

Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends of Rudyard,

I hope that you have all had a great half term. The 2 week break seems to have been very popular giving many staff and families the opportunity to go on holiday at a slightly cheaper time! Thank you to all those Parents and Carers who have taken advantage of these dates and avoided having to take your children out during term time. This is a pilot scheme in Brighton and Hove and the 2 week October half term will be happening again in October 2018 so now is a good opportunity to book that holiday! The dates for next year are Monday 22nd October to Friday 2nd November 2018.

I am sure most of you have heard about our two new additions to our school....Hugo and Buddy Kipling our two beautiful puppies that are now part of our community. The children have enjoyed getting to know them, choosing their names and are simply enjoying having 2 very special therapy dogs! Please make time to come and see them both – they are very friendly!

It was great to see so many of you at Parents Evening this week, if you have not yet made an appointment there is still time for Tuesday 7th November. Refreshments were very popular once again, thank you to the Governors for serving everyone! The feedback regarding Maths and all that we are doing to motivate, engage and inspire your children in Maths seems to be going really well. Thank you for supporting your children at home, especially with their homework, Sumdog and Maths Mission. The children looked amazing today for our Maths Day and your contributions towards the cost of Sumdog are appreciated.

The children looked fantastic on 'Big Me Day' and the most popular career ambitions were footballers, teachers, You Tubers and even Head Teachers! A massive thank you to all of the visitors, who came, spoke to the children and shared their jobs with various classes. This was a really successful day and we were amazed at the amount of thought and detail that had gone into each and every child's outfit for the day – Thank you for embracing all that we do!

Kind regards

Joanne Smith

Head Teacher Awards

Keego – Isla Omari

Tabaqui – Rosie Wintle, Muminah Mohammed, Isla McCarthy, Amelia Calver, Eliza Pattenden, Harlow Mateer, Chloe Barry & Eliza Stewart

Jacala – Ruby Kennedy, Caden Betsworth & Eden Thomas-Shell

Singum – Abbi Lloyd

Ko – Zak Ellenger, Lara Aboul-Hosn, Erin Hayes, Zara Poulter, Krishan Barnard & Addison Mateer

Mysa – Frankie Lyons, Lyla-Bleu Mears, Kyle Dempsey, Jimmy Tee, Bradley Punter, Oliver Underhill and Ruhan Alin



Hugo and Buddy Kipling

We are very excited to welcome Hugo and his brother Buddy, our future Therapy dogs. They have been causing quite a stir of excitement in and around school. They are making many new friends and getting used to new sights and sounds.

Research has demonstrated that therapy dogs properly managed in the school setting can not only make a measurable difference in terms of gaining various skills such as reading enhancement, but also in contributing critically to emotional and relational development.

Hugo and Buddy will also be available for golden times, walks and nurture environments. They are only 11 weeks old but I know they are ready to get going.

James Lewin
School Business Manager



Hugo



Buddy

Office Opening hours

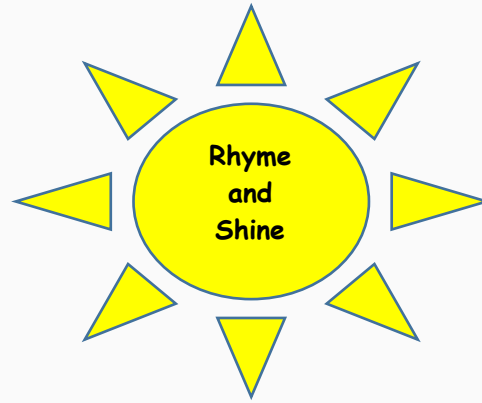
The new Office opening hours are Monday to Thursday's 8.15am – 3.45pm and Friday's 8.15am – 3.30pm. If you need to contact the After School Club after these hours please call **01273 304597**



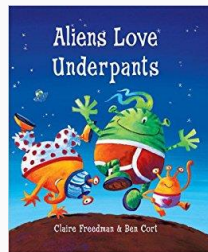
Parent Governor Vacancy!

Following the recent parent governor election, we want to remind you that we have only filled one of the two vacancies. As there were no further nominations, the Governing Body is now free to appoint a parent to this vacancy. Please contact the clerk to the governors, ruthali@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk if you are interested in being considered for appointment. Governors will also be present at next week's Parents Evening and would be happy to answer any questions you may have in connection with this interesting and rewarding role.





We look forward to welcoming our lovely 0-3 year olds (and their grown-ups!) to our next Rhyme and Shine session which will be taking place on Thursday 9th November 2017, 9-10am. We will be enjoying the fantastic Alien's Love Underpants! If you ever wondered where your spotty bloomers disappeared to, this is your chance to find out!



Book Fair

The brilliant book fair is coming next week!! So come and bag yourself a brilliant book!!

WHEN: Monday 6th November – Thursday 9th November

TIME: 3:00pm till 3:45pm

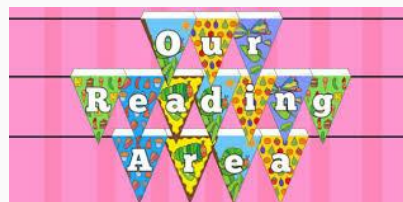
There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

The book fair will also be open during Parents and Carers Evening on Tuesday 7th 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.

Classroom Reading Areas

We would like to say a **HUGE** thankyou to our ever supportive PTFA, for granting money to be put towards the reading areas in classrooms. As we all know, reading for pleasure can be transformational to children's educational and life outcomes, and having an environment that promotes and encourages this is absolutely vital. Thanks to the monies received, teachers have worked hard to totally transform their reading areas, and they are looking fabulous! It lovely to see children cosying down with a book in their cosy, inviting, lovely reading areas!!



	AUTUMN TERM	
<u>November</u>		
Monday 6th	Year 2 Scooter Training	
	Book Fair until Thursday	
Tuesday 7th	Year 2 Scooter Training	
	100% Attendance Assembly KSI	
	3.40pm – 6.10pm Parents Consultations	
Wednesday 8th	Year 2 Scooter Training	
	100% Attendance Assembly KS2	
Thursday 9th	9.00am - Rhyme and Shine	
	Book Fair Ends	
Friday 10th	Bike Doctor	
Wednesday 15th	Year 4 ‘La Choza’ Trip	
Friday 17th	Children In Need	
Thursday 23rd	6pm – Open Session for September 2018 Reception Intake	
Wednesday 29th	Number Party for Reception Children and their parents	
Thursday 30th	Year 1 Lewes Castle Trip	
<u>December</u>		
Tuesday 5th	Rock Steady Show	
Wednesday 6th	Christmas Jumper Day	
	Christmas Lunch	
Monday 11th	9.15am - KSI Dress Rehearsal	
	10am – Christmas Carol Concert Rehearsal at Brighton Centre	
	2pm – KS2 Dress Rehearsal	
	Schools Christmas Concert at Brighton Centre	
Tuesday 12th	KSI Performance	
Wednesday 13th	2pm – KSI Performance	
Thursday 14th	9am – Rhyme and Shine	
	2pm – KS2 Performance	
	6pm – KS2 Performance	
Wednesday 20th	LAST DAY OF TERM!	



PTFA NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2017

Hello, and welcome to our 13th termly Rudyard Kipling PTFA newsletter.

Your PTFA Committee

All parents and carers at RKPS are automatically members of the school's Parent, Teacher and Friend Association (PTFA).

ALL PTFA ACTIVITIES ARE RUN BY VOLUNTEERS who donate their time and skills to create fun fundraising activities for RKPS families! Everyone is welcome to help – even a small amount of your time means that we can continue to run events! Thank you.

The following committee officers were elected at our AGM on 26th September 2017.

Chair: Jen Lelliott (children in Yr 6 and 4)
Vice Chair: Anik McCarthy (children in Yr 2 and nursery)
Treasurer: Jan Paine (child in Year 5)
Vice Treasurer: Liz Witowski (children in Year 1)
Secretary: Helen Taylor (children in Yr 5)
Vice Secretary: Hannah Lewis (children in Yr 5)

Plus our additional trustee members and helpers.

Last term's events

Father's Day gift selling raised over £400

The Sports Day refreshment stall raised over £100

Our stall at Woodingdean Carnival raised £209

Secondhand uniform sales raised over £228

Thank you to the RKPS parents/carers who ran these events and to everyone who supported!

Class Reading Areas

Thanks to events run by our volunteers, supported by the parents at our school, we have donated £3000 towards the new reading areas in every classroom.

Christmas Calendars

This year we will be selling Christmas Calendars decorated by the children of RKPS! These are available to pre-order from the school. £5 each or 3 for £12.

Easyfundraising

You can raise money for FREE for the school if you shop online. All you have to do is register with <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rudyardkiplingprimarypta/>

And shop as usual – no hidden catches!



On Friday 8th December, we will hold Christmas parties at school and each child will be offered a snack and drink.

Key Stage 1, Reception and Nursery children will have a magic show and a visit and gift from Father Christmas - 3.15-4.25.

Key Stage 2 will have a disco with a DJ and a small gift - 3.15-4.30.

You can leave your children at school and have a longer day Christmas shopping! **Nursery children will need to be accompanied by an adult.**

Extra forms will be available from the office.

Father Christmas

Father Christmas has once again asked us to help pass on the details of any lucky children who would like to receive a letter from him. The forms have been sent home so get them back in soon!

Contact us

Facebook: **RKPS Parents and Friends.**

Email: **rkpspta@gmail.com**

Or fill in the contact slip at the bottom of this page and hand it in to the school office

Name _____ Email Address _____

Your Child's Name and Class _____



Dear Parents / Guardians



As you may already know, Monday 13 November is the start of this year's BBC Children in Need Appeal Week. Our school is excited to be joining with many others around the UK to participate in the fundraising programme, the **Big BBC Children in Need Spotacular, with Lloyds Bank.**

The Big Spotacular will help your child learn about the lives of disadvantaged children across the whole of the UK. Lloyds Bank is supporting BBC Children in Need this year with lots of different tools and resources to help us with our fundraising, including lesson plans and videos.

We will be taking part in a spotty-themed fundraising fancy dress day on **Friday 17 November** - £1 to participate. We will also be holding a Spotacular bake sale after school in the KS2 hall. Any cake donations are welcome and will need to be handed in to the school office by the morning of Friday 17th November. Please do not use nuts in the cakes.

This is where we need your help!

You can help us make this a memorable event that raises as much money as possible, by supporting the fundraising activities in our school. Why not come along to the bake sale?



If you are unable to attend you can still donate to BBC Children in Need by providing cakes, or fancy-dress sponsorship money. The school are even collecting any old round pounds you have lying around at home. We are aiming to raise even more this year to support disadvantaged young people across the UK.

Let's make a big difference to the lives of children in the UK.

Thank you for your continued support.



Miss Morgan

Save the date!
Appeal Week starts
13 November

