

Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends of Rudyard,

This week your children will have celebrated their attendance for last term in class on Thursday. All children who have achieved 97% and more will have received a certificate along with any child who has shown significant improvement in their attendance. It is really important that we recognise for some children 97% is not always possible and we want to acknowledge everyone who has improved for whatever reason!

Thank you to all those of you who came to Topic Chats this week, if you were unable to come then please do catch up with your child's teacher if you have any queries regarding the exciting learning that is planned for the Spring Term.

I hope you all enjoyed reading the article in Thursday's Argus about Hugo and Buddy as well as the video featuring Mrs Kirby and Mr Lewin!

[http://www.theargus.co.uk/news/15822823.And_this_is_why_they_call_it_puppy_love_ /](http://www.theargus.co.uk/news/15822823.And_this_is_why_they_call_it_puppy_love_/)

Kind regards

Joanne Smith

Head Teacher Awards

Mowgli – Lennon Wickins-Poole

Dahinda – Kajus Steponkus

Jacala – Eden Thomas-Shell

Ahdeek – Brandon Wheeler-Osman

Sona – Finley Darby

Kotick – Finley Cooper, Libby Bradley, Elsie Lewis & Reuben Fleming

Ko – Erin Hayes



Special Mentions Assembly

Hello Parents and Guardians!

If your child is receiving a Star Badge, Learning Muscle, Special Mention, or indeed anything for which they are being recognised and commended, they will receive a sticker which reads 'I am receiving an award next week'. These stickers will replace the old letter system and have been produced to streamline the amount of paperwork going out and to minimise letters which are being lost. Both helping both the environment and minimising confusion!]

Please note the Assemblies will take place on the same days and at the same time (KS1 Tuesday, KS2 Weds)

Thank you for your support and we hope you find that this new system is useful and efficient.



School Dinners, Breakfast and After School Club Payments.

We would like to remind everyone that the school is not allowed to hold any outstanding debts that families incur for School Dinners, Breakfast and After School Club. I am sure you can appreciate the amount of time the school office spend making phone calls and sending texts to chase up outstanding payments and we would appreciate if everyone could follow the school system to help cut down on the amount of work that debt chasing causes.

If there are 2 unpaid dinners then the office will ask that you settle this before any further dinners are ordered. All Breakfast Club and After School Club fees must be paid in advance and if there is no credit on an account and a request is made for your child to attend one of these clubs then they will not be able to attend, except in the case of any emergency. All outstanding debts will be followed up by a text, then a phone call and in the 3rd instance a letter. If debts are still not cleared after the letter has been sent then a referral will be made to the Council Debt Recovery Team. All schools are directed by the Local Authority to refer any outstanding debts, however small to this team.

The school office are happy to take money in any amounts and will always advise you regarding the credit on your Parent Pay account. We also have the facility to take payments by card over the phone or at the office and this facility is proving to be a popular way of paying. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask the school office who will be happy to support you.



Every School Day Counts

Being 5 mins late each day in a school year is the same as missing 3 whole school days!



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!**

Uniform reminders:

Please make sure your child/ren only wear one pair of stud earrings and avoid hoops or dangly earrings.
No nail varnish is to be worn at school.
Long hair needs to be tied back at all times.
Thank you!



Our Amazing Christmas Fundraising Results



Christmas Jumper Day Raised **£242.57** for Save the Children



Reindeer Run Raised an incredible total of **£1900.00** for the Chestnut Tree House



Community Christmas Tree Festival at Woodingdean Methodist Church. It was the best of the seven they have done so far. All the trees were beautifully decorated. They raised **£449.00** in total and it was sent to the Martlets Hospice and Night Stop.

Choir Club

We are delighted to tell you that this year; our school will be running a lunchtime choir club for KS2. It is a fantastic opportunity for children with an interest in singing to challenge themselves by learning new songs and working as part of an ensemble. We will be meeting once a week to practice a variety of songs with the aim of performing in front of Parents and Carers in the Summer Term! The club will be open to any KS2 children who want to take part.



2 Year Old Nursery – Little Cubs

Nursery are asking for donations of wet weather clothing. If you have any waterproof coats, trousers or all in ones that you no longer need / want. Please bring them in for our Little Cubs. Ages between 2 – 4 years would be fantastic or anything that is a similar size that you think will fit one of our Little Cubs. We would be most grateful. Thank you!



Scooters

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



Old Gym Mats

We are getting rid of our old gym mats. If you would like one for FREE! Please come and see us in the office or speak to Mr Poole the Caretaker. First come first serve.



	SPRING TERM
<u>January 2018</u>	
Monday 15th	2.45pm – Year 2 Topic Chat
Tuesday 16th	2.45pm – Year 1 Topic Chat
Wednesday 17th	2.45pm – Reception Topic Chat
<u>February 2018</u>	
Thursday 1st	Year 6 SATs Evening
Thursday 8th	9.00am – Reception Assembly
Friday 9th	INSET DAY
Monday 12th	HALF TERM
Monday 19th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 20th	BACK TO SCHOOL
<u>March 2018</u>	
Thursday 1st	World Book Day
	9.00am – Rhyme and Shine
Thursday 15th	5.00pm – 7.00pm – Parents Consultations
Wednesday 21st	3.30pm – 6.00pm – Parents Consultations
Tuesday 27th	9.00am – KS1 Gold Certificates Assembly
Wednesday 28th	9.00am – KS2 Gold Certificates Assembly
Thursday 29th	LAST DAY OF TERM
<u>April 2018</u>	
Thursday 12th	BACK TO SCHOOL





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

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 19th January 2018



The PTFA are organising the above event in readiness for the hugely popular Mother's Day gift sale which gives all the children in the school an opportunity to choose and buy a small, gift wrapped present in the week running up to Sunday 11th March 2018.

If your child would like to wear their own clothes to school on the above day, we would kindly ask that in exchange your child brings into school any unwanted **unopened** items that would be suitable to sell. These items could include; perfume, candles, soap, lotions, make up, bath products or any other similar goodies including chocolate; or alternatively you could send in a £1 donation.

As teaching and learning will take place as normal on the non-uniform day, please ensure your child comes to school in suitable warm clothing and safe shoes.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Rudyard Kipling PTFA Committee

The PTFA committee