

Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers of Rudyard

The children and staff have had a really positive start to the new term. Thank you for ensuring your children are wearing the correct school uniform and footwear – the staff have been really impressed with how smart the children are at school. It is great to see the children taking a pride in their appearance and feeling proud to be a pupil at Rudyard.

We are promoting the value of **Respect** across the school as well as encouraging the children to be respectful to each other and to follow the School's Golden Rules. As part of working with you we would appreciate if you could **please sign and return the attached School and Family Contract** to your child's class teacher. We will be sending this out on an annual basis just to remind children, families and teachers about the importance of school and home working together.

Ms Williams the new Headteacher from Longhill was in the playground this week and she will be there again on Tuesday 20th September. She is keen to be part of the school community and will be visiting Year 6 in the next couple of weeks. This is an opportunity for any Year 5 or 6 Parents and Carers to find out more about Longhill Secondary School.

Kind regards

Joanne Smith

Head Teacher Awards

Jacala – Rhianna Salib

Kotick – Zak Ellinger

Sona – Jimmy Tee



Golden Rules reminder...

We show **Respect** by:

Being kind and gentle

Listening to others

Doing the right thing

Being honest

Looking after things inside and out

Thank you for following our Golden Rules!

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?

Please register now to make sure we don't miss out

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'.

With this money we could give more children across the school access to programmes we have developed and which have proven to help children **at all levels** to make better than average progress, for example:

- small group targeted teaching by one of our teachers **to extend our more able pupils** or to give pupils who are working at just below the average level in their class a boost so that they can reach **average levels**.
- 1 to 1 support by our specially trained **reading** staff
- 1 to 1 support by our specially trained **maths** staff
- the support of our **Learning Mentors**
- **one to one expert tuition** by one of our own teachers in reading, writing or maths

Please help and register before 30th September 2016 to make sure your child and others in their class don't miss out.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, although if you receive Working Tax Credits you will not be eligible. Please look at the list below to check your eligibility.
2. Registering is really quick and easy to apply online via the following link:
<http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/applying-online-free-school-meals>
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal saving you more than £390 a year.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school will receive the funding.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming

We're really looking forward to seeing lots of new and familiar faces at Rhyme & Shine again this year.

Our first session will be on **Thursday 6th October, 9am - 10 am in the KSI hall.** If you live in Woodingdean and have a 0-3 year old (pre-school), please come and join us for stories, play, song, fun and laughter. Things often get quite messy so please bring a change of clothes for your little one!



Brighton & Hove

Brighton & Hove City Council wishes to understand the childcare needs of parents and carers in Brighton and Hove. This will help us to plan for childcare in the future.

Please complete this online survey and you could win a £50 high street shopping voucher.

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/childcare-sufficiency

Please note, this is a different survey to a recent one about additional free childcare for three and four year olds. It relates to all childcare for children aged 14 and under, or under 18 if they have a special education need or disability.

The survey closes on 25 September, 2016.

Thank you!

Early Years and Childcare Team

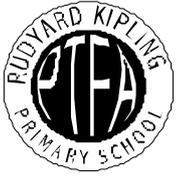


In order to ensure children are well hydrated, especially as we continue to enjoy warm weather, please don't forget to send your child into School with a named water bottle.

Thank you.



<u>September</u>	
Monday 19 th	Autumn born Reception children start – am only
	2.45pm Year 6 Topic Chat
Tuesday 20 th	2.45pm Year 5 Topic Chat
Wednesday 21 st	2.45pm Year 4 Topic Chat
Thursday 22 nd	2.45pm Year 3 Topic Chat
Monday 26 th	Reception child go full time
	10.30am Harvest Assembly
	2.45pm Year 2 Topic Chat
Tuesday 27 th	2.45pm Year 1 Topic Chat
Wednesday 28 th	9am New Reception Parent/Carer Coffee morning
<u>October</u>	
Thursday 6 th	School Photographer
Friday 21 st	Year 1 Assembly
Week beginning Monday 24 th	HALF TERM
Monday 31 st	Inset Day – School closed to children
<u>November</u>	
Tuesday 1 st	Children return
	9am KSI 100% Attendance Assembly??
Wednesday 2 nd	9am KS2 100% Attendance Assembly??
Thursday 3 rd	4.30pm – 7pm Parent Consultations
Tuesday 8 th	3.40pm – 6.10pm Parent Consultations
Thursday 24 th	6pm Open session for September 2017 Reception intake
Friday 25 th	9am Year 4 Assembly
<u>December</u>	
Tuesday 6 th	9am KSI Gold Certificate Assembly
Wednesday 7 th	9am KS2 Gold Certificate Assembly
	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 8 th	Flu Vaccination – Years 1, 2 & 3
Monday 12 th	9.15am KSI Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal – KS2 hall
	2pm KS2 Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal – KS2 hall
Tuesday 13 th	9.15am KSI Christmas Performance – KS2 hall
Wednesday 14 th	2pm KSI Christmas Performance – KS2 hall
Thursday 15 th	2pm KS2 Christmas Performance – KS2 hall
	6pm KS2 Christmas Performance – KS2 hall
Friday 16 th	LAST DAY OF TERM



Rudyard Kipling Primary School PTFA
Chalkland Rise, Woodingdean,
BRIGHTON, East Sussex, BN2 6RH

You are invited to our

PTFA

Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 27th SEPTEMBER 2015** **1.30-3pm at the school**

Our *Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)* are a friendly, informal group who run fun fundraising events, such as raffles, discos, Mother's Day gifts and other fun activities. We also support at school events such as Rhyme and Shine and Sports Day. All parents, family carers and friends are welcome to join. Taking part is great way to make new friends and be an active part of school life.

The PTFA committee meets about once a term during term time, but many parents just volunteer as occasional and even at-home helpers getting involved on an event-by-event basis, depending on how much time they have available.

All money raised by our fundraising events go directly back into the school by way of new equipment and facilities such as the KS1 playground, new KS2 playground equipment, library areas and more!

At our AGM we will look back on the events of the last year and discuss plans for future events. We will also elect the officers and committee members for the coming year. If you are interested in finding out what we have been doing and how you can get involved, please come along to our AGM with your ideas and enthusiasm. Refreshments will be provided. If you cannot attend but are interested in getting involved in any way with the PTFA, please complete the form below.

We are looking forward to working together with you and your children and having lots of fun along the way!

You can also keep up to date with your PTFA and other parents on our Facebook page:
RKPS Parents and Friends

Yours faithfully,

Rudyard Kipling PTFA

I would like to join the PTFA and/or would be willing to help at any fundraising events (delete as appropriate)

Name _____

Your Child's Name and Class _____

Contact Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Home Learning Policy

‘Together we will help each other to achieve our best’

School and Family Contract

At Rudyard Kipling we believe children learn best when Parents/Carers and the school communicate and work together, to support children’s learning. The School, Parents/Carers and Pupils all have a collective responsibility:

Parents/Carers

I/We shall try to:

- see that my child goes to school regularly, on time and ready to learn
- make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour;
- support the school’s policies and guidelines for behaviour;
- support my child in homework and other opportunities for home-learning;
- attend parents’ evenings and discussions about my child’s progress;
- get to know about my child’s life at the school and what he/she is learning.
- sign my child’s homework diary regularly.

The School

The school will try to:

- care for your child's safety and happiness;
- ensure that your child achieves their full potential as a valued member of the school community;
- provide a balanced curriculum and meet the individual needs of your child;
- achieve high standards of work and behaviour through building good relationships and developing a sense of responsibility;
- keep you informed about school matters and about your child's progress in particular;
- be open and welcoming at all times and offer opportunities for you to become involved in the daily life of the school.

The Pupil

I(pupil name) will follow the school’s Golden Rules:

- to arrive at school on time;
- to be polite, friendly and helpful to others at all times;
- to work hard in the classroom;
- to talk to an adult if there is a problem
- to help look after my classroom and school environment;
- to move around my school and classroom in a calm and quiet way.

Signed by School:

Date:

Signed by Parent/Carer:

Date:

Signed by Pupil:

Date: