

Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends of Rudyard

I do hope that everyone had a lovely half term, enjoyed the warm weather and had fun with your lovely children! The staff were pleased to see everyone back at school on Monday, keen and ready to learn! We are delighted to be able to share our recent Ofsted Report with everyone following our inspection at the beginning of May. It feels like a long time ago but we are thrilled to confirm that Ofsted continue to judge Rudyard Kipling as a Good School! Thank you to all the parents and children who completed questionnaires online and supported the school in such a positive way! We especially liked the comment in the report that said '*children are happy in school and teachers listen carefully to what the parents have to say.*' The full report is available for you all to read on our school website – enjoy!

As we come to the last half term of this academic year I would like to inform you that Mrs Sandy Murray who has been a midday supervisor at Rudyard for 25 years will be retiring at the end of the Summer Term. Mrs Walker is moving onto pastures new as she takes up a Deputy Head position at Southover School in Lewes. We wish her all the best and I would like to reassure you that all the great work that the ECAR Team do for our school will continue as Mrs Tooke will be full time from September. Reading is a great strength at Rudyard and thank you to Mrs Walker for all your hard work in maintaining great standards in reading. Mr Simmonds has completed his Schools Direct Training and is very excited to be taking up a teaching position at a primary school in Seaford. Mrs Eborn, who has been covering for Miss Capps whilst she has been on maternity leave, will also be leaving at the end of July.

Kind regards

Joanne Smith

Head Teacher Awards

Baloo - Axel Sousa Medonca, Isla Omari & Yasmina Khelifi

Mowgli - Louis Guillot-Rymer & Mia White

Keego - Charlie Miller

Tabaqui - Bobby Lyons, Belle Keeley, Farah Turner & Jordan Keating

Bagheera - Ebonie Williams

Singum - Spencer Hards & Nina Abrahams

Shada - Josh Williams, Connor Paine & D'Rell Gapara



Attendance & Punctuality leagues for Spring Term

Attendance League

1 st Tabaqui 97%
2 nd Mysa 96.7%
3 rd Sona 96.5%
4 th Singum 96.4%
5 th Shada 96%
6 th Keego 95.6%
7 th Mowgli 95.5%
8 th Ahdeek 95.3%
9 th Dahinda 95.2%
10 th Baloo 95%
11 th Ko 94.7%
12 th Jacala 94.6%
13 th Bagheera 94.5%
14 th Kotick 92.6%



On Time League

1 st Tabaqui 99.8%
2 nd Sona 99.7%
2 nd Singum 99.7%
2 nd Shada 99.7%
2 nd Mowgli 99.7%
2 nd Baloo 99.7%
7 th Ko 99.6%
8 th Mysa 99.5%
8 th Kotick 99.5%
10 th Ahdeek 99.2%
10 th Dahinda 99.2%
12 th Keego 99%
13 th Bagheera 98.7%
14 th Jacala 98.5%

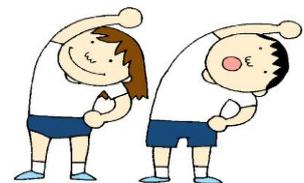


PE Kit Reminder

We are officially in the last half term now, the sun **should** be shining, children **should** be smiling but we **should** also be able to have our PE sessions outside! This does mean we need to be suitably dressed as it starts to become a Health and Safety issue when children are not in full kit.

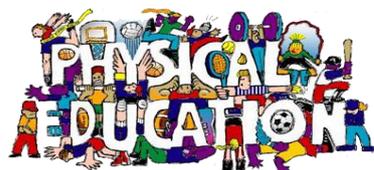
PE kit includes:

- Trainers/Plimsolls (outdoor and indoor suitable)
- Blue or black PE shorts (plain not branded)
- School PE T-shirt (available to buy from the office for £4.50) or if your child has a white polo shirt (as per the previous PE uniform) this can be worn for the rest of this term We are encouraging our school PE t-shirt to be worn throughout the school. It is very noticeable how proud the children feel and how smart they look in their RKPS t-shirt – especially at PE events. This is the attitude we would like to see all of our children have in their PE lessons too.



Thank you for your support with raising the profile of PE and encouraging your children to lead an active and healthy lifestyle.

Miss Etherington





Holidays in Term Time

We are getting a higher number of requests for holidays during term time than last year. There are a number of families who are taking holidays and informing us at the last minute or when they have already gone on holiday and sometimes not at all! The guidance we are given from the Local Authority is that no holidays during term time can be authorised regardless of the number of days taken. We do look at each request on an individual basis and the attendance of each child is considered before a decision is made about issuing a Fixed Penalty Fine. If your child's attendance is below 95% a fine will be issued to each family member and both parents.

This year for the first time Brighton & Hove have allocated a two week break for half term in October to enable families to travel and take an extended half term holiday. Many families also take advantage of the advanced notice we give for Inset Days and appreciate that we tag these on to the School Holiday dates set by the Local Authority.

Attendance is monitored on a weekly basis by Jackie Storey our Education Welfare Officer with Mrs Pierce and Mrs Mills. As a school we have a duty to ensure that all children attend school on a daily basis and when holidays are taken during term time this does disrupt children's education and their school routines.

Thank you for your support.



A message from Mrs Jackie Storey – Education Welfare Officer

As we move into the final half term of this academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all Rudyard Kipling Primary School Parents and Carers for your continued support in recognising the importance of regular attendance at school. Regular attendance is vitally important for your child's progress and wellbeing – a child with 90% attendance is actually missing half a day of school every single week!

As you may already be aware, Brighton & Hove City Council have again tightened up their Code of Conduct around Fixed Penalty Notice fines for unauthorised absences from school. These fines are £120 per Child per Parent /Carer, and are issued for unauthorised absences including those due to family holidays taken during term time. Please do not book any trips or holidays during term time. Head Teachers are under increasing pressure to not authorise any leave of absence at all. Full details can be found on the BHCC website

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/fixed-penalty-notices-fpn>.

On that note, I would like to remind families that there is a wonderful **175 non-school days each year** for family time and trips. Please use these and help us to allow all children to be in school every day.

If your child is having difficulty in attending school for any reason whatsoever, we are available to support and help you so please do contact us if you would like help and advice. Please contact me or the School Inclusion Team if you would like to discuss anything at all related to your child's attendance or punctuality.



Champion Chanzige Summer Fair – Thursday 13th of July!

We're very excited to be hosting a fun-packed Summer Fair to raise money for our partner school 'Chanzige' in Tanzania. Expect games, crafts, sweets, cakes, book stalls, prizes, toys, a raffle and.....best of all, the chance to throw a wet sponge at your teacher for the small price of £1!

If you would like to help we are looking for the following:

- A photographer for an hour or so
- Raffle prizes
- Toys in good condition
- Children's books
- Small toys to be used as prizes (e.g. bouncy balls)
- Packs of Lego cards
- Cakes



30 HOURS FREE NURSERY PROVISION FROM SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, **from 1 September 2017, working parents of three and four year olds will be entitled to 1,140 hours of childcare a year which is free of charge.** This equates to 30 hours full time provision in our school Nursery; five full days.

If you think you will qualify for the new 30 hours, from September 2017, you will need to register and complete the application form online now. Please go to the government website for entitlement information and application form:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Once you have registered you will be given a 30-hour eligibility code you will need to bring it into school and give to Ms. Smith (in Nursery) or hand into the office to secure a full time place from September '17 in the Nursery. Please do not delay; it can take up to 3 weeks for your code to reach you once you have applied.

Inset Dates 2017/18

We would like to remind you of the following Inset dates for the next academic year:

Friday 1st September 2017
 Monday 4th September 2017
 Friday 9th February 2018
 Monday 19th February 2018
 Monday 4th June 2018



	SPRING TERM
<u>June</u>	
Tuesday 13 th	9am 100% attendance KSI
Wednesday 14 th	9am 100% attendance KS2
	Year 2 Woods Mill Trip
Thursday 15 th	New Intake 2017 Parents welcome evening 6pm – 7pm
Thursday 22 nd	9am Rhyme & Shine KSI hall
Wednesday 28 th	Year 4 Newhaven Fort Trip
Thursday 29 th	Class Photo's
<u>July</u>	
Tuesday 11 th	1.30pm Sports Day
Wednesday 12 th	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 13 th	9am Rhyme & Shine KSI hall
Tuesday 18 th	9am KSI Gold and 100% attendance
Wednesday 19 th	9am KS2 Gold and 100% attendance
Tuesday 25 th	LAST DAY OF TERM

