

6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Newsletter 13 Spring Term 2020



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support at the recent parent consultations. It is a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress and for us all to work together. It was lovely to see so many children actively involved in the discussions. Thank you for the positive feedback about the new approach to the spring term consultations.

Our new Learning Adventure, 'The Many Faces of the World', has continued over the past week, with the children discovering more about the places in the world that they will be exploring. The children in Foundation have been helping Eric the Explorer prepare for his trip to Australia - they have been finding out about Australia and taking part in a series of 'explorer challenges'. In Year 1, the children will be focusing upon Africa and have been answering a job advert to become safari guides, including learning about hippos. Meanwhile, the children in Year 2 have been learning about children's rights and have received a commission asking them to help set up a new school in rural India, which they are busy making plans for. In Year 3, the children have received an advert from a tour company based in Brazil, asking them to create a tour visiting the many wonders of the country - at the moment the children are busy carrying out their research, including aspects such as the Rio carnival and the Christ the Redeemer statue. In Year 4, the children have received a commission from the EU and UK government to create a film about the rich and varied cultures to be found across Europe - they are currently working in small groups finding out about their particular countries of interest. We will keep you updated with the children's ongoing inquiries.

Last week, the children also enjoyed working with the artist and puppeteer, Tony Gee, who worked with all year groups to begin planning and developing the storyline for another exciting whole school puppet show, which will take place at the end of this term. For those parents who have seen one of our spectacular puppet shows in the past, we are sure you will agree that these shows are filled with joy and wonder, and represent an amazing feat of teamwork and puppet making skills across the school. Further details will be provided in due course.

Last weekend, the school arranged for a new replacement fence to be installed alongside the playground nearest to Year 3 and 4 classrooms to enhance the safety and security of the school.

Next week, our Year 2 children will be visiting the Safewise Safety Centre in Bournemouth, where the children will have the opportunity to actively engage in road safety, fire and water safety, home safety alongside crime prevention, healthy living and environmental sustainability.

### **Staff News**

The Governing Body has recently appointed a new Inclusion Leader to the school. Mrs Linsey Hancock will join our dedicated staff team at the beginning of the summer term. It is anticipated that she will work three days a week. She has visited the school a number of times to familiarise herself with the children, staff and the school. We look forward to working with her in providing high quality education for all the children at Rushcombe and continuing to build on the success of the school.

### **Year 3 and Year 1 Class Assemblies**

All parents with children in Year 3 are invited to attend their child's class assembly: Mrs Sutcliffe's class [Beech] assembly will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March and Miss Frost's class [Maple] assembly will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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:  
Mrs Webb's [Pine] class assembly will be on Tuesday 17th March and Mrs Russell's [Elm] class assembly will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. 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.

#### **Friends of Rushcombe – Daffodil Sale**

Our Friends will once again be selling beautiful bunches of daffodils on the afternoon of Friday 20th March in time for Mother's Day on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Your support for the event will be much appreciated. Funds raised will be given to the school to provide additional resources, equipment and opportunities for all the children.

#### **Further dates for your diaries**

Please see the attachment for the 2020-2021 terms dates. Our staff training days for the academic year 2020-2021 are as follows:

Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School closed for a staff training day
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School closed for a staff training day
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	School closed for a staff training day
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School closed for a staff training day
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed for a staff training day

We look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming events during the term.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Mahon  
Headteacher

**Enc. 2020-2021 term dates**