

# Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

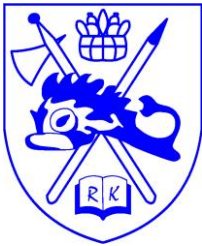
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Dear Families and Friends of Rudyard

I would like to say a massive 'Thank You' to all the members of our very active P.T.F.A! They work incredibly hard on a voluntary basis to organise events that so many of your children enjoy and look forward to. Thank you to all of you for supporting these events and especially to the P.T.F.A. who give up their spare time to make these things happen. A lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes to help these events run smoothly and if you feel you are able to give up some time to be involved in the P.T.F.A. please let them know – they are always looking for more help! Thank you to the Office Team for supporting the P.T.F.A. in collecting money and answering the many questions and queries that they get – Teamwork!

The choir are looking forward to singing at the Christmas Concert at the Brighton Centre on Monday and we are all looking forward to enjoying the children's Christmas performances in school during the last week of term.

Year 6 have been giving tours to prospective Reception Parents this week and if you are looking for a Reception place for September 2017 and would like a personalised tour led by the children please contact us to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Only 2 weeks to go!

Kind regards

*Joanne Smith*

## Head Teacher Awards

Baloo – Harriet Dowsett-Jones

Mowgli –William Giles

Dahinda – Isabelle Denyer, Eliza Pattenden & Rosie Wintle

Singum – Emelia Statham

Shada – Ashleigh Crimp & Lislá Dowsett-Jones

Ahdeek – Oliver Craig

Kotick – Kaden Coales

Ko - Lauren Hushie & Harrison Hope



## Inset Day change

**Due to Staff training it has been necessary to change the date of one of our Inset days. The School will be closed to children on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February meaning the first day back after the February half term will be Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February and the first day back after the Easter holiday will be Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.**



## Attendance & On Time Ted

This week the Teddies were awarded to:

### Attendance

**KS1** Dahinda 100%

**KS2** Ahdeek 97.9%

### On Time

**KS1** Tabaqui 100%

**KS2** Singum & Sona 100%

## Every School Day Counts

### Attendance

90% Attendance may sound good and if we were to get 90% in a test we would be quite happy, however 90% is the same as missing **4 school weeks in one year!**



### Poppy Appeal

We have been advised by the Royal British Legion that this year the school donated £130.50. Thank you. The Breakfast Club led our Remembrance Assembly on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 by sharing interesting facts and famous poems that they had been reading about the poppy fields in France. Thank you Breakfast Club, you led an amazing assembly!

### OUR SOLDIERS

This is the day we worship,  
 The day we pray,  
 The day we remember our soldiers, our soldiers, our soldiers, our soldiers.  
 The day we get our poppies,  
 The day we close our eyes and remember our special ones,  
 The day we think, we think, we think, we think.  
 The day we may get teary but it's ok,  
 The day we're very kind,  
 The day, the day, the day,  
 This is the day.

By Esme Leigh Frape

### Flu Nasal Vaccine

Flu Vaccinations are Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December for Years 1, 2 and 3. Please ensure your child's form is returned by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. A form must be completed for each child even if you do not want the vaccine to be given.

Thank you.

**HUG ME!**



## Google Expeditions

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, KS2 were visited by Google as part of their Expeditions programme. Google Expeditions is a 3D virtual reality experience in which children can explore faraway destinations with just a mobile device and a Google Cardboard headset. The children were immersed in their environment through a selection of 3D panoramic images that rotated with the child. It might be the only time that we'll ever be able to say that we sent Year 3 to Rome, Year 4 to Mexico, Year 5 to Antarctica and Year 6 to the Caribbean all in the same morning! Opportunities like these are such a rich and inspirational experience that our children are sure to remember for many years to come.

We were delighted to welcome Bryony McKenzie who covered the day on BBC South East's local news last Friday. We've also been featured on local radio and in Saturday's Argus. We are always looking for innovative ways to enhance our children's learning and we were privileged to pioneer this technology at Rudyard. The Expeditions app is available to download for free on iOS and Android devices.

Thanks to all of the staff for embracing the day and for making it such a valuable experience for the children.

Mr Simmonds



## CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

Last week, Years 5 and 6, participated in the "Waterhall Cross Country". If you don't know what a Cross Country is, it is a long distant race, across a field/pitch. The Deans Sports Partnership came first out of all of the teams that took part.

Here are some quotes from the children:

Conor O'Hanlon, age 11 (Year 6 Boys Runner), "It was fun but after a while it became exhausting: We couldn't wait to arrive at the finish!" 😊

Nila Barnard, age 10 (Year 6 Girls Runner), "The race started off full of energy, but when we had to run up the first hill, all you could hear was people panting. It was hard work; but when we finished, we found it was all worth it!"

We had one Year 5 girl Lyla – Bleu who did really well representing Year 5 along with the Year 5 boys! Mr Hambrook came to our assembly on Wednesday and presented medals and showed us the trophies that are going to be engraved and shared with the Deans Schools.


This whole thing would not have been possible without Mr Hambrook, leader of the Deans Sports Partnership, and Miss Etherington, our Sports Co-ordinator.

THANK YOU 😊 😊 😊

Written by Nila & Conor Year 6





<u>December</u>	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am KSI Gold Certificate Assembly
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9am KS2 Gold Certificate Assembly
	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccination – Years 1, 2 & 3
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	P.T.F.A. Christmas Raffle to be drawn
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am KSI Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal
	2pm KS2 Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am KSI Christmas Performance
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	2pm KSI Christmas Performance
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	2pm KS2 Christmas Performance
	6pm KS2 Christmas Performance
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	LAST DAY OF TERM
	<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b> 
	<b>SPRING TERM</b>
<u>January</u>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Children return</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am September Reception Intake open session
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm -Year 6 Topic Chat
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am KSI 100% attendance
	2.45pm -Year 5 Topic Chat
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9am KS2 100% attendance
	2.45pm -Year 4 Topic Chat
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9am Rhyme & Shine KSI hall
	2.45pm -Year 3 Topic Chat
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm -Year 2 Topic Chat
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm - Year 1 Topic Chat
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm - Year R Topic Chat
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am School Nurse Drop-In
<u>February</u>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9am Rhyme & Shine KSI hall
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Year 2 Assembly
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Inset Day – School closed to children</b>
wb Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Inset Day–School closed to children–PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Children return</b>