

# Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends of Rudyard,

The children were thoroughly inspired and motivated by our American speaker Sami Kader this week. If you have not yet contributed £1 please can you pay the school office. We are keen to invite Sami back again next year to do Part 2 of Sami's Circuit Tour and without your contributions, we would not be able to provide these opportunities! Sami gave a very clear message about living a healthy and happy lifestyle, with a real positive can do attitude that we can all achieve! Thank you for your support.

The Early Years Team met and welcomed all of our new Reception families for September and we look forward to getting to know the children when they visit this term. It is a busy time of year when we are organising and deploying staff ready for September and the children will meet their teacher for the next academic year on Friday July 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a chance for parents/carers to introduce yourselves to staff after school on that day.

Please ensure you are aware of all the dates in the calendar and any extra dates that may be added!

Best Wishes

*Joanne Smith*

## Head Teacher Awards

Bagheera – Libbi Pocock, Max Fox, Stephanie Morgan, Laila Heath & Freddie Annels

Shada – Lucie Monk, Wesley Keating, Alex Price & Abigail Denyer

Ahdeek – Freja Smith & Fraser Miller

Mysa - Lexie Hide



## Tennis Tournament

Deans Sports Partnership held a Tennis Tournament on Monday at Longhill. Rudyard Kipling played brilliantly and won the whole tournament! Well done to the following players:

Bobby Laws  
Adiba Choudhury  
Davis Mwankusye  
Connell Rhoden  
Lyla-Bleu Mears

Frankie Lyons  
Esme Frape  
Krishan Barnard  
Ellis Skatch  
Brandon Kenward





## Rudyard Kipling is now using an App

Last year the school spent thousands of pounds on texts messages. Budgets are tight and we want to ensure all our money goes into providing learning opportunities for our children. One area is saving on our communication costs. This however, does not mean our communication with you will be any less efficient. Please see the key benefits below.

### Benefits of the App

#### What are the benefits of the ParentMail App?

1. Receive school messages instantly – **perfect for busy parents.**
2. Notify the school quickly of your child's absence.
3. See all school communications on one easy feed – **so they don't get buried in a busy email inbox.**
4. Complete forms, trip permissions and surveys wherever you are– **easy to fill in and send back in minutes.**
5. Have copies of letters all in one place for your reference.
6. Book parents' evening as soon as you receive the invitation – **making the process quick and easy.**
7. Receive in app notifications – **so you'll never miss a school message again!**
8. Our school will benefit from sending free, instant notifications rather than using text credits, making substantial cost savings! **Rudyard has already saved £425 since subscription.**

If you need any support using the App, please feel free to contact the school. There will be a information page on our website with frequently asked questions.





## Something slimy is happening at Rudyard!

Have you noticed a rather large snail lurking around the school grounds this week? Well, this is no ordinary snail...

You may remember that last year the Martlets Hospice created a trail of snow dogs for everyone to find around Brighton and Hove. The snow dogs were eventually sold to raise money for the hospice to keep doing the fantastic work that they do.

This year, the Martlets will be creating a trail of snails. There will be a trail of large snails to follow around the streets of Brighton and Hove, which are designed by artists, and a trail of smaller snails dotted around indoor venues, which are designed by schools. These will be part of the 'Junior Snailway'.

Rudyard Kipling will be designing and creating our very own snail to be part of the snail trail!

The inspiration behind this year's animal comes from the work that the Martlets do at their hospices. They work with people to do the things that they love with the time they have left. They want to send out the message for everyone to '#bemoresnail' this means that we should all take the time to slow down and appreciate the people we share our lives with.

At school today, every child had a go at designing what they think our snail should look like. One of these designs could possibly be chosen for the real snail design.

As we are aiming to raise money for the Martlets Hospice, we are holding a competition to decide how we will decorate our school snail. If your child wants to enter their design, they need to bring it back to school with a £1 entry fee.

Watch this space for more slimy happenings...



## Thank you Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions!

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions who very kindly and generously gave the school some money to fund books for our lovely Reception children to keep and treasure forever. The children received 2 picture books and a beautiful poetry collection, 'Out and About' by Shirley Hughes, which will be used to support the children's transition from Reception to Year One. As a school we place so much value on Reading for Pleasure and we know this generous gift will support the children as they continue to grow into life- long lovers of books and reading.

Last Friday the President of the Lions, Ian Christie, along with his fellow Lion, Andy Wavell, came to present the books to the children. As a thank you, the children performed a poem and shared some of their incredible art work and writing, with both the Lions and parents and carers there to enjoy this special moment. Well done children – Ian and Andy were so impressed by your confidence, performance skills, politeness and all your amazing writing!



### Instagram, Snapchat & Social Media sites...

Please can we remind parents of the need to ensure that your children are not accessing sites that are not age appropriate and that are unsuitable for children in primary school. We continue to be dealing with issues that involve children accessing these sites, sending text messages and bringing the problems into school. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to monitor, put restrictions on phones, iPads, laptops etc to ensure that children are protected from the dangers of Social Media and online chat rooms. We have also had a number of children talking to school about some of the TV shows (including Love Island) and films that they are watching at home.

There is advice and guidance available to support parents/carers about watching age appropriate programs that are suitable for children. There has been a lot in the media recently about children being influenced from a very young age by things they are watching, including video games eg Fortnite that are not suitable.



### Year 6 Residential Trip

Angharad and Erin

The first day was amazing because we did rock climbing. It is abseiling in reverse, but with hand holds. David S commented, "The majority of people that went said they were scared at the beginning but found it really fun!" Zara.P added, "I was very nervous but then I started and I could stop. I felt very proud of myself because I reached the top." It was fantastic how our teammates, teachers and instructors all cheered us on. The cheering definitely helped me (Angharad) to feel even more determined, despite feeling quite nervous.



Brandon and Crispin

We also did kayaking and many people agreed it was worth being cold! Some Year 6 children were nervous but got over their fear, Amelie told us "it was really scary when I got in the rocking kayak but it was really fun after." "Be warned, you do get tipped in!" Zak exclaimed, "I thought it was amazing! I dunked my friends lots!"



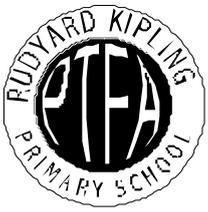
## Unnamed Lost Property

If you wish to look through the bags of lost property, please pop by the Office before next **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. After this date, please note that it will be disposed of. It really helps if all uniform is named. All named uniform gets returned to class. We have some flyers for the 'Stikins' labels in the Office or go to [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) and use the code '17209' to raise funds for our school. Thank you



	SPRING TERM
<u>June 2018</u>	
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Class Photos</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 4 Newhaven Trip</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am - Reception New Intake Story &amp; Play</b>
<u>July 2018</u>	
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Year 2 Woodsmill Trip</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>1.30am - Reception New Intake Story &amp; Play</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am – Akela (3-4 Year Nursery) Trip to Rottingdean Beach</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am - Year 2 Assembly</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Woodingdean Carnival</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reserve Sports Day</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am - Rhyme &amp; Shine</b>
	<b>Year 5 Trip – Connect with the Countryside</b>
	<b>Year 3 Trip – Hastings Smugglers Cave</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5 Space Camp</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2pm – Year 6 Performance</b>
	<b>6pm – Year 6 Performance</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 1 Seaside Trip</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM!</b>





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

Hello, and welcome to our 15th Rudyard Kipling PTFA newsletter.

**What we do: fundraising and supporting at school events**

Our main aim is to improve the experience of the school community by raising funds to buy extra equipment, creating fun activities for RKPS children and families and supporting with school events.

This year we have been able to donate £3000 to the Early Years garden to create some lovely educational areas for the children.

Some of the PTFA parents and friends also help at school events like 'Rhyme and Shine', prospective parents' events, 'Get Reading with Rudyard' and 'Numbers Count' parties. This is a great opportunity for parents to directly support school activities. If you'd like to be more involved with this side of our activities, please contact us.



The PTFA will be running a stall at the Carnival on Saturday 7th July.

Can anyone support with any of the following:

1. Helpers to man the stall for an hour or less - any time between 11am and 4pm
2. Donations of small items for a children's lucky dip - please bring to the school office and put in the collection box
3. Cakes or treats to sell - please bring along to the stall on the day

Thank you!

**Mothers Day Gifts and Cards**

The children really enjoyed buying gifts and cards.

We raised over £773, which is amazing! Thank you for all your support.



**Father's Day Gifts**

This year we have been making personalised coasters to order, for any special person in your child's life.

**Easter Raffle**

This year we ran a raffle at Easter and lucky people won some fab prizes. This event raised over £400.

**Contact us**

Facebook: **RKPS Parents and Friends.**  
 Email: rkpsptfa@gmail.com  
 Or fill in the contact slip at the bottom of this page and hand it in to the school office.



**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July (or 11<sup>th</sup> if wet)**

As in previous years, we will be selling refreshments in the Haven during Sports Day.

**Donations of homemade or shop bought cakes and biscuits are very welcome!**

**Please bring them to the Haven on the day.** Or if you'd like to take part in the selling, please facebook/email us.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Child's Name and Class \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_