

Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers

I can't believe it is already half term as the last 7 weeks have really flown by! As always we have had a very busy half term with lots of fantastic work produced by the children and a really great start to this new academic year. I would like to acknowledge the great staff team that we have and the hard work and commitment that the staff gives to Rudyard Kipling Primary School every day. We welcomed new teachers and support staff in September and they are all part of our great staff team.

We say goodbye today to Mr J Arthur one of our Learning Mentors who is taking up a new post in a secondary school closer to home. We wish him all the best with his new role.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school fit and healthy in the run up to Christmas.

Kind regards

Joanne Smith

Head Teacher Awards

Ko – Jade Dellow & Rhiannon Thornton-Poole

Singum – Brandon Osman-Wheeler

Sona – Frankie Lyons

Ahdeek – Finley Cooper



Secondary School Application

Reminder to all Year 6 Parents. Final day for submitting your secondary school application online is
31st October 2016



Attendance & On Time Ted

This week the Teddies were awarded to:



KS1 Baloo 98.5%

KS2 Sona 97.9%

On Time

KS1 Baloo, Mowgli & Tabaqui 100%

KS2 Shada, Sona & Kotick 100%

Rocking Afternoon with Rocksteady Music School



Following the energetic and inspirational workshop by Rocksteady, they would like to offer all our children the opportunity to attend weekly music lessons and play in their own band.

Once enrolled, your child will attend a weekly 30-minute rehearsal, which takes place during the school day and then perform at an end of term concert. Rocksteady provides all instruments, your child just needs to choose which part of the band they'd like to play; drums, guitar, keyboards or vocals.

Enrolment and payment is organised by Rocksteady, with the cost of £26.95 a month via direct debit. There is no minimum sign-up period and a money back guarantee for the first month. There are currently limited spaces available for the lessons which are booked on a first come first serve basis. If you would like to enrol your child, please call 0845 0941259 or visit the website for more information www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

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!**



Parent & Carer Questionnaire Results 2016

In the summer term we sent out a Parent & Carer Questionnaire and I would like to take this opportunity to share the results with you...

98% agreed that pupils generally behave well

98% support the view that regular attendance at school is important for all children

97.2% agreed their child feels safe at school

97.2% agreed their child is making good progress

97.2% agreed they help their child at home

96.2% agreed teaching is good

92.5% agreed they are well informed about how their child is getting on in parents evening and in school reports

92.5% agreed their child is happy at school

92.4% agreed that newsletters are helpful and informative

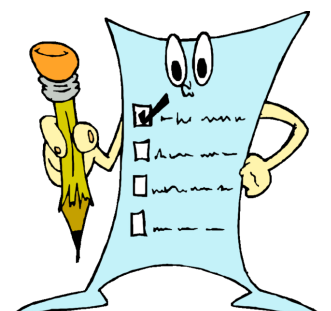
95.2% agreed their child is well looked after

90.6% agreed they feel welcome when they come into school

We have taken on board all feedback / comments and are looking at:

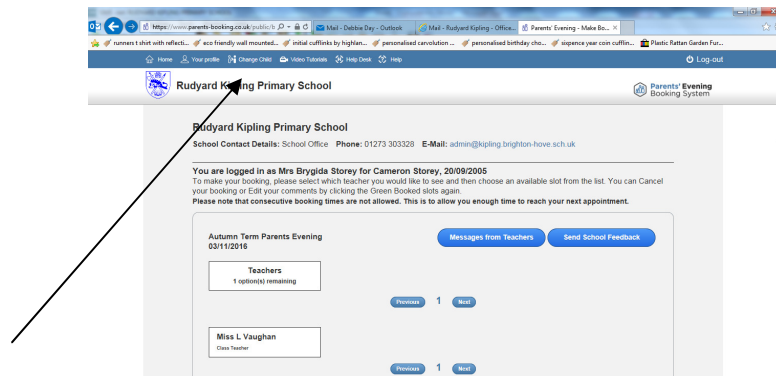
- More ways to provide support/help for parents at home with school work and ways that you can help your child at home.
- How we can provide more effective communication for Parents & Carers
- Greater awareness and understanding of the role of the Governors
- Greater opportunities for after school clubs

Thank you to all those of you who completed the questionnaire as it supports our School Improvement work and we are always looking at ways to improve that will support you as parents & carers as well as your children. Your support and positive feedback and comments are appreciated by the staff at Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery.



Booking Your Parents Evening Appointment

Please remember to book your parents evening on line. The system is new to us as well so your patience is appreciated while we sort out any “teething problems”.



Please follow the link above to book appointments for more than one child.

Calling all Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Parents & Carers!!!

YES!
FREE LUNCH!

All children in these year groups are able to receive a school meal at no cost to Parents/Carers. School meals are healthy, tasty, social and fun and choosing a school lunch for your child/children will help **save you up to £400 per year**. Meals are **freshly made every day**, **meat and vegetarian options are available every day** and we can cater for children who have other dietary requirements where the menu is agreed in advance.

The new menu choices that are starting after half term have been sent home with children this week.



Why not give it a try!!



Reminder

All fees for School dinners, Breakfast Club & After School Club should be paid in advance or on the day





<u>October</u>	
Week beginning Monday 24 th	HALF TERM
Monday 31 st	Inset Day – School closed to children
<u>November</u>	
Tuesday 1 st	Children return
Thursday 3 rd	9am School Attendance Drop In KS2 hall
	4.30pm – 7pm Parent Consultations
Tuesday 8 th	9am KSI 100% Attendance Assembly
	3.40pm – 6.10pm Parent Consultations
Wednesday 9 th	9am KS2 100% Attendance Assembly
Thursday 24 th	6pm Open session for September 2017 Reception intake
Friday 25 th	9am Year 4 Assembly
<u>December</u>	
Friday 2 nd	3.15pm – 4.25pm - KSI Christmas Party
	3.15pm – 4.30pm – KS2 Christmas Disco
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
Friday 9 th	P.T.F.A. Christmas Raffle to be drawn
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