

# Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery

## Welcome Back Letter

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Dear Families of Rudyard

The children and staff all appear to have had a great summer holiday and enjoyed the reasonably good weather. Let's hope we get a bit more sunshine in September! On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for all your generous gifts, cards and lovely messages that we all received individually and as a school at the end of the summer term. We have an amazing staff team here at Rudyard and everyone works so hard for the benefit of all of your children. Your kind, thoughtful and meaningful messages mean a great deal to staff, and make all the hard work even more worthwhile – Thank You!

I would like to welcome Miss Burgham, Mrs Eastlake and Mr Whittaker who are all new to our teaching staff and I know they have enjoyed their first week getting to know your children. Miss Capps is now Mrs Gardner and it is great to have her back after her maternity leave. Mrs Booton will be with us until the end of September, but I am sure she will be back to do some supply work here at Rudyard. Mrs Nightingale will be going on Maternity Leave at the end of October and Miss Lewis – Taylor will be covering Mowgli for the rest of the academic year.

Just to remind you that Mrs Kirby will be at Mile Oak Primary School every Wednesday and Thursday for this term and her role is being covered by Mrs Tooke and Mr Grimshaw.

The children all looked really smart this week in their new school uniform and I am especially impressed with their school shoes! The amount of children who have returned to school with black shoes is just brilliant! We continue to try really hard to be a smart and well-presented school and your children are a massive part of that. If you do not have a blue school sweatshirt please purchase one from the school office, along with our lovely new Rudyard PE Kit! Can I remind you that grey jumpers and sweatshirts are not part of our school uniform. We do have some second hand uniform if anyone is interested, please ask.

There are lots of exciting trips and events planned for the new academic year and without your contributions we would not be able to provide such a rich, varied and creative curriculum. We are very proud of what we do in all areas of the curriculum and when you come to your child's Topic Chat you will be able to find out about the exciting learning and opportunities that the teachers have planned. The office are always able to take any amount of money towards trips to give families opportunity to pay in advance and to spread the cost over a period of time. Please do take advantage of this system, especially if you have more than one child as we do appreciate that it can add up!

The teaching staff are available in the playground before school from 8.35 am and at the end of the school day. If you wish to pass on a message or have any questions please use these times. I have been really impressed with the happy and positive way that all of the children have started and this is something we want to maintain! Once the bell goes please ensure that your child is lined up with their class ready to go straight into class with their teacher. We ask that parents and carers respect our systems at the start and end of the day and if you do not have time to pass on a message that you then go into the school office rather than following your child into class. It is very difficult for teachers once the bell has gone if parents are in the cloakrooms or asking questions whilst the teacher is trying to settle their class for the day.

The school day starts promptly at 8.45 am and any children later than this will need to come in through the main entrance and will be marked as late. We do monitor lates and whilst there will always be occasions when a child is late it is very unsettling for any child to arrive late to class when all of their classmates are already engaged in their learning for the day. Children do not like being late and it is essential that they start their day with their class lined up in the playground!

Year 6 will have come home with a letter this week to confirm from parents/carers that you give permission for your child to walk home from school. Without this permission slip we cannot authorise children to walk home alone. As year 6 begin to prepare for secondary school this is a small start to their independence. As a school we will only support and authorise year 6 pupils to walk home alone and not children in younger year groups. This is part of our safeguarding procedures.

Thank you for all of your support and a really positive start to the new term. If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to ask. We are an 'Open Door' School and with school and home working together we know your children will thrive and develop into responsible and independent young people!

Kind regards

*Joanne Smith*

## **Rudyard needs your votes!!**

We want to go LED throughout the school. The M&S energy fund provides grants to community projects regarding renewable energy. However, we need votes to win.

If our campaign is successful, we can:

- Replace old lighting with new LED, brightening up our learning environments
- Save on energy costs
- Positive impact on the local environment
- Savings made in energy costs will be directed back into curriculum and staffing costs.



Please visit this link to register you vote:

<https://www.mandsenergyfund.com/projects/rudyard-kipling-primary-school-nursery>

Please ensure when you get to the **login page you click on the sign up tab.**

You can also vote by searching M&S Energy fund, selecting South East region and clicking on Rudyard.

Thanks you all for your support.

The weekly Newsletter will be out on Monday with all the information for this Term.

