



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Today, we reach the end of the first term of the year, one packed full of achievement and special memories.

In September, we found out that we were again in the top ten performing schools in Brighton and Hove and number one for reading. However, our academic successes are only one part of what makes us such a special school.

Our children have as usual have been provided with myriad opportunities to take part in sport: our sporting culture is well embedded and is an integral part of what we are about as a school. Many congratulations to the many children who have represented Rudyard in our sports teams-we are proud of them all: win, lose or draw, they always play with pride and demonstrate our school Values.

We continue to offer our children a rich selection of clubs to take part in, many of which are teacher led and therefore free. Our portfolio of clubs continues to expand with skateboard club and Forest School club two new additions.

Our school site is being used by an ever growing number of external providers including Cross Fit and Mum Rave: we have grown into a community hub and that's how we like it.

It has been super to have our Forest School start up again with Mr Wescott. All our children have been enjoying some high class outdoor learning sessions-you really can't beat learning outside in the fresh sea air! Thank you to those of you who have supported in lessons and for our reading volunteers also.

Our exceptional PTFA continue to hold exciting events for all our children and families to enjoy. The Wonka Bar Event II was another great success and the PTFA quiz was another memorable occasion. These, and many other events, continue to raise jaw dropping amounts of money to benefit all our children. When we return in January, our children will be enjoying several new pieces of exciting playground equipment, all paid for by the PTFA.

I would like to thank Anik, Lou and the rest of the PTFA team for continuing to create these special memories for our whole school community and all in their own time: they are so very kind.

As Headteacher of our school, my main aim is for learning to be fun and engaging for all our incredible children. And for this I would like to thank all the adults who work in our school: a more talented and committed group of educators you will not find.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our school and wish all Woodingdean families a very Merry Christmas!

Euan Harington

Headteacher



School Choir singing to residents at Ireland Lodge Care Home



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions



Drazon



I am beyond delighted with how Drazon has finished this term! He has been working hard every day and focusing on his learning. This has led to tremendous amounts of improvement in all areas, particularly his writing! He brings the festive joy to our classroom with his kind words and perfect manners. Drazon is always determined to finish work to his best and will keep going and never gives up. Keep it up you superstar!

YR1

Darcey



Delightful Darcey is always ready to lend a helping hand in the classroom. She's always eager to show her lovely learning to all so they can see how hard she has worked. For example, in English, she has been working very hard on her handwriting and is now able to read back her learning to us! Darcey is always ready to ask and answer questions, readily putting her hand up to participate, what a fantastic role model she is for Obama class. Well done Darcey!

Albie



Albie – you awesome superstar! Your resourcefulness at using the 100 square to complete challenging maths addition and subtraction is brilliant! You are also resourceful and great at remembering others' ideas, as shown in your description of the lionesses' hunt. Amazing Albie – keep going buddy, just like a striker scoring that winning goal! Well done!

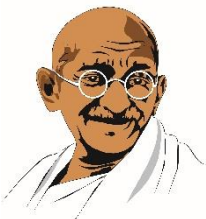
YR2

Parks



If there was an award for 'Master of Posture' then Cooper would be the winner. Your readiness to learn has taken off like a rocket, it's been incredible to watch. I have loved seeing how your eagerness to soak up every bit of knowledge has developed this term. You have done a fantastic job. Keep it up Cooper!

Frankie



You will be hard pushed to ever meet a more modest and unassuming young lad than fantastic Frankie! He is a joy to have in class and what has been so encouraging as of late, has been his willingness and readiness to get stuck into class discussions and share his thoughts! His blossoming confidence has seen his learning grow from strength to strength. Keep it up my man!

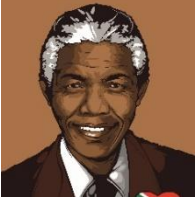
YR3

Elliott



Elliott, what a star in the making, I have been so impressed with your fantastic drawings over the last couple of weeks. Your concentration and care for attention has been amazing. Keep it up!

Arthur



At the beginning of the year, Rudyard gained another absolute star. Since day 1, Arthur has put everything into every piece of work he completes. He is an extremely hard worker and is always keen to improve and challenge himself. Marking Arthur's work is an absolute pleasure and his ability to channel the voice of another writer is phenomenal. Well done Arthur. You should be very proud of yourself!

YR4

Alaa



Alaa is like a beautiful ray of sunshine lighting up Franklin classroom. She is kind and gentle with her friends, she is always happy and positive and she is conscientious and hardworking. She works hard in class but then it is lovely to see her having lots of fun out in the playground with her friends. Alaa is a superb role model for her peers and she is excelling in Year 4.

Phoebe



To put it simply, Phoebe is outstanding! Since joining Rudyard at the start of the year, she has seamlessly become an integral part of the class, as though she's been here for years. She approaches every task with diligence and a positive mindset, no matter the challenge. Her readiness to learn and enthusiasm shine through in everything she does. Well done, Phoebe—you should be incredibly proud of your achievements!

YR5

Seth



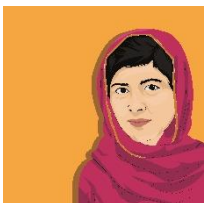
Super Star Seth can always be relied on to wow me with his well thought out ideas in every lesson. In English lately, Seth has shown how he can write in role as many of the characters in our book *Street Child*. He not only understands the thoughts and feelings of the characters, but also the reasons for those feelings. Go Seth!

Darcy

Darcy wowed me this week with her fantastic writing in role as Grimy Nick from our book *Street Child*. Not only did she capture the character's thoughts and emotions, she also used language from the book, which really made it even more authentic. It was a joy to read!

YR6

Olivia



Olivia is a warm, kind, and caring member of Yousafzai class, who brings a positivity to our classroom. I adore teaching her and watching her grow. She consistently ensures that everyone around her—both children and adults—feels counted and valued. Her thoughtfulness and willingness to lend a helping hand inspire us all. Olivia is truly a star, and we are so lucky to have her in our class!

Sofie

Super Sofie always works hard and produces high-quality learning. Her dedication and effort inspires us all every day. She truly sets a fabulous example for everyone around her! Well done, Sofie! You've earned this recognition – you're a star!

Stars of the Week

You have all been Stars This Term!

Merry Christmas Miss Farrow, Mrs Bryant, Mrs Woolven, Miss Scourfield & Mrs Mills

Play Stars of the Week

Riley, Chase, Michael and Charlie in Turing for being really creative and curious play, using loose parts to build fishing boats and see-saws.



YR Thunberg	Beau - For being a Writing Wizard!
YR Rashford	Malia - For being a superstar learner!
Y1 Kahlo	Herbie - Super writing using the conjunction 'because'.
Y1 Obama	Harlow - For being a positive learner!
Y2 Attenborough	Leo, Aidan, Oliver - Excellent writing on Rosa Parks.
Y2 Parks	Wren - For being a Handwriting Hero!
Y3 Gandhi	Tiffany - Excellent extra multiplication practice.
	Harrison, Aitor and Grayson - Quality newspaper reports based on the Iron Man.
Y3 Pankhurst	Riley - An impressive attitude to learning.
	Charlotte - An excellent newspaper report based on the Iron Man.
	Harrison - For writing out lots of amazing jokes.
Y4 Mandela	Halle - Brilliant history learning.
Y4 Franklin	Sydney - For her positivity and kindness!
Y5 Seacole	Darcie - A fantastic elephant Roman shield.
	Archie and Tahlia - High quality English work and driftwood picture frames.
	Theo - A brilliant driftwood picture frame.
	Max - A wellwritten playscript.
Y6 Turing	Arthur, Jessica and Ruby - For being amazing mentors to younger children.
Y6 Yousafzai	Jacob and Fletcher - Superb, intricate Victorian Christmas card designs.
	Barney and Oliver - Brilliant writing based on Streetchild.
	Fin - Impressive maths fluency.
	Beau - Excellent writing based on Streetchild.
	Millie - Accurate division maths calculations.



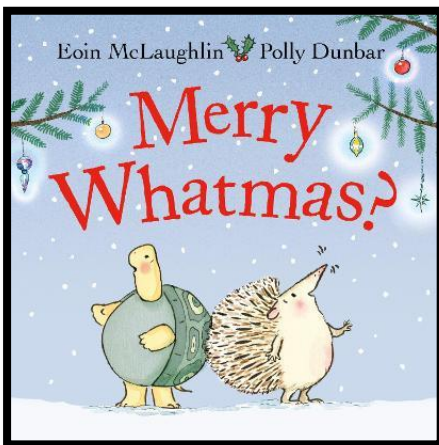
Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

Reading Research Alert:

“Students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little.” Sullivan and Brown 2013.

A Christmas Special! We hope you have a lovely break

Merry Whatmas? (Hedgehog & Friends) by Eoin McLaughlin and illustrated by Polly Dunbar



Hedgehog and Tortoise are celebrating their first Christmas but do not really understand what it is.

Thankfully, the other animals are on hand to try and explain...they chat about presents, treats, decorations, singing and roasts! But Hedgehog and Tortoise soon realise that Christmas isn't about perfection but it's simply about being together with the ones you love.

This is charmingly illustrated story with a wonderful message!

Fox thinks Christmas is about presents, Badger thinks it's about pudding, Magpie thinks it's about singing . . . Tortoise and Hedgehog begin to feel rather overwhelmed with all the noise and fuss. But in a quiet moment of reflection they learn the most important lesson of all: Christmas is about being with the ones you love.

The Christmas Carrolls by Mel Taylor-Bessent & Selom Sunu



Wish it could be Christmas every day? Well, for nine-year-old Holly Carroll and her family, it is! Living her merriest life in a house with year-round fairy lights and Christmas trees, a carol-singing toilet and a diva donkey who thinks he's a reindeer, home-schooled Holly tries to spread cheer wherever she goes.

But when she goes to a new school with a singing Santa backpack and first day Christmas cards (during a heatwave in September!), she realises not everyone shares her enthusiasm for spreading cheer. In fact, when the neighbours try to remove the Carrolls from the street and Holly discovers a group of children that may not get a Christmas at all, her snowglobe world begins to crack. Is the world's most Christmassy girl about to lose her Christmas spirit?

The Christmas Carrolls is a heartwarming, hilarious and inclusive tale about the power of spreading cheer, the magic of friendship and what really matters at this most wonderful time of the year.

We thoroughly enjoyed this feel-good read with its loveable cast of characters, festive puns aplenty and themes of kindness, inclusion and sparing a thought for others in the community.

Goodbyes and Hellos

Today, we sadly say goodbye to Miss Davies who is leaving to take on new challenges. We thank her for everything she has done for the children in Parks class.

We welcome Miss Wiseman to Rudyard, who has already taught the children in Parks class. She is looking forward to joining our team and bringing her many skills to Year 2.

Meet the Teacher Spring Term

You are cordially invited to attend these in the first two weeks of term. In these meetings, you will be able to find out about your child's new topics, routines and how you can support their learning at home. They are also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have. The dates are as below:

Y2: Wed Jan 8th

Y1: Tues Jan 14th

Y6: Thurs Jan 9th

Y4: Wed Jan 15th

Y3: Fri Jan 10th

Y5: Fri Jan 17th

YR: Mon Jan 13th

PTFA NEWS / Events

We have been chosen to be part of the CO-OP community fund! If you already have a co-op card you'll be able to choose us as your chosen charity. <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/87742>

New members sign up here <https://membership.coop.co.uk>



Equalities



This week we have been learning about the Christmas story and why some people celebrate Christmas. One child said, "My favourite part is getting to see my aunt and uncle because I never see them because they live far, really far away. I like that they bring presents too."

Another child chose to stand up and talk to us about going to church and what Christmas means to her. This started a conversation about belief and how lots of people believe different things. The class even earned a marble for the jar, when one child added, "Just like when we learned about the festival of light (Diwali)". Very well remembered.



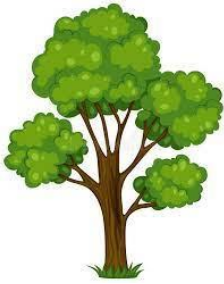
Wescott Thursdays Spring 1

The dates for Wescott Thursday after half-term are as follows: The running order will be as follows:

Thursday 9th January – Year 6
Thursday 16th January – Year 4
Thursday 23rd January – Year 5

Thursday 30th January – Year 3
Thursday 6th February – Year 2
Thursday 13th February – Year 1

Forest School with Mr Wescott!



Next Forest School Sessions

Tuesday 7th January – Y4 Franklin
Thursday 9th January – Y4 Mandela
Monday 13th January – Y5 Pankhurst



UPDATED: Class PE Days

Kahlo: Monday & Wednesday
Obama: Monday & Wednesday
Parks: Monday & Thursday
Attenborough: Thursday & Friday
Pankhurst: Monday & Thursday
Yousafzai: Monday

Gandhi: Wednesday & Thursday
Mandela: Monday (swimming) & Friday
Franklin: Monday (swimming) & Tuesday
Seacole: Tuesday & Friday
Turing: Wednesday

Salvation Army

Our Christmas Concert ticket donations raised **£580** for the Salvation Army, a fantastic contribution which they have received and thanked us for already. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket.

How the money raised will help:

- £9 could contribute towards one-to-one support work for a homeless person in one of our centres.
- £19 could help provide a box of groceries and gifts, so that families who are struggling in poverty can enjoy a Christmas meal together.
- £45 could provide a Christmas dinner and the promise of companionship for five lonely older people.
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Community Notice Board



**IN THE TOP 10 PERFORMING SCHOOLS
IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE WITH 96%
READING, HIGHEST IN THE CITY!**

OPEN EVENT

Wednesday 8th January, 9:30am

**CALL US NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE
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**Fridays
10.00 - 12.00**

**Woodingdean Youth Centre
Warren Road**

for more details please
email: woodingdeanfoodhub@gmail.com

Text or call: 07876 404004

Register on
your first visit
for £1

Pay £3.50 each
visit

Come each week or only as
often as you want to

Pay with cash or
by card

Please let us know if payment or collection is an issue - we can
be flexible



Woodingdean Food Hub Reverse Advent Calendar

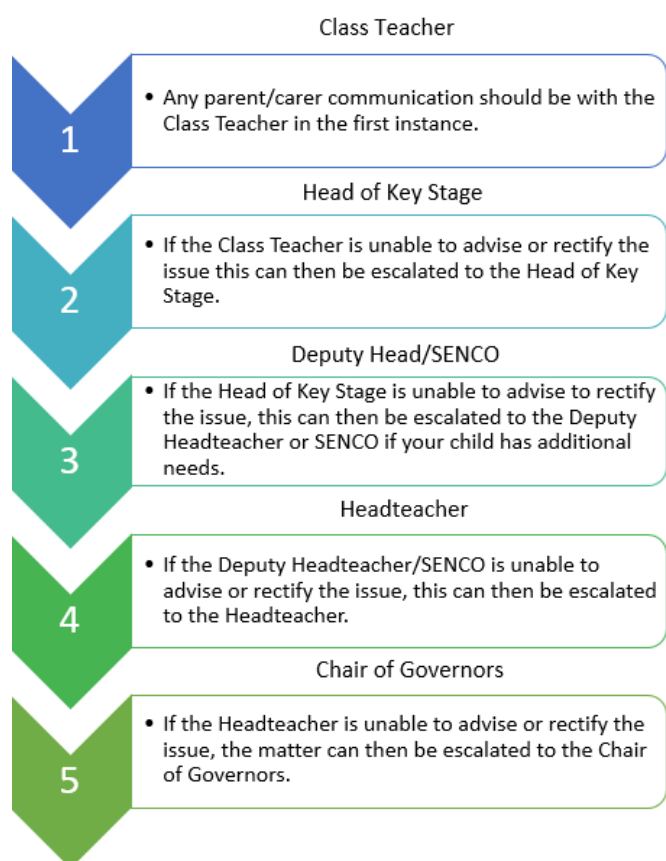
Try to collect a different gift each day for
someone needing to use the Food Hub near
Christmas.



1. Tinned meat
2. Instant coffee
3. Rice pudding
4. Tinned fish
5. Toothpaste
6. Honey
7. Biscuits
8. Dates
9. Shampoo
10. Tinned tomatoes
11. Crisps
12. Vegetable oil
13. UHT milk
14. Soup
15. Shower gel
16. Pasta sauce
17. Sugar
18. Rice
19. Tinned fruit
20. Cereal
21. Lentils, beans and pulses
22. Tea bags
23. Sweets
24. Custard
25. Chocolates

Donations can be delivered to
**Woodingdean Youth Centre, Warren
Road, BN2 6BB on Friday mornings
between 10.00 and 12.00
or dropped into Holy Cross Church,
Downs Way, BN2 6BD, any day between
9.00 and 5.30.**

And finally...



Head of Key Stages

Foundation – Ms A Smith

Key Stage One – Mrs V Brewer

Lower Key Stage Two – Mr N Wynne

Upper Key Stage Two – Miss L Vaughan

Arbor Parent App

Please make sure that when you are booking clubs, trips or ordering items, you complete the process by clicking through ALL stages. Bookings are not confirmed until ALL steps are completed in this process.

All bookings for clubs and trips are held within the APP so you can remind yourself at any time.

Not on App

School Meals (ParentPay)

Dates for the Diary

December 24	
Friday 20th	LAST DAY OF TERM
January 25	
Monday 6th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7th	CHILDREN RETURN, Forest School Y4 Franklin
Wednesday 8th	Y2 'Meet the Teacher' (2:45pm)
Thursday 9th	Y6 'Meet the Teacher' (2:45pm), Y6 Wescott Thursday, Forest School Y4 Mandela
Friday 10th	Y3 'Meet the Teacher' (2:45pm)
Monday 13th	YR 'Meet the Teacher' (2:45pm), Forest School Y3 Pankhurst
Tuesday 14th	Y1 'Meet the Teacher' (2:45pm), Forest School Y3 Gandhi
Wednesday 15 th	Y4 'Meet the Teacher' (2:45pm)
Thursday 16 th	Y5 'Meet the Teacher' (2:45pm), Y4 Wescott Thursday, Forest School Y2 Parks
Friday 10 th	African Drumming Workshop (Year 5)
Wednesday 22 nd	KS2 World Religion Day
February 25	
Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday 24th	CHILDREN RETURN

