

Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends of Rudyard,

It has been a real pleasure to welcome Mr Gerald Kiare, a primary school teacher from Kenya. Gerald is spending two weeks with us at Rudyard to learn about our education system and to take back lots of ideas to his own school in Kenya! We have also learnt lots from him and are looking forward to him spending another week with us. During his stay Gerald has been talking to children and staff and we hope that this is just the beginning of a great link for our school to have with Gerald's school in Kenya. Gerald has also visited other schools in the Dean's Partnership as well as spending time sightseeing in Brighton!

We have also hosted another very successful Able Writers Workshop this week with the author Neal Zetter and children from Year 6 classes from our partnership schools. The children from Years 4, 5 & 6 enjoyed listening to the work the writers had done during the day.

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week, thank you to Miss Burgham and Mr Wynne for organising the week and helping all children in our community develop a greater understanding and respect for each other by exploring the theme 'All Different : All Equal.'

We encourage and promote 'Respect' throughout our School Community between Children, Staff, Parents, Carers and Governors and it is important that adults are great role models for all of our children. I would like to remind everyone that we are an 'Open Door' School and if there are ever any concerns or problems please do come in and talk to us. There have been a couple of occasions recently where children have overheard conversations and inappropriate language being used when adults are dropping off or collecting their children for school. Children do get upset and are quick to tell the school staff if they have heard language that they know we don't use in school!

I know many of you are aware of school budget cuts and this is in the news a lot at the moment both locally and nationally. We are very appreciative of all the support that we get from Parents/Carers and the continued support that everyone shows for school trips. We want to ensure we are able to maintain the amount of trips and events that we do and without your contributions we will not be able to sustain this. If you are struggling or finding it difficult to pay please do come and see me rather than us risk having to cancel a trip because the cost has not been covered. There are schools that are choosing not to organise trips due to the lack of parental contributions and I do thank you all for helping us as we do not want to be in this situation! We aim to give you all notice of any trips and the Office are always happy for you to make payments by instalments however small!

An amazing number of children received certificates this week in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 – Special Mentions, Learning Muscles, Attendance, Star Badges, Maths Mission & Times Tables, Inference and Reading Recovery! What a clever bunch you all are!

Kind regards

Joanne Smith

Head Teacher Awards

Dahinda – Lena Olszar & Iga Olszar
 Bagheera – Lara-Mae Ashley & Freddie Wickenden
 Ahdeek – Fraser Miller & Tyler Welburn
 Sona – Jack Proctor, Oliver Craig & Grace Taylor
 Ko – Preston Gully
 Mysa – Harry Robb



Important!

Data collection sheets will be coming home with the children over the next week or so. Please check all contact details carefully and fill any gaps/'not yet obtained' information. Also due to Ridgway Surgery closing, please let us know your change of Doctor Surgery. It is a legal requirement to have your child's information complete and recorded up to date. Thank you for your co-operation.

Prospective Parents/Carers Evening for Reception Children September 2018



Attached to this newsletter is a reminder of our Prospective Parents/Carers Evening on Thursday 23rd November 6pm. Please do spread the word and even if you already have children here at Rudyard we do hope you will still come and have a look around the two Reception classes and meet the team! Everyone is Welcome!

Photographer



The photographer will be in school on Monday 27th November in the afternoon. He is in for the children who were absent and for the sibling's photos that were missed last time. Please advise the Office if you wish to be added to the list.
 Thank you!

Reception Parents

Please ensure your children are ready to come in and are lined up in the playground ready for the bell at 8.45am. There is a cone for Baloo and a cone for Mowgli class to help! If they are late we will be closing the door promptly so they will have to go back around to Reception.



Children In Need

Thank you to Miss Morgan for organising the day and especially the Cake Sale which we know will be very popular at the end of the school day! Thank you to everyone for making an effort today and for your donations. We will publish a final total next week.



Dogs

Please do not leave any dogs at the school railings when dropping off/picking up your children. There have been a few incidences of dogs being left outside the school gates from long periods of time.

Thank you for your support

	AUTUMN TERM
<u>November</u>	
Thursday 23rd	6pm – Open Session for September 2018 Reception Inta
Monday 27th	Photographer in the afternoon
Wednesday 29th	Number Party for Reception Children and their parents
Thursday 30th	Year I Lewes Castle Trip
<u>December</u>	
Tuesday 5th	Rock Steady Show
Wednesday 6th	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 7th	2.30pm – Introduction to Phonics for Reception & Year I Parents
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
Tuesday 19th	2.30pm – Dance Club Performance in KS2 Hall
Wednesday 20th	LAST DAY OF TERM!





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We would like to welcome you to our
Open Evening
for families with children starting school in
September 2018

Thursday 23rd November 2017
6pm



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