

Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends of Rudyard

It was great to see children receiving 100% Attendance certificates this week, as well as children whose attendance has really improved since September 2016. We appreciate all of your support in getting your children to school every day and on time! If you ever have any queries or questions about attendance please do not hesitate to ask me or any of our Inclusion Team. We are all here to help and support our families and we do understand that sometimes difficulties prevent us as Parents/Carers in being able to get our children to school every day and on time. The more information you share with us creates an even better home school relationship – remember that we are all working together for the children, who always come first!

I would like to thank those children and their parents who have had recent ‘clear outs’ of unwanted toys, books and dressing up clothes as a result of new things at Christmas! Your donations are very much appreciated and this week we had an amazing amount of Lego and fabulous Super Hero costumes that are now being well used in our new Nurture Room – Thank You!

There is a reminder of our school uniform and what the children are expected to wear to school, in this week’s newsletter. We have noticed that there are a few children in Years 5 and 6 who are wearing black jumpers, cardigans, pinafores and skirts and would like to remind you that the school colour for jumpers and cardigans is blue and preferably blue tights for girls. We work hard to maintain high standards of presentation and encourage children to keep to our school uniform code. Our School P.E. tops are really smart and can be purchased from the School Office.

Following the Topic Chats this week and next week I look forward to seeing the children’s Take Home Tasks coming into school – the children really do embrace these creative learning opportunities. We value the support you give your children at home.

Kind regards

Joanne Smith

Head Teacher Awards

Jacala – Bella Cobby, Grace Cooper & Max Fox

Singum – Jared Dempsey, Tyler Welburn & Jamie Franks

Ahdeek – Ezmei Cole & Summer Kenward

Ko – Ellie West

Mysa – Mathew Craig, Chloe-Jean Main, Louise Markwick & Lewis Manser



Attendance & On Time Ted



This week the Teddies were awarded to:

Attendance

KSI Baloo 98.6%

KS2 Singum 97.7%

On Time

KSI Baloo, Keego & Tabaqui 100%

KS2 Kotick 99.6%

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!**



The N.S.P.C.C.'s *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

I'm pleased to advise you that we will be working with the N.S.P.C.C., the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** Programme in school on 16th January 2017. This is a nationwide programme for every infant and primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school.

Dear Parents of Nursery and Reception.

We will be sending Autumn Term 2016 learning observations very soon. Please check that you have accepted (activated) your invitation. If you have not seen the email, please check in your 'spam' folder (please note that the activation might not work on all mobile phones.) Should you require a hard copy of your child's report in place of an electronic version please let your child's class teacher know.





At Ruyard the children have been taking part in Philosophy 4 Children (P4C) sessions in which they consider the wider world around them and are taught to accept and encourage differing points of view realising that we are all different.

Each fortnight a picture is given to act as the Stimulus from which questions to discuss are generated...

so far we've had 'Is it important how you view yourself?' and 'Does the past make you who you are?'

Have a go yourself at home!

Diablos

Diablos are only allowed to be brought into school by children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 for use at lunchtimes where they play in a designated area. However, due to the health and safety of the younger children, diablos cannot be used in the KSI playground.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

You can prepay for uniform on Parent Pay and then collect from the office

The school uniform is:

- Plain navy or grey skirt, pinafore dress, grey or black smart trousers
- Navy sweatshirt (school logo – available from school), Plain navy jumper or cardigan (no logo), navy fleece (school logo – available from school)
- Plain white shirt, blouse or polo top
- Securely fastening black or navy shoes or black trainers

In warmer weather the following may be worn:

- Blue & white striped or checked dress
- Plain navy/grey or black shorts
- Securely fastening sandals

All children are expected to wear the school uniform

This is not only practical but it also helps children develop a pride in their appearance and in the unity of the school

P.E.

All children need to have P.E. kit in school made up of dark shorts, white t-shirt (or navy version with school logo – available from school) and plimsolls

All clothes and possessions should be carefully marked with the child's full name

We now have P.E. T-Shirts in stock, which are navy with the school logo on. They are available from the School Office for £4.50

Stargazing Live event at the University of Sussex. It's a free event - astronomical activities will be held on **Wednesday 18th January 2017**, from 6.30pm-9pm, in the Jubilee Building at the University of Sussex campus in Falmer, Brighton <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/physics/outreach/stargazinglive>



| | SPRING TERM |
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| <u>January</u> | |
| Monday 16 th | 2.45pm -Year 2 Topic Chat |
| Tuesday 17 th | 2.45pm - Year 1 Topic Chat |
| | 3.45pm – Indoor Athletics Tournament at Longhill |
| Wednesday 18 th | 2.45pm - Year R Topic Chat |
| Monday 23 rd | 9.00am – Kitchen Disco for Reception and Parents / Carers |
| Wednesday 25 th | 8.30am - School Nurse Drop-In |
| Wednesday 25 th | 2.00pm – P.T.F.A Meeting in the Meeting Room |
| <u>February</u> | |
| Thursday 2 nd | 9am Rhyme & Shine KSI hall |
| Thursday 9 th | 9.00am Year 2 Assembly |
| Friday 10 th | Inset Day – School closed to children |
| wb Monday 13 th | Half Term |
| Monday 20th | Inset Day–School closed to children–PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE |
| Tuesday 21 st | Children return |
| Tuesday 28 th | 9am 100% attendance KSI PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE |
| <u>March</u> | |
| Wednesday 1 st | 9am 100% attendance KS2 PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE |
| Thursday 2 nd | World Book Day |
| | 9am Rhyme & Shine KSI hall |
| Thursday 9 th | Year 1 Lewes Castle trip |
| Friday 10 th | 9.00am – Numbers Count for Nursery Parents KSI Hall |
| Thursday 16 th | 5.00pm -7.00pm Parent Consultations |
| Wednesday 22 nd | 3.30pm - 6.00pm Parent Consultations |
| <u>April</u> | |
| Tuesday 4 th | 9am Gold Certificates KSI |
| Wednesday 5 th | 9am Gold Certificates KS2 |
| Thursday 6 th | 9am Rhyme & Shine KSI hall |
| Friday 7 th | LAST DAY OF TERM |
| Monday 24th | Children return-PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE |

