



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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### Headteacher Reports:

What a memorable week it has been with our various Christmas productions.

We have a long history of musical theatre at Rudyard, it is a key part of what makes our school special. Our professional sound and lighting enable all our children to excel and ensures that no child's voice is lost. Many thanks to all the staff involved in pulling such impressive shows together and to Mrs Brewer and Mr Jones especially for being the theatrical masterminds!

The performances packed out the halls, thank you to everyone who came along. Mr Mayor, Rev Helen, Councillor Jacob Allen and Councillor Jackie O Quinn were part of the audiences and were thrilled by what they saw. The quality could not have been as high without your support from home so thank you for supporting your child with the learning of their lines and dances; the making of their costumes.

Yesterday morning, our Reception children took part in a rather magical make and sing morning. A variety of family members helped their loved ones making Christmas decorations and other Christmas crafts. After the making had finished, the children treated their grown ups to 5 beautiful poems and songs-it was really rather special!

Next week, there are still more Christmas events we look forward to: our Nursery Sing-along and Create morning on Wednesday and our school choir are also giving two more special performances. We take Christmas very seriously at RKPS!

At this busy time of year, I always reflect on what an exceptional staff team we have here to support our children. I know that our adults very much appreciate it when they receive kind words or a card thanking them for all they do.

We look forward to one more week of learning before we break up for the Christmas holiday.

Have a wonderful weekend

*Euan Hannington*

Headteacher



Christmas Productions



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

# Special Mentions



## Lola



Lola has soared through this term like a meteor! She has left a trail of positivity and kindness behind her. I am over the moon with her enthusiasm and creativity in her learning. Lola always shows a readiness to learn and sits with perfect posture waiting to share her fantastic ideas. We are so lucky to have her in Kahlo class. Well, done Lola!

## Amina

YR1



Looking for someone who is hardworking, kind and helpful? Look no further than Amina! Amina is constantly making the right choices, always listening and encouraging others to listen as well. She is always ready for lessons, whether it is a whiteboard and marker on the carpet or English book and pencil on the tables. Her readiness encourages others to do the same. Amina is also always ready with a smile or a laugh to share for anyone who needs one. What a treat it is to have Amina in Obama class!

## Mubasher



Magnificent Mubasher amazes us with his resilience every day. Mubasher the maths whizz is a fantastic role model for a resilient learner. In maths, he speeds through his work, and if there is a problem he doesn't understand, he knows all he has to do is ask his talk partner or his teacher! He is not only a resilient learner but also a resilient friend. He spreads joy with his laughter and smiles. Mubasher, you've been a star so far, Obama class can't wait to see how fabulous you will be for the rest of the year!

## Teddy



Ready, steady Teddy! Wow, Teddy, what a super star you are with your readiness! Whether it's part of our whole class learning, lining up or during the Christmas show to say your lines and sing the songs, we can always count on you. Like a football zooming across the pitch to score that winning goal, you hit the mark every time. Keep it up, buddy!

YR2

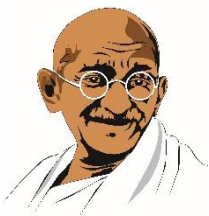
## Louie



Louis the maths magician knows how to work his magic in lessons! It was fantastic observing you use your ruler as a number line when adding across tens. It's great to see you using resources to support your learning, especially when working through calculations and finding solutions. By tapping into different tools and strategies, you can make even the toughest problems more manageable and discover new ways to approach challenges.

## Chester

YR3



Chester, Chester, Chester, what do you have for breakfast? We certainly want some of what you're having because you attend school every day with a positive attitude, a determination for learning and a readiness that is unmatched. This has been demonstrated in all your learning but none more so than your maths. Reasoning? Piece of cake. Problem solving? No problem. In fact, it seems as though Chester is ready for anything. Keep it up, buddy!



## Ruben

Ruben is a learning legend. In every lesson, Ruben is one of the first children to put his hand up to contribute to class discussions. He is always keen to share his amazing creative ideas. He is an excellent team player and spends a lot of time helping others. Every day, he spreads kindness and laughter, and we are very lucky to have him in Mandela class. Keep up the hard work Ruben!

YR4



## Jaxon

These last couple of weeks, Jaxon has been working so hard on giving his best to his work, making sensible choices, participating and sharing his wonderful ideas and staying cool, calm and collected. His excellent attitude has shown what a sensible and mature person he is. Keep it up Jaxon.

## Rocco

Rocco from Morocco has smashed the ball out of the park this week with his resourcefulness in maths. When the going got tough, as it does with fractions sometimes, Rocco pulled on his previous learning using his STEM sentences to remind him how to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa with ease. In fact, by the end of the week, he could have taken Mr Jones' job and taught the lessons himself. Well done, Rocco!

YR5



## Jack

Jack is blossoming into a truly outstanding member of Turing class. He takes his mentoring role at lunchtimes very seriously and you can see the pride he takes in modelling Year 6 behaviour to younger children. Jack is so kind and generous with his time, but never does it for praise, which is typical of him and why he is so well-liked in Turing class! Keep it up Jack.



YR6

## Stan

Spectacular Stan joined Yousafzai class at the beginning of term and has fitted in like a missing puzzle piece! He lights up our classroom with his great curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. We love reading Stan's work to the class, as he always has fantastic ideas that inspire everyone! Stan is not only creative but also caring and kind, making him a wonderful addition to our class. Bravo Stan!



## Raniah

Raniah is a delight to teach. She is kind, considerate, and works beautifully in groups. Her positive attitude and artistic talents inspire those around her, and she is a valued and respected member of the class. Raniah's willingness to help others and her exemplary behaviour make her a role model for her classmates. Bravo Raniah!

# Stars of the Week

**After School Club – KS1 – Ben in Attenborough for being so positive at After School Club**  
**KS2 – Riley in Turing for being so helpful at After School Club**



YR Thunberg	<b>Heidi-Rose</b> - For being a superstar learner!
YR Rashford	<b>Austin</b> - For great all-round effort in class!
Y1 Kahlo	<b>Drazon</b> - Handwriting Hero!
Y1 Obama	<b>Bobbi</b> - For being a learning superstar!
Y2 Attenborough	<b>Teddy</b> - For being a kind friend.
Y2 Parks	<b>Khaliyl</b> - Fantastic writing! <b>Josh</b> – A super poem about the African savannah. <b>Stanley</b> - For forming the incredible 'Steamrollers' pots and pans band in the playground!
Y3 Gandhi	<b>Ted</b> - Excellent writing on the Iron Man. <b>Aitor</b> - Wonderful poetry!
Y3 Pankhurst	<b>Talia</b> - For a seriously impressive compilation of poetry. <b>Isabelle</b> - Impressive descriptive writing. <b>Eva</b> - For being a maths magician. <b>Millie</b> - Fantastic history learning. <b>Freddie</b> - Exceptional history work.
Y4 Mandela	<b>Curtis</b> - Super multiplication work. <b>Eddie, Harlow, Ivy and Daisy</b> - Excellent history learning on the Romans.
Y4 Franklin	<b>Grace, Darcie and Max</b> - First class multiplication learning. <b>Freddie</b> - Dynamic history writing using sophisticated humour.
Y5 Seacole	<b>Theo</b> - Going to the extra mile with his handwriting.
Y6 Turing	<b>Jack, Liam, Sienna, Thea and Darcy</b> - For being kind and amazing mentors to younger children. <b>Lilah</b> - For always being so kind and respectful in the dining hall. <b>Bader</b> - Secondary school quality writing based on 'Streetchild'.
Y6 Yousafzai	<b>Isla</b> - For her consistently excellent attitude to learning.



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

### Reading Research Alert:

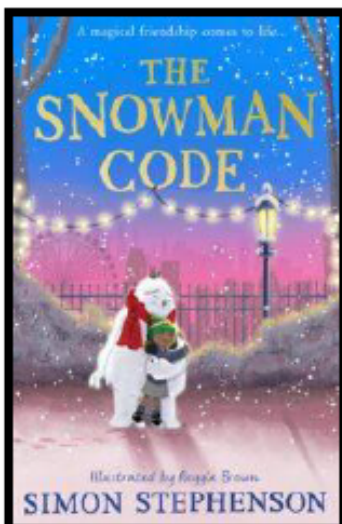
*"Students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little." Sullivan and Brown 2013.*

### *The Tree That's Meant to Be by Yuval Zommer*



A gorgeous Christmas picture book that's destined to become a festive classic. A little fir tree is too small and too imperfect to be chosen at Christmas time. But being left alone in the forest brings more rewards than the tree could ever have hoped for . . . This is a charming and classic-feeling Christmas picture book with a heartfelt message about love and embracing what makes us different. Families will love sharing the story and talking about kindness, generosity, and the true meaning of Christmas. Award-winning author of books such as *The Big Book of Bugs*, *The Wild* (our previous World Book Day book) and *The Big Book of Beasts*, Yuval Zommer puts the living world at the heart of his powerful storytelling.

### *The Snowman Code by Simon Stephenson & Reggie Brown*



A beautifully hopeful, funny and heartwarming tale about the lasting power of love and friendship, from the critically-acclaimed and award-winning screenwriter behind Pixar's *Luca* and *Paddington 2*.

In London, in a winter which shows no sign of ending, a unique friendship begins.

This is the story of Blessing, aged ten-and-a-half, and Albert Framlington, aged six hundred – an eccentric snowman who has seen many winters in many cities, and who is duty-bound by the Snowman Code to help any child in need. Together, Blessing and Albert must find a way to defeat Blessing's bullies, win back Albert's long-lost love Clementine, and even overcome the never-ending winter itself...

Perfect for fans of *The Christmasaurus*, *A Boy Called Christmas*, *The Snowman* and *Paddington*, *The Snowman Code* is a heartwarming, hilarious and unforgettable modern classic for families to curl up with on frosty winter nights.

# 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>



## Wescott Thursdays Autumn 2

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

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 4**

## Forest School with Mr Wescott!



### Next Forest School Sessions

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Y6 Yousafzai

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Y4 Franklin

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Y5 Seacole



## Fabulous Fitness Friday Friend of the Week

Steph Curry- Basketball player and Mini-Nazarko's sporting hero



Point Guard for NBA Golden State Warriors, Steph Curry is considered the all-time best shooter, having scored an almighty 3,822 3 pointers!

# Community Notice Board



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

## OPEN EVENT

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 9:30am

**CALL US NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE  
(01273) 303328**

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## Festive Tech Camp

30th - 31st December

Discover Our Most **EXCITING** Tech Activities!



**Magical Minecraft**



**Virtual Reality**



**Comet Crackers**



**Robotics**

**GET 10% OFF**

**BOOK NOW** [www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)

## WOODINGDEAN FOOD HUB



**Fridays  
10.00 - 12.00**

**Woodingdean Youth Centre  
Warren Road**

for more details please  
email: [woodingdeanfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto: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

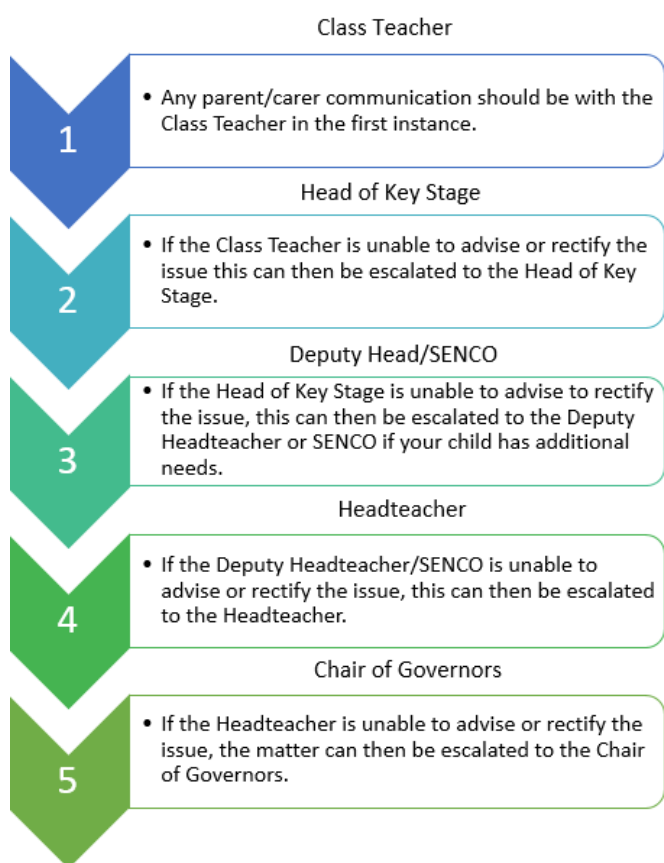
Try to collect a different gift each day for  
someone needing to use the Food Hub near  
Christmas.



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,  
Downsway, 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

<b>December 24</b>	
Tuesday 17th	Rocksteady Concert – 2:30pm
Wednesday 18th	Armstrong sing-along and create a traditional Christmas/Winter decoration – 8:50am-9:50am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Choir to Ireland Lodge 2pm
Thursday 19th	Choir Christmas recital, 2:30pm
Friday 20th	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
<b>January 25</b>	
Monday 6th	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 7th	<b>CHILDREN RETURN</b>
Friday 10th	African Drumming Workshop (Year 5)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	KS2 World Religion Day

