



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

This has not been the week we were expecting, as we received more snow than any of us would have wished for! If ever there was proof that Woodingdean has its own microclimate then this was surely it.

I was one of a number of staff who had to leave their car at school and make my way home by other means. It was actually rather lovely bumping into several RKPS families on the long walk down to Falmer station and having a chat, there was a super community spirit. I had the added responsibility of carrying Bailey (one of our school therapy dogs) in a bag so was especially careful not to slip! Some of our teachers walked long distances home, including three hour treks to Patcham, seriously impressive fitness!

I must thank Mrs Mills, Mrs Scourfield and Mr McGauley for staying very late on Wednesday, supervising children whose parents were battling through the snow to collect them.

It's great to have the children are back in school today and I'm sure they will be enjoying the snow.

I would like to give special thanks Mr McGauley for the many hours he has spent clearly the site, salting inside and outside the school-including along Chalkland Rise: he has worked like a Trojan.

Our spring term Meet the Teacher sessions continue later today and next week-I hope that you can make it along.

Have a wonderful, wintery weekend

Euan Hanington

Headteacher



Albion's Stadium looking glorious in a blanket of snow.

STAY SOCIAL



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Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness



YR Thunberg	George - For being a superstar learner!
YR Rashford	Fin - Super independent writing of the word 'jet'!
Y1 Obama	Oakleigh - Super writing about winter.
Y2 Attenborough	Eren - Superb contributions in English.
Y3 Gandhi	Carter - Excellent maths learning.
	Tiger - Impressive independent writing.
	Daenerys - Quality descriptive writing.
	Ted - First class maths and English!
Y4 Franklin	Ole, Bertie and Oakley - For being maths magicians
	Max and Evan - Fantastic rendition of a Michael Rosen poem.

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:

Y6: Thurs Jan 9th ** TO BE RE-ARRANGED

YR: Mon Jan 13th

Y1: Tues Jan 14th

Y4: Wed Jan 15th

Y5: Fri Jan 17th

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>





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

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



Ms Nazarko recommends:

BLUE JOHN by Berlie Doherty and illustrated by Alexandria Neonakis



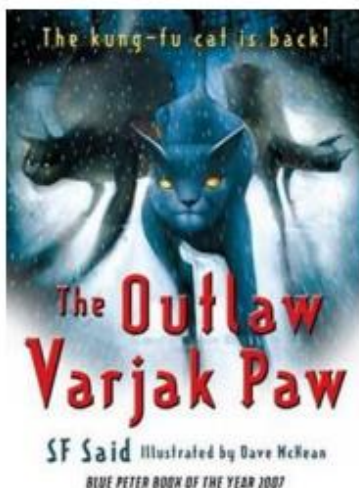
A spell-binding tale of magic and mysticism for young readers that explores the wonder of nature, from award-winning Berlie Doherty.

The Queen of Darkness lives deep underground beneath a mountain with her child, Blue John, a boy she made from the blue of the glacier and the hot yellow light of the sun. Blue John is forbidden to leave his mother's side, but the lure of the light above is too strong. When a singing, dancing girl comes to the caves, Blue John must make a choice between darkness and light. A heart-warming story that embraces the beauty and colours of the natural world. High quality cream paper and a special easy to read font ensure a smooth read for all.

This book is part of the Little Gems range, fully-illustrated first chapter books designed to support reading speed and stamina. It has a dyslexia-friendly layout, typeface and paperstock so that even more readers can enjoy it.

Ms Nazarko recommends:

The Outlaw Varjak Paw by SF Said and illustrated by Dave McKean



Those in Year 4 and above, who have read the brilliant Varjak Paw for your Power of Reading text, will love the second adventure in the life of the extraordinary Mesopotamian Blue, Varjak Paw: kung fu for cats!

Having saved the city cats from a fate worse than death, Varjak Paw finds himself the elected and popular leader of a new gang – a gang that supports freedom and kindness for all. But will the pressure take its toll on this brave yet sometimes naive cat? Soon the city erupts in an all-out gang war as the evil Sally Bones attempts to control the lives of all cats. Horrified and outnumbered, Varjak and the others must fight for their freedom or die trying; can Jalal's Way really be the best way? This is another thrilling adventure, eagerly awaited by all Varjak fans, both young and old.

Ms Nazarko is currently reading this to her son and they are thoroughly enjoying it!

Snowy RKPS



School
Notices

Wescott Thursdays Spring 1

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

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



Mon 13th Jan - Y3 Pankhurst
Tues 14th Jan - Y3 Gandhi
Thurs 16th Jan - Y2 Parks

Mon 20th Jan - Y2 Attenborough
Tues 21st Jan - Y1 Obama
Thurs 23rd Jan - Y4 Mandela

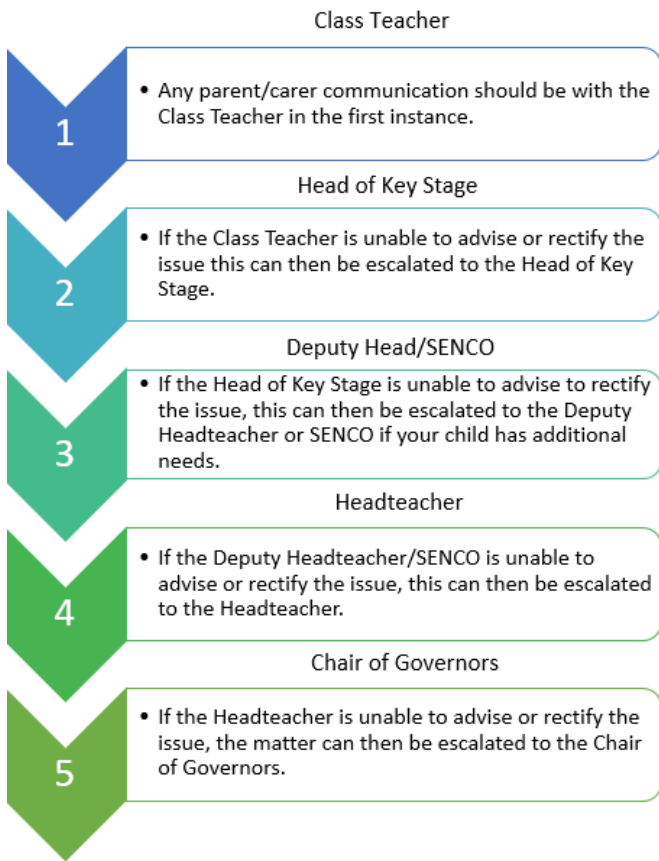


UPDATED: Class PE Days

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

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

January 25	
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

