

15<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Newsletter 6 Autumn Term 2018



Dear Parents

I was delighted that so many people came to our performance of the 'Delights of the Deep' yesterday evening and thank you for all the lovely feedback. It is very much appreciated. I was thrilled with the children's performance. The art work, dancing, singing, poetry reading and accompanying narration were fabulous. Congratulations to Mr White who produced the performance, the artist Sarah Butterworth, the choreographer Mrs May, all the staff and volunteers for their immense hard work before, during and after the event. It was such a special evening. Well done everyone.

Thank you to everyone who came to the recent parent teacher consultations, it is a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress and for us to work together in supporting your child.

### **Staff News**

After 12 years, Mr Harman, our Finance Officer, will be retiring at the end of the autumn term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Harman for all his hard work and support for Rushcombe First School. I wish him and his family all the best for the future. The school has recently recruited a new staff member to the office team, Mrs Lovett, who will commence in January 2019. We look forward to welcoming her to Rushcombe First School.

### **The Friends of Rushcombe**

The Friends have organised for the children to design their own individual Christmas card. These have been sent home today and parents will have the opportunity to purchase packs of their child's design in time for Christmas. These would be ideal for children to send to their family and relatives. Please see separate information for details.

### **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 this evening 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**

Tomorrow, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, the children are able to bring a teddy bear or soft toy to school as part of Children in Need. Donations will be collected on the day for the charity.

### **Visit to Lockyer's Middle School**

Over the next couple of weeks, the children in Year 4 will be visiting Lockyer's Middle School. Hawthorn class will be going on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and Rowan class will be going on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. This will enable the children to spend time in a middle school.

### **Flu Immunisation**

A reminder that members from the Dorset Healthcare NHS nursing team will be in school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November to deliver the flu immunisation, which is given to the children in the form of a nasal spray. 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 21<sup>st</sup> November.

### **PE Bags**

We would appreciate that the children do not use large back packs as they can be difficult to store in the cloakrooms and on the cloak pegs. The school has a supply of PE bags and reading bags which are available from the school office for £5.00.

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### **Foundation Christmas Nativity**

This year all our Foundation children will be performing their Christmas Nativity, 'The Nativity' in the school hall. To enable as many people as possible to see the Nativity there will be 2 separate performances on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45 pm and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am. Due to the limited space in our school hall, each family will be offered up to 3 tickets for a performance. Tickets will be available on a 'first come first served' basis from the afternoon of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November in the main playground/outside Foundation base. There will be a reserve list for any unclaimed tickets from the Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **Key Stage 1 [Year 1 and Year 2] Christmas Play**

The children in Year 1 and 2 will be performing their Christmas Play, 'The Inn-Spectors' in the school hall. To enable as many people as possible to see the play there will be 3 separate performances on the following days/times: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 am and 1.45 pm and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 am. Due to the limited space in our school hall, each family will be offered up to 3 tickets for a performance. Tickets will be available on a 'first come first served' basis from the afternoon of Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November in the main playground/Year 2 area. There will be a reserve list for any unclaimed tickets from the Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Key Stage 2 [Year 3 and Year 4] Christmas Concert**

The children in Year 3 and 4 will be performing in a Christmas Concert, 'The Amazing Advent Calendar' in the school hall. To enable as many people as possible to see the concert there will be 3 separate performances on the following days/times: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45 pm and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 am and 1.45 pm. Due to the limited space in our school hall, each family will be offered up to 3 tickets for a performance. Tickets will be available on a 'first come first served' basis from the afternoon of the Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November in the main playground/Year 4 area. There will be a reserve list for any unclaimed tickets from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Further details about the arrangements for the different Christmas performances, including any costume requirements, will follow soon.

Yours sincerely



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