

30th October 2018

Newsletter 5 Autumn Term 2018



Dear Parents

I hope you all had a good half term break.

Thank you so much 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, biscuits and pizza during the fortnight. We are delighted that we raised nearly £590.00 for this year's chosen harvest charity. Thank you very much for your support and generosity.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations are being held this afternoon and Thursday 1st November between 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm. Please sign up if you have not had a chance, the lists are available in your child's classroom. Thank you.

School Photographs

A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on Monday 5th November to take sibling and individual photographs. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform, including a sweatshirt and if you wish, you may send a comb/brush with your child.

Learning Adventure Event

A reminder that on Wednesday 14th November, as part of this term's Learning Adventure, all children will be taking part in a whole school event: the 'Delights of the Deep' - approximate timings: 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm – details and exact timings to follow.

Year 2 Assessment Information Meeting

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 Thursday 15th 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 16th 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.

Visit to Lockyers Middle School

A reminder that on either Friday 23rd or Friday 30th November, 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.

Flu immunisation

You may be aware NHS England is recommending nationally, that all children participate in the 2018 - 19 Flu Immunisation Programme. Members from the Dorset Healthcare NHS nursing team will be in school on Thursday 28th November to deliver the immunisation, which is given to the children in the form of a nasal spray. Information from NHS England about the programme will be sent home with your child this week. In order for your child to take part in the programme, it is essential that parents complete and return the permission form to school by 9.00 am Wednesday 21st November. If you have any questions or you would like more information about the programme, please ring the School Nursing Team on 01425 891162.

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Winter is 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.

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 Monday 3rd December and Friday 7th 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 3 rd December:	Ash	Oak
• Tuesday 4 th December:	Beech	Maple
• Wednesday 5 th December:	Chestnut	Willow
• Thursday 6 th December:	Hawthorn	Rowan
• Friday 7 th December:	Pine	Elm

If you would like to join us for Decoration Week, please complete and return the slip below by Friday 30th 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 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.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher

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