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Dear Parents

Recently, the school commissioned a courtyard garden to be created adjacent to the Year 2 area and this week the initial work has commenced. This will provide further opportunities for our school community to participate in growing different plants, learning about living things and the natural environment. It will also create a quiet and attractive space to use throughout the school day including playtimes. The project builds upon considerable research into the many benefits of gardening and nature upon positive emotional health and well-being. We look forward to seeing the new area develop and using it in the future.

The children are continuing to carry out a range of inquiries linked to their new Learning Adventure, 'A Quarrel in the Kingdom'. So far, learning activities have included: writing letters to the dragon to ask him to come back [Foundation]; creating dragon poetry [Year 1]; composing character descriptions of the Zooks and Yooks [Year 2] and character descriptions of the dragon [Year 3]; making video tutorials about conflict resolution [Year 4]. Children have also been exploring themes of friendship and respecting differences as part of their PSHE learning. Next week, Tony Horitz and his team of actors will be returning to the school to lead workshops with each year group, where the story and its themes for inquiry will be developed further.

Some of our Year 4 Rushcombe Rovers football team will be playing against Springdale First School on Friday 8th February. We wish them well for the match.

Year 1 Phonics Information Meeting

A reminder that all parents with children in Year 1 are invited to a further workshop regarding the national phonic screening programme on Thursday 7th February at 6.00 pm. A separate letter with details has already been sent home. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Class Assemblies

All parents with children in Year 2 are invited to attend their child's class assembly: Willow class assembly will be on Tuesday 12th February and Chestnut class assembly will be on Friday 15th February. Both assemblies will take place in the school hall at 2.45 pm and entry will be through the office/reception area.

Parents are able to take photos/videos of their child during school events but it is recommended that images that include other children should not be uploaded onto social media websites unless permission is sought from their parents. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations will be held after the half term break on Tuesday 5th March and Thursday 7th March between 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Appointment lists will be available in your child's classroom from the afternoon on Tuesday 26th February.

Grammar and Handwriting Information Meeting – KS2 [Years 3 & 4]

Mrs Joint, our Inclusion Leader, in-conjunction with other teaching staff, will be holding an information meeting for parents with children in Years 3 and 4 to find out about the national curriculum expectations for grammar and handwriting, including the cursive script taught at Rushcombe First School. The meeting for KS2 [Years 3 & 4] will be held on Wednesday 20th March at 6.00 pm. The meeting will take place in Year 4. Entry will be via the main school entrance/reception area. A separate letter with further details will be sent out shortly. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Grammar and Handwriting Information Meeting – Year 2

Mrs Joint, our Inclusion Leader, in-conjunction with other teaching staff will be holding an information meeting for parents with children in Year 2 to find out about the national curriculum expectations for grammar and handwriting, including the cursive script taught at Rushcombe First School, as well as tips to help you support the development of your child's fine motor skills, letter formation and handwriting. The meeting for Year 2 parents will be held on Thursday 4th April at 6.00 pm. The meeting will take place in Year 2. Entry will be via the main entrance/reception area. A separate letter with further details will be sent out shortly. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

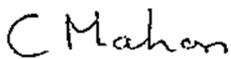
Friends of Rushcombe Second-hand Uniform

A reminder that if you have any used Rushcombe uniform that is in good condition [e.g. jumpers, PE kit, dresses, trousers, polo shirts with the Rushcombe logo etc.] you can donate it to Friends of Rushcombe for them to sell. Please drop any items off to the school office where they will be gratefully received. Thank you for all donations.

A reminder that the half term break begins on Monday 18th February. The school is closed to children on Monday 25th February for staff training and so I look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 26th February.

We look forward to seeing you at the various forthcoming meetings and events.

Yours sincerely



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