

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

Newsletter 16 Spring Term 2019



Dear Parents

The children are continuing to enjoy our learning adventure learning about living things and the environment. At the end of last week, we were all very excited to find that our chickens have laid their first two eggs!

At the weekend, many of our Year 3 and 4 children accompanied the Westbourne Orchestral Society at their 'Spring Classics' Concert alongside Miss Hardy and Mr Marchant. It was a lovely opportunity for the children and I was thrilled with their performance. Thank you to all the staff and families who supported the children at the event.

Our Year 2 children enjoyed their recent visits to SafeWise Safety Centre and we were delighted to hear that our children demonstrated excellent interest and behaviour on their visit. In addition, our Year 1 children enjoyed sharing their learning with their families in their recent class assemblies. Well done, everyone.

Thank you for recently purchasing the beautiful bunches of daffodils and t-towels. The total raised was £216.45. Thank you for your generous support. It is much appreciated by the Friends and the school.

I would also like to thank you for your continued support, understanding and kindness over this term which has been very much appreciated.

### **Staff News**

After twenty years, Mrs Wardman, our School Secretary, will be leaving in May to pursue other opportunities across the world. I would like to thank Mrs Wardman for all her hard work and support for Rushcombe First School and wish her all the best for the future. The school is currently recruiting an additional new staff member to the office team.

### **Year 2 Handwriting and Grammar Information Meeting**

A reminder, that there is an information meeting about handwriting and grammar for parents with children in Year 2 on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

### **Universal Infant Free School Meals [Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2]**

Chartwells, the catering company, have created a new packed lunch menu for the summer term. Please see the accompanying information sheet for further details. Parents with children in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and who wish to order a free packed lunch for their child, should use Chartwells online ordering system for the forthcoming term. Please note the on-line ordering system requires parents to order their child's meals up until the cut off time of midnight on Sunday – 7 days before the full week in which the meals are to be served. It is recommended that parents complete their child's order for the whole term.

### **School Uniform**

A reminder, that if you are purchasing new items for the summer term, the children wear the following items:

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dress as appropriate  
[trousers should be grey school type/tailored trousers and not fashion or casual trousers / leggings]
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt [white & red polo shirts with the school logo are available]
- Red school sweatshirt with logo [no cardigans please]
- Red and white striped or checked summer dress
- Black, grey, white or red socks or tights as appropriate
- Black flat sensible school shoes [no trainers, pumps or slip on shoes to be worn please]

Other optional items, such as fleeces and caps, are also available from the school office.

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Please make sure that all items of clothing are labelled to prevent them from getting lost around the school. In addition, small plain silver or gold stud earrings are the only jewellery allowed. Hair accessories, such as hairbands, should be in appropriate school colours. Thank you for your continued support of the uniform guidelines.

### **Safety in the School Grounds and the Surrounding Environment**

Please can I remind you that all children including small pre-school children and older children should be carefully supervised whilst on the school site and the adjacent areas at the beginning and end of the school day. At the end of day all parents/carers should collect their children from their classrooms and children should stay with an adult. We would appreciate it if you could ensure that children do not ride their scooters or bicycles in the playground or play on the adventure playground, field or adjacent bank areas as these areas are not supervised. Please ensure that additional care is taken whilst riding bikes and scooters in the pathway adjacent to the school gates. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our school environment a safe place to be during these busy times of the day.

Finally, a reminder that the children will finish on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00 pm for the Easter holidays.

I wish you all a Happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Mahon". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Mrs C Mahon  
Headteacher