

# Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Families of Rudyard

Thank you for all the lovely positive comments we had from so many of you when we celebrated Roald Dahl last Thursday on the school field. The children looked amazing and their costumes were beautiful – thank you! Many of you said how nice it was to come in early on in the term and see what your children have been doing in class. If you missed the opportunity please just ask the class teachers as they will be happy to share the children's work with you. We are proud of our Open Door Policy that provides everyone with regular opportunities to engage in your children's learning and the children are always proud when you come in! Thank you for all the Family and School Contracts that have already been sent in, if you have not done this yet or need another copy please ask your child's teacher.

Our new website is beginning to take shape and as the year goes on we will be working hard to ensure that information about your children's learning will be easily accessible to everyone. [www.rudyardkiplingprimary.co.uk](http://www.rudyardkiplingprimary.co.uk) – please start browsing!

Kind regards

*Joanne Smith*

## Head Teacher Awards

Jacala – Oliver Charnley

Tabaqui – Belle Keeley, Harry Markwick & Harry Bryant

Bagheera – Harvey Gully

Ahdeek – Grace Taylor & Holly Garland

Ko – Lauren Hushie, Rhiannon Thornton-Poole, Bradley Gunn, Chloe Miller, Cory

Rhoden and Grace Whitfield

Mysa – Tiegan Dempsey, Millie Lockwood, Kade Robertson & Violet Allen



Harvest Festival – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September

The children will be celebrating Harvest in assembly on Monday and we would appreciate any tins, dried foods, non-perishable items that you would like to send in. Our Harvest Festival is being led by Rev Dermot Thornberry, who visits our school on a termly basis along with a few of his volunteer workers. We thought this year it would be nice to donate the food that the children bring in to The Methodist Church in Woodingdean. Thank you in advance for your contributions!



## **Parent governor vacancy**

**Are you a Parent/Carer of a child at Rudyard Kipling school?**

**Are you interested in becoming more involved in the running of the school?**

**Do you have skills and experiences that you feel you could contribute?**

As a result of the resignation of Tina McCarty, we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the governing body so we will be holding an election to find another parent to fill this role.

Parents or carers of pupils attending the school are invited to apply. This includes any person who is not a parent of a child but who has parental responsibility for him/her or who has care of the child.

### **What do school governors do?**

Governors play an important role, supporting the Headteacher and staff in the running of the school. Becoming a Parent Governor offers an opportunity for you to contribute to decision making and, crucially, to bring a parent's view to discussions.

### **The role of a school governing body is to:**

- Ensure that the school has a clear vision and plan for the future.
- Support the Headteacher and school leadership team in maintaining pupils' educational performance, development, and wellbeing. Two important aspects of this are acting as a 'critical friend' to the Headteacher – providing constructive challenge where appropriate – and overseeing her performance management and that of the staff.
- Oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

### **Do I need any special skills?**

No special skills are needed, and free training will be provided. We would welcome expressions of interest from parents who have skills and experience in matters relating to premises and health and safety. However, the election is open to all parents.

### **What is the time commitment?**

Rudyard Kipling's full governing body typically meets six times a year in the evening; though there may be additional meetings. Members of the governing body are also members of committees and working groups, which meet each term. These are focused on topics such as data or finance.

Governors are welcomed into school for pupil progress meetings, learning walks, assemblies, performances, and special occasions.

Please contact the Clerk to the Governors, [ruthali@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:ruthali@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk) or the school office for a nomination form. Closing date is 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**KS2 SATs dates!**

**The dates for the KS2 SATs are Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 'til Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017!  
Please do not book a holiday during this week as it is vital that all children do their SAT tests as it is statutory and it is important that all their hard work is shown!**



It is lovely to see so many children travelling to school by bike and scooter this term, however, please remember that no bikes or scooters should be ridden in the school grounds.

**Home-learning guidance!**

Thanks for all the lovely Home-learning we have seen in this week. A great start to the year. Just to help us and you here are a few notes on what Home-learning will usually include:

- A spelling task
- A maths task
- A grammar or punctuation task



Home-learning should not be something new for children, it should be there to consolidate their understanding – therefore for *most* tasks set, it should be completed independently, as it will follow what your child has learnt during the week. If there is anything that your child found challenging, please complete the front form, as it will help the teacher know they need to recap the learning at school.



You can now pay for Breakfast Club and After School Club sessions online in the same way as you pay for dinner money. When you log in click on 'Pay for Items' to add payments for Breakfast Club, After School Club, Year 6 Residential Trip and class day trips, as they occur. If you have not accessed the website before or have lost or forgotten your log in details please contact the Office for an activation letter.

**MESSAGE FROM THE DEANS SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

The Deans Sports Partnership dance club for years reception, 1/2/3/4/5/6 starts in October. Letters have already been sent home.

The club culminates with a performance next spring. Please sign your child up as soon as possible as per the instructions on the letter.





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