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Newsletter 18 Summer Term 2019

Dear Parent

Last week, the school hosted an evaluation visit from a representative of Dorset Council who was highly positive about the children's learning, enthusiasm and engagement, the staff's teaching and professionalism and the school's ethos, curriculum and leadership. "As always, the children demonstrated excellent learning skills and outcomes... the teachers were also wonderful: thoughtful, reflective, evaluative, sincere and thoroughly professional." Well done, everyone.

Last Thursday our new Learning Adventure, 'Tales of Adventure and Wonder' began with a special storytelling performance by the artist, Tony Gee. The story Tony told was a wondrous tale, exploring a range of themes including travel, generosity, wealth and wisdom. The children are now developing a range of responses to the story, working with Tony and his team of artists in a series of studio workshops over the next two weeks. During the workshops, the artists will collaborate with the children to produce a range of art works and expressions based upon the story. We look forward to updating you about this exciting project in due course.

Staff News

As you may be aware, Mrs Wardman, our school secretary, is leaving at the end of this week. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all her hard work for Rushcombe First School and wishing her all the best for the future. The school is currently recruiting an additional new staff member to the office team and will update you in due course.

Sale of Second-hand Uniform

The Friends of Rushcombe will be holding a second-hand uniform sale on Monday 20th May at 3.05 pm in the playground. Thank you for your support.

Year 4 Voice of the Woodlands Event

We are sorry that the event was postponed yesterday due to the inclement weather. The event has now been rescheduled for Monday 20th May. Please can Hawthorn families arrive any time between 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm and Rowan families any time between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Class Assemblies

All parents with children in Foundation are invited to attend their child's class assembly: Ash class assembly will be on Tuesday 21st May and Oak class assembly will be on Thursday 23rd May. Both assemblies will take place in the school hall at 2.45 pm and entry will be through the office/reception area.

A reminder that 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.

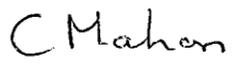
Bikeability

A Bikeability course for Year 4 children will take place in our school grounds, on Thursday 13th June and Friday 14th June, 3.15 pm – 5.15 pm. All children taking part will require a bicycle and a cycle helmet. Children are welcome to bring a drink and a snack to the training sessions. Please see separate letter for further details.

Finally, a reminder that this half term will finish on Friday 24th May and the half term break will begin on Monday 27th May. The children will return on Monday 3rd June.

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

Yours sincerely

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

Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher