

5th November 2019

Newsletter 6 Autumn Term 2019



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good half term break.

Our exciting new Learning Adventure began this week with a number of curious events occurring across the school. The Year 4 children discovered a mysterious character in their classroom when they arrived at school on Monday morning - he was wearing a colourful cloak and a top hat and appeared to have a problem linked to some toys he was trying to design. Meanwhile, the Year 2 children discovered that something unusual had happened in their classroom, including a whole host of toys scattered across the floor - what had happened? Later that morning, the Year 1 children had a curious visitor, who left behind some clues that appeared to be plans of some kind, whilst the children in Foundation discovered a door in their classroom floor and heard some mysterious noises when they opened the letterbox - who would use such a door? On Tuesday, the Year 3 also met a character who appeared to be struggling with ideas for their toy designs - the children were very keen to help out.

This new Learning Adventure, entitled 'The Amazing Children's Emporium', utilises an imaginative context for children to explore the Design Technology curriculum. It will also present many creative pathways for developing writing skills and the exploration of scientific concepts. The Learning Adventure is sure to lead the children on many exciting adventures and we look forward to keeping you updated about how it continues to develop.

Thank you to everyone who came to the parent consultations recently. It was a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress and for us to work together in supporting your child.

I would also like to thank the families who cared for the chickens over the half-term holiday. It is much appreciated.

Staff News

The school has recently appointed two new teaching assistants to the school and this week we have welcomed Miss Aldir and Mr Cuthbert to our school team. We wish them both a positive time at Rushcombe First School.

Foundation Stage Information Session for Parents

An early learning meeting is being held for parents of children in Foundation, on Wednesday 6th November, at 6.00 pm. This will focus on maths skills. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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 on Thursday, 14th 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 15th 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.

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Visit to Lockyer's Middle School

Over the next couple of weeks, the children in Year 4 will be visiting Lockyer's Middle School, to take part in a workshop afternoon. Hawthorn class will be visiting on Friday 15th November and Rowan class on Friday, 29th November. This will enable children to spend time in a middle school. (Please see separate information, sent previously, for details.) We would appreciate it if you could return any outstanding permission slips to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 2nd December and Friday 6th December. On arrival, 9.00 am for morning group and 1.50 pm for 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 2 nd December:	Hawthorn	Rowan
• Tuesday 3 rd December:	Ash	Oak
• Wednesday 4 th December:	Chestnut	Willow
• Thursday 5 th December:	Pine	Elm
• Friday 6 th December:	Beech	Maple

If you would like to join us for Decoration Week, please complete and return the slip below, by Monday, 25th 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.

Winter's 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.

Reception/Foundation Intake for 2020

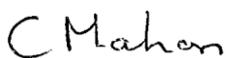
A reminder that any parents wishing their child to come to Rushcombe First School in September 2020, for children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, need to apply for a school place. Applications should be completed on-line at www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions. The closing date for all applications is 15th January 2020. 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 the school office.

Year 4 Transfer to Middle Schools

A reminder that if you have a child transferring to middle school in September 2020, 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 2020.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher

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