

Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends of Rudyard,

The children are very excited today to meet their new teacher and visit their classroom for September. We have welcomed our new teachers today, please take the opportunity to introduce yourselves to our existing and new staff. Working together for the benefit of the children is really paying dividends this year and the staff at Rudyard have really noticed how positive and engaged everyone is with their children's learning - thank you!

At the end of this term Mr Groves will be leaving us to take on a position at St Christopher's in Brighton, where he will be a specialist teacher for Music, Sport and ICT. We will all miss Mr Groves and would like to thank him for all he has contributed to Rudyard over the last two years. The Governors have agreed to Mr Wynne taking a sabbatical leave from September, but he will be back with us after Easter. We wish Mr Wynne all the best and we are really happy that he will be back with us in 2019. Miss Lewis-Taylor will also be leaving at the end of term and we would like to thank her for her hard work in Mowgli.

Mrs Kirby is coming to the end of her secondment at Mile Oak where she has made a valuable contribution to the school over the past year, this has been acknowledged by both the school and the Local Authority. We are really looking forward to her being back at Rudyard full time in September! The staff and children have missed her on Wednesdays as well as Hugo missing Buddy!

Thank you for continuing to support for school trips by paying the contributions that cover the cost of all these wonderful events. Without your contributions we would not be able to do any school trips at all. We appreciate that at times there is a lot going on, but we are always here to listen and answer any of your queries, as well as taking payments in small amounts throughout the year. In September we are planning to have all trips booked for the 2018/19 Academic year which may help parents & carers budget a bit more easily. There are occasions when we do still need to remind parents/carers of outstanding payments even after the trip has taken place. Please talk to us if you are experiencing financial difficulties.

Our Breakfast Club and After School Clubs are growing in popularity and it is lovely that children are coming to After School Club just to play and enjoy some downtime. We are happy that we can support working parents/carers with this service. We occasionally get requests for Nursery children to be allowed to attend but this is not possible on a regular basis due to the staffing/child ratios that have to be in place.

I look forward to hearing and seeing photos from Woodingdean Carnival and would like to thank the children and families in advance for representing Rudyard this year - Thank you and enjoy the carnival day!

Let's hope the sun continues to shine, especially next week for Sports Day!

Best Wishes

Joanne Smith

Head Teacher Awards

Baloo – Jazzmine Kennedy, Jayden Chandler, Bailey Mercer & Zoe Colino Martinez
 Keego – Freddie Dixon
 Bagheera – Amber West & Freddie Annels
 Kotick – Daniel Leverett
 Ko – Preston Gully
 Mysa – Jimmy Tee



Letters Home

Any letters that don't make it home to you through your child, don't panic you can always look on our website in the 'Letters home' section. We try to keep this as up to date as we can with all letters that go home to keep you informed. Alternatively you are always welcome to come to the Office for another one.

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Reminder! PTFA Sports Day Refreshments

Sports Day is on **Tuesday 10th July at 1.00pm** (or Wednesday 11th if Tuesday is wet).



Our parent volunteers will be selling refreshments during the event (subject to enough helpers being available!!). Donations of homemade or shop bought biscuits, cakes or anything else are very welcome!!! Please just bring them to the office in the morning or the Haven in the afternoon. If you can help on the day (set up, sell or tidy up) then please email the PTFA on RKPSPTFA@gmail.com

As usual, ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SCHOOL

There will also be an Ice-cream Van available during Sports Day and at the end of the school day. A percentage of money made will be donated to school



Toys & Objects

Lots of children have started bringing slime in pots into school. It is school policy that no toys or objects are brought into school, so that we avoid things getting broken or going missing. Please can you make sure that all toys/slime stays at home!



Thank you for your support!

Skate parks in Brighton & Hove

Wheeled sports, including skateboarding and BMX riding, are very popular in the city. There are some great skate parks that can be used to practise and learn new skills.

Brighton & Hove are offering free Beginners Skateboarding Lessons for ages 5 – 8 years old and are now open for booking using this link: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/sport-and-activity/skate-parks-brighton-hove>

Lessons are as follows and all skateboards, helmets and pads are provided!

Woodingdean Skatepark

Every morning from Monday 30th July – Friday 3rd August from 09:30 – 10:30am

Hollingdean Skatepark

Every morning from Monday 6th – Friday 10th August from 09:30 – 10:30am

Hove Lagoon Skatepark

Every morning from Monday 13th – Friday 17th August from 09:30 – 10:30am



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.

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 is an information page on our website with frequently asked questions.



SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR THE DEANS SPORTS PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

Spaces are still available for the multisport days at Woodingdean Primary and the Football programme at St. Margarets Primary that will be taking place during the summer holiday. Letters have previously been emailed via school newsletters however if you would like another copy please email dsp@woodingdean.brighton-hove.sch.uk and type 'Holiday info' in the subject area and the information will be emailed direct to you.

	SPRING TERM
<u>July 2018</u>	
Saturday 7th	Woodingdean Carnival
Tuesday 10th	1pm - Sports Day
Wednesday 11th	1pm - Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 12th	9am - Rhyme & Shine
	Year 5 Trip – Connect with the Countryside
	Year 3 Trip – Hastings Smugglers Cave
Friday 13th	Year 5 Space Camp
Monday 16th	2pm – Year 6 Performance
	6pm – Year 6 Performance
Tuesday 17th	2.30pm – Rock Steady Concert
Wednesday 18th	Year 1 Seaside Trip
Thursday 19th	9am – Year 3 Assembly PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE
	2pm – Dance Assembly
	3.15pm – Wellbeing Fun Event
Tuesday 24th	LAST DAY OF TERM!
<u>September 2018</u>	
Monday 3rd	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th	BACK TO SCHOOL



Miss School Miss Out

Did you know?



29,000
pupils

In Brighton & Hove we have 29,000 pupils in our schools

190

There are 190 school days in each academic year

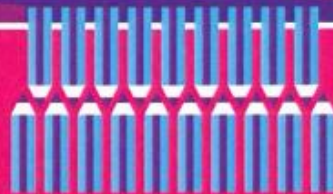


15 = **2 weeks**

If you're 15 minutes late every day you lose two weeks of learning by the end of the school year



Two school days missed each month during your school life adds up to one whole year of school lost



90% attendance may look impressive but it means missing 19 days of education a year



4 **5**

Our data shows pupils with more than 95% attendance achieve GCSE results at least one grade higher



It's the law! Parents and carers can be fined and even sent to prison if children do not attend school*



You can go to school with nits, conjunctivitis or a headache. Find out more: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sicknessguidance



When you're older, colleges and employers can ask to see your school attendance record



If you don't want to go to school, tell someone what's wrong so you can get the help and support you need



Every school has someone to help you build your confidence to come to school and help tackle any concerns



Brighton & Hove
City Council

* Since 1 September 2013, holidays during term time are not allowed in almost any circumstances