

# Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends of Rudyard,

Thank you for all your support this half term. It has been a really positive start to the academic year and all of the staff have really appreciated your involvement with your children's education this term! The staff have been working on a 3 Year School Development Vision Plan for the whole school community and we will be asking for parents and carers responses after half term.

Miss Nightingale is starting her maternity leave today. We wish her and her husband all the best and looking forward to meeting her new baby in the near future.

Thank you to all those families who are adhering to not taking holidays during term time, this has really helped improve our attendance percentage as a school.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Parents Evening after half term and it is important that you take this opportunity to find out how well your child/ren are doing and how you can help them at home. The Governors will be at both evenings to serve refreshments – I know this is something that the children especially enjoy and have come to expect! The Maths Team will be on hand to share with you ways to help your children in Maths as well as promoting Sumdog that we have subscribed to as a school! This is proving very popular at both home and school and we are having a Maths Dressing Up Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November to raise funds to contribute towards the cost. Thank you in anticipation of your support!

Have a wonderful half term!

Kind regards

*Joanne Smith*

## Head Teacher Awards

Dahinda – Kiyali Stockdale-Kinsey & Perry Anderson

Tabaqui – Amelia Calver, Harlow Mateer, Isabelle Fitch and Isla Mc Carthy

Bagheera – Macie Springall

Ahdeek – Alec Armstrong, Maisie Taylor & Emelia Statham

Shada – Jawad Khelifi

Kotick – Daniel Leverett

Ko – Zak Ellinger, Lara Aboul-Hosn, Erin Hayes and Addison Mateer

Mysa – Esme Frape, Ellis Skatch, Angharad Board, Sophie Underhill, Lyla-Bleu Mears, Sophie Anscombe & Rebecca Musselle





## School Council

Election fever hit Rudyard this week with classes putting democracy into action and voting for a classmate to represent them in Student Council.

The new councillors will meet every Friday to discuss ways to improve the school, their communities and their lessons -providing the pupils with a voice that is noticed and respected.

The Councillors are as follows:

<b>Mysa</b>	- Olivia Pocock	<b>Singum</b>	- Fares Merouani
<b>Ko</b>	- Brandon Kenward	<b>Bagheera</b>	- Mya Trussler
<b>Sona</b>	- Liam Taylor	<b>Tabaqui</b>	- Huey Barnard
<b>Kotick</b>	- Chloe Markwick	<b>Jacala</b>	- Macie Kilroy
<b>Shada</b>	- Robyn White	<b>Keego</b>	- Levi Ridgway
<b>Ahdeek</b>	- Fraser Miller	<b>Dahinda</b>	- Yasmina Khelifi

## Book Fair

Celebrate reading at our Book Fair! It will be arriving after Half Term!

Come and join us!

**WHEN: Monday 6th November – Thursday 9th November**

**TIME: 3:00pm till 3:45pm**

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

The book fair will also be open during Parents and Carers Evening on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 3.00 – 3.30pm and then from 4.30 – 7.00pm too!

Please come along with your child after school to buy some lovely new books! All purchases help to raise funds for new books for our class book corners and school library.

Thanks for all your support,  
The English Team



## Sumdog October half term challenge!

Sumdog is here in school now and the children are really excited about using it!

Hopefully you will have received our letter about 'Maths Dressing –Up Day' and raising money towards the cost of Sumdog. We gave you some information about how successful it is and how the children love competing against each other while practicing maths facts!

Well...here is the first Sumdog Challenge for children in Years 1-6!!

- Encourage your child to log in to Sumdog as many times as they can to practice their maths facts.
- The children who answer the most questions will receive a certificate and stars towards their next badge
- The competition runs from [Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October](#)
- Your child will bring home a sticker in their homework diary with their login details
- You can access Sumdog through the [school website](#) or via [sumdog.com](#)

**Good luck and have fun!!**





## Reminder

As it's getting colder now and winter is on its way please make sure your child / children are wearing Winter Uniform and bringing a coat into school.

We have School fleeces and sweatshirts for sale in the School Office. You can now prepay for uniform on Parent Pay and then collect from the office.

The Winter School Uniform is:

- Plain navy or grey skirt, pinafore dress, grey or black smart trousers
- Navy sweatshirt (school logo – available from school), Plain navy jumper or cardigan (no logo), navy fleece (school logo – available from school)
- Plain white shirt, blouse or polo top
- Securely fastening black or navy shoes or black trainers

## PTFA – School Calendar

The new school calendar is coming along very well and will be ready to order in time for Christmas. If you would like to order one the PTFA will be taking orders and money at both Parents evenings. So come along prepared! £5 each or 3 for £12.



## Dogs at school

School drop off and pick up are very busy times at school, Please don't leave your dog unattended, tied up outside the school grounds. It's not advisable for it to be left alone. Thank you!

## Governor News

My name is Dr Adrienne Nnadi and I am delighted to have been chosen as a new co-opted governor at RKPS. A Woodingdean resident, I am currently a governor at another school. I will now also be at RKPS as I wanted to be part of supporting another school in the Deans family. With a background as a former academic, it has been rewarding to assist our schools strive for academic success and have happy children who thrive. I look forward to my time at RKPS!



## Half Term Holiday Club

"It's impossible to make your eyes twinkle if you aren't feeling twinkly yourself".  
DANNY, CHAMPION OF THE WORLD

There's been even less desk action going on this week in our office, we've been out and about gathering materials and 'practising' the activities in preparation for Half Term Holiday Clubs.

One of the highlights of the week was a site visit at Base Camp from Bill of the Fly Dressers Society who will be running a Fly Fishing session for us as part of Danny Champion of the World Day. We hope you can join us, its going to be lots of fun!

### ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Danny Champion of the World Day - Shelter Building - Viking Day - Nerfgeddon - Harry Potter Day - Minecraft vs Wildcraft - Apache Day - Halloween Happenings - Tribal Survival - Circus Skills

**@ St. Ann's Well Garden, Hove Park & Base Camp, The Macs Farm Ditchling**

**BOOK:** [www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk/holiday-clubs/](http://www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk/holiday-clubs/)

*"Best day of my life" according to my 6 year old son! Thumbs up from us!*

*My daughter has been twice so far this half term and she absolutely loves it!!! Wants to go every school holiday! Lovely people running it and varied activities. She's completely knackered at the end of the day and that alone is worth the money! Will be booking again, 100%*

*Just returned from a day with the project and I am so pleased with the activities, staff and group size! I was fortunate enough to win the places but I will most definitely be taking the children again. Thanks guys, what you do and how you do it is awesome. Cannot recommend them enough! My son loved it and asked if he can go on weekend as well !?*



## The Pocket Science Funfair at Brighton Youth Centre

**Thursday 26th October** – Brighton Youth Centre, Edward Street, Brighton, BN2 0JR

**This is a drop-in event: arrive any time between 10.30am and 4pm, but we encourage allowing at least an hour to make sure you see and do everything.**

The Pocket Science Funfair – all the fun of the fair, plus all the buzz of science. Our funfair with a twist celebrates the twentieth anniversary of Harry Potter by doling out 'magic' of our own. And why stop at Potter? We have magic from The Lord of the Rings and from Star Wars. It's very easy magic. Even parents can do it. Plus we'll teach you to perform science-magic miracles with just plastic cups, straws and napkins - the stuff you find in your home, or down the local cafe.

Entry is free but we encourage donations. No unaccompanied children.

For more information, please visit [www.brightonscience.com](http://www.brightonscience.com)



	<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	
<u>October</u>		
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>	
<u>November</u>		
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>4.30pm – 7pm Parents Consultations</b>	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Maths Dressing Up Day</b>	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3.40pm – 6.10pm Parents Consultations</b>	
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am - Rhyme and Shine</b>	
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bike Doctor</b>	
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children In Need</b>	
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6pm – Open Session for September 2018 Reception Intake</b>	
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Number Party for Reception Children and their parents</b>	

**Christmas dates and new office hours to follow after half term!**

