deep' and are highly engaged in pursuing a range of inquiries linked to life in the oceans. Different classes have been enjoying taking part in their workshops with the artist Sarah Butterworth to create 3D representations of a range of marine creatures – these workshops will continue over the coming weeks. We look forward to sharing the children's inquiries and creations with parents as the Learning Adventure continues.

Learn Together – Parent and Child Workshops

A reminder, that the 'Learn Together' workshops for Years 2, 3 and 4 will take place today between 4.00 pm and 5.30 pm in your child's year group. We very much look forward to seeing you at our 'Learn Together' event. We will aim to re-schedule the Year 1 workshops as soon as we can.

Harvest Celebration

Over the last two weeks of this half term, the children will be taking part in our Harvest Celebration activities including a special Harvest assembly. On different days throughout the fortnight, each year group will be baking cakes and biscuits in school which will then be offered for sale at the end of the day to raise money for this year's chosen charity, SEPIA [Supporting Educational Projects in Africa]. The charity helps to raise money for a range of projects to support the education of children and young people in Africa, including the construction of new classrooms, enhancing the facilities within schools [including sanitation and clean water provision], bursaries to support children to stay in education and funding to support teacher education. The school's fundraising for SEPIA builds upon an assembly given to the school last summer by the charity's founder, Michael Clarke, who introduced the work the charity does and provided an insight into the lives of the children they support. Rushcombe First School is also looking to work with SEPIA to develop an educational project with one of the schools supported by the charity. By raising money for SEPIA, we aim to support the education of children in Africa, whilst also providing learning opportunities for our own children. The cake sales will be on the following days and times:

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| • Tuesday 9 th October | 3.00 pm | Foundation |
| • Thursday 11 th October | 3.00 pm | Year 1 |
| • Friday 12 th October | 3.00 pm | Year 4 |
| • Wednesday 17 th October | 3.00 pm | Year 3 |
| • Thursday 18 th October | 3.00 pm | Year 2 |

If you are able to donate cakes, biscuits or other fresh produce that can be sold we would be very grateful. We hope you can support this worthwhile cause.

Year 1 Phonics

A reminder, that 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 details.

Foundation Stage Information Session for Parents

Thank you for your recent support of the Foundation Information Meeting. A reminder, that the Foundation Stage Team will be holding their second early learning information session on Tuesday 16th October at 6.00 pm. This session will focus on the development of maths skills.

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Governor News – Parent Governor Vacancy

A vacancy on the governing body for a parent governor has arisen due to Mrs Barnard's term of office recently coming to an end. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Barnard for her continued support and work during her time as a governor and we wish her well for the future. If you are interested in becoming a governor and feel you have the relevant skills, experience and qualities, please contact Mrs Wardman in the school office for further information. The closing date for all applications is Friday 19th October.

Headlice

Recently, there has been a few cases of headlice in school. Please can you check your child's hair regularly for any signs of adult lice or their eggs. If you do find signs of headlice, you should treat your child's hair with the appropriate treatment and check the rest of your family for any infestations. Everyone's cooperation will reduce the frequency of cases in our school.

Medicines

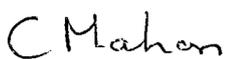
Please can we remind all parents, that in accordance with Dorset LA guidelines, medicines should only be brought to school if they have been prescribed by a doctor and if the medicine needs to be taken four or more times a day. Medicines that only need to be taken three times a day can be taken before 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 must 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.

A reminder that on Friday 19th October there will be a staff training day and that the half term break commences on Monday 22nd October.

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

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher