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Newsletter 12 Spring Term 2020



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good half term holiday and enjoyed the break. Thank you to all the families for their continued help with looking after our chickens, especially over the February half term break – it was very much appreciated.

Thank you for your recent attendance at the different events and meetings including the Year 2 class assemblies and the Year 1 phonics information meeting prior to the half term break.

Our new Learning Adventure for this half term is called 'The Many Faces of the World' and will provide children with the opportunity to explore a range of locations around the world, comparing them with their own lives in the UK. The Learning Adventure will focus upon aspects of the Geography curriculum, whilst also exploring cultural themes linked to areas such as RE, PSHE and Art and Design. During the Learning Adventure, the children will be creating a special, whole school puppet show, working in conjunction with the puppeteer, Tony Gee. Tony will be visiting the school this week to begin building the story with the children, before returning towards the end of the Learning Adventure to produce what is sure to be another spectacular whole school performance. We look forward to sharing more details of how the Learning Adventure is developing over the coming weeks.

Parent Teacher Consultations

This term's parent consultation evenings take place on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th March. As part of our endeavour to continually review and enhance our approaches, we are introducing a change to how we deliver our parent consultations during the spring term. For the upcoming meetings, we are inviting children in Years 1-4 to attend with their parents, so that they can receive feedback about their achievements with their learning and their next steps for development. We believe that this change has the potential to bring a number of positive benefits, including enhancing the child's understanding of their own learning and demonstrating that home and school work positively together for the benefit of the child. This is an optional change and if parents wish to attend without their child they can still do so. When booking the parent consultation online, parents will need to indicate whether their child will be attending – further details of the new approach and how to make an online booking will be sent to families via ParentMail. For parents of children in Foundation, this term's parent consultations will be for parents only.

Safewise

A reminder that Year 2 children will be visiting Safewise on the 11th (Willow class) and the 12th (Chestnut class) of March. Please see separate letter sent earlier for full details. We would appreciate the permission slip and the contributions being returned to school by Monday, 2nd March, thank you.

Year 3 and Year 1 Class Assemblies

All parents with children in Year 3 are invited to attend their child's class assembly: Beech class assembly will be on Tuesday 10th March and Maple class assembly will be on Thursday 12th March. Both assemblies will take place in the school hall at 2.45 pm and entry will be through the office/reception area.

All parents with children in Year 1 are invited to attend their child's class assembly: Pine class assembly will be on Tuesday 17th March and Elm class assembly will be on Thursday 19th March. Both assemblies will take place in the school hall at 2.45 pm and entry will be through the office/reception area.

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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.

Uniform and PE Kits

Our school uniform provides the children with a sense of belonging, community and pride in their school. It is practical and the children do look smart in their uniform. Our school colours are red, white and grey.

A reminder, that if you are purchasing new items of uniform, 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 such as leggings]
- Red and white striped or checked summer dress
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt [white & red polo shirts with the school logo are available]
- Rushcombe school sweatshirt with logo – all children should have a school sweatshirt [no cardigans please]
- Black, grey, white or red socks or tights as appropriate
- Black flat sensible school shoes [no trainers, pumps or slip on shoes]

For PE all children are required to wear the following uniform:

- Rushcombe white PE t-shirt with logo
- Rushcombe Red PE shorts
- Plain black trainers or plimsolls can be worn

Headlice

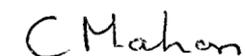
Recently, there has been a few cases of headlice in school. Please can you check your child's hair regularly for any signs of adult lice or their eggs. If you do find signs of headlice, you should treat your child's hair with the appropriate treatment and check the rest of your family for any infestations. Everyone's cooperation will reduce the frequency of cases in our school.

Further dates for your diaries:

Friday 3 rd April	The Spring Term finishes at 1.00 pm.
Monday 20 th April	School closed for a staff training day
Tuesday 21 st April	Children return to school for the summer term
Friday 8 th May	School closed – Bank Holiday
Monday 25 th May –Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 15 th June	Classes and Leavers – school photograph
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term
Monday 7 th September	Autumn term commences for the children

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

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher