

Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends of Rudyard,

Happy New Year to everyone!

I hope you all had a great Christmas and a good start to 2018. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for all the lovely cards, messages and gifts that were given at the end of last term. Your kind words and positive comments are always appreciated and your support is very much valued - Thank You!

We were very pleased to receive funding for Hugo, our school therapy dog, who lives with Mr Lewin. Both Hugo and Buddy were overwhelmed with presents and thoroughly spoiled for their first Christmas! They are settling in really well to our everyday school routine and the impact that they are having as part of our community is just brilliant!

You will all have received a letter sent out at the end of last term from Mrs Nazarko to inform you that Attendance Certificates will now be given out in class assemblies. This has been in response to the comments made by a group of Parents/Carers last term when Mrs Tooke shared our School Vision Plan – thank you to all of you who were able to join Mrs Tooke.

Exciting news – Miss Etherington has got engaged! The children in Mysa were very excited and enjoyed hearing her lovely news!

Topic Chats will be taking place over the next two weeks and I would like to remind you all that every newsletter has all dates of everything that is happening at our very busy school. Sometimes dates do need to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances and therefore I would like to remind you all to check the dates on the most recent newsletter.

Kind regards

Joanne Smith

Head Teacher Awards

Mowgli – Franky Saunders

Keego – Ruby Abell

Mysa – Bradley Punter, Isabelle Wickenden, Angharad Board, Aimee Monk,
Marley Kilroy, Oliver Underhill, Sophie Underhill, Davis Mwanuskye & Olivia Pocock





Holidays during Term Time & Survey

I would like to remind you that no holidays taken during term time will be authorised. As in previous newsletters we have advised Parents/Carers that since September 2017 the Local Authority guidance has been revised and any holidays taken during time will be subject to a fine. We have seen an increase in families taking holidays in term time, despite the Local Authority extending the October half term.

The Local Authority is currently doing a survey for families and school staff regarding the October Two Week Half Term. Please can you take time to respond to this with the link below -

The survey is now open until 31 January 2018 and can be found at: <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/autumn-half-term-survey> please either copy and paste to your browser or go to our website. Thank you.

Last year the council agreed to try out a longer autumn break for 2018 and 2019, and also to consider the impact of the change before making any decisions further into the future.

As well as getting residents' views, the council will look at the impact of the two-week break on overall attendance; the progress pupils have made this term, and the experiences of staff.

A report on the results of the consultation will be considered by the council's children, young people and skills committee on 5 March 2018.

Ensuring that the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children receive the council's support in all areas is one of the council's key priorities.

The extra week's holiday in October aims to enable families to have more flexibility about when they can spend time together without missing school, and to take excursions or holidays outside the peak holiday period.

It was also hoped that the measure would help address the issue of parents taking their children out of school during term-time for unauthorised holidays, missing valuable learning.



PTFA – Donations for Mother's Day

PTFA are after any unopened, unused and unwanted gifts / toiletries for Mother's Day. If you would like to donate them it would be much appreciated. Please bring them to The Office.

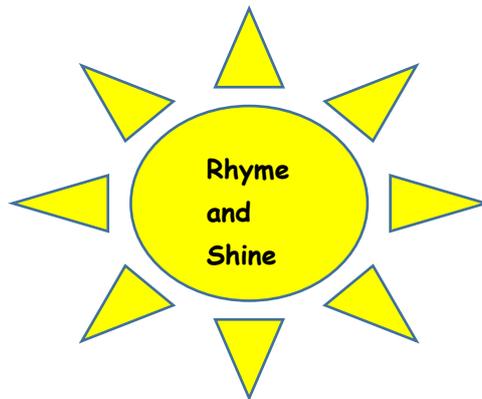
Thank you!



Year 6 Hoodies!

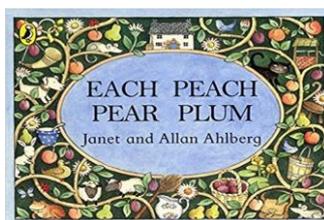
It is great that we are already hearing that there is a lot of interest in the Year 6 hoodies! Due to popular demand and requests that the children have them earlier this year they will be available for Year 6 to wear after February half term. A letter will be going home next week with all of the information that you need to be able to place your order

Watch this space!



We are very excited about our first Rhyme and Shine of 2018! We look forward to welcoming our lovely 0-3 year olds and their lovely grown-ups to the session, which will take place next **Thursday 11th January 2018, from 9-10am in the Key Stage 1 Hall.**

The book we will be enjoying this time, and you will get to take home with you is the gorgeous Each Peach Pear Plum, by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.



We are so looking forward to seeing both familiar faces and meeting new friends, so please do come along to join in the fun.

Dress to get messy!

A £3 donation from each family is gratefully received.

	SPRING TERM
<u>January 2018</u>	
Monday 8th	2.45pm – Year 3 Topic Chat
Tuesday 9th	2.45pm – Year 5 Topic Chat
Wednesday 10th	2.45pm – Year 4 Topic Chat
Thursday 11th	Rhyme and Shine
	2.45pm – Year 6 Topic Chat
Monday 15th	2.45pm – Year 2 Topic Chat
Tuesday 16th	2.45pm – Year 1 Topic Chat
Wednesday 17th	2.45pm – Reception Topic Chat
<u>February 2018</u>	
Thursday 1st	Year 6 SATs Evening
Thursday 8th	9.00am – Reception Assembly
Friday 9th	INSET DAY
Monday 12th	HALF TERM
Monday 19th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 20th	BACK TO SCHOOL
<u>March 2018</u>	
Thursday 1st	World Book Day
	9.00am – Rhyme and Shine
Thursday 15th	5.00pm – 7.00pm – Parents Consultations
Wednesday 21st	3.30pm – 6.00pm – Parents Consultations
Thursday 22nd	9.00am – Rhyme and Shine
Tuesday 27th	9.00am – KSI Gold Certificates Assembly
Wednesday 28th	9.00am – KS2 Gold Certificates Assembly
Thursday 29th	LAST DAY OF TERM
<u>April 2018</u>	
Thursday 12th	BACK TO SCHOOL



Dates for the academic year 2018-19 have been set and can be found at: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/school-term-and-holiday-dates>



FREE Parenting workshops



1. Managing Anxiety in Children.

2. Managing self-harming behaviours in Children.



Questions or worries about anxiety or self-harming behaviours?

Not sure what you can do to as a parent?

Come along to a **supportive and friendly** workshop offering **basic awareness** and parenting tips.

The workshops aim to:

- ♦ Increase your **understanding**.
- ♦ Increase your **confidence** in managing this with your child.
- ♦ Offer **tips** on how to **support** your child and **where to get help**.
- ♦ Think about the support you might need as a parent.

Tuesday 20th February 9.15—11.45 a.m. —Anxiety

Tuesday 27th February 9.15—11.45 a.m —Self-harming behaviours

THESE ARE BEING HELD AT RUDYARD KIPLING PRIMARY SCHOOL.

PARENTS FROM OTHER LOCAL SCHOOLS ARE VERY WELCOME TO COME ALONG (PLEASE BOOK A PLACE VIA RUDYARD KIPLING'S SCHOOL OFFICE).

Please sign up / phone the school office to book a place: **01273 303328**

For more information about the workshops : please call Julie Stokes on 01273 419725.

