



Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2023



Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start this newsletter by sharing the exciting news of the proposal for Rush Common Pre-School to join Rush Common School. There is a consultation with all stakeholders that will run until Monday 6th March. To find out more please click on the following link: <https://rushcommonschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Consultation-letter-.pdf> Please provide any comments or questions you have to enquiries@abingdonlearningtrust.org.

We are very proud of our Music curriculum, the Music enrichment that takes place and the huge take up of learning musical instruments across the school. Last week these three aspects of our Music provision combined as 25 of our budding musicians attended an orchestra day at Radley College. They spent the morning in music workshops, preparing for the massed orchestra performance in the afternoon, with over 200 musicians taking part. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the entire day, and a snippet of the performance can be found on our Twitter page.

On Tuesday this week, it was Internet Safety Day, which is appropriately on the same week as Children's Mental Health Week. Mr Sealey (our Computing Lead) delivered an assembly that got all the children thinking about how to stay safe online, and who to talk to if they are worried. This has been followed up by lessons across the school on internet safety. We know what an important area this is, given the increased time that is spent online, and we would encourage all parents and carers to talk to their children about this. Resources have been sent out to all parents to help initiate these conversations.

Today is 'Inside Out Day', in which children are wearing an item of clothing inside out. This is an important day, to ensure everyone understands that how someone appears on the outside can be very different to how they are feeling on the inside. Alongside our comprehensive PSHE programme, and ELSA support, these awareness days have an important role in helping our pupils to stay mentally healthy – thank you for your support with this.

Thank you to those parents' that attended the Parent's Forum yesterday. It is always extremely helpful to hear the views of the parent community, and feed this into the strategic direction of the school. I have timetabled the Parent's Forums for a range of different times in the day in order to give parents more opportunity to attend at some point in the year. I hope to see many more of you at the next Forum.

I hope everyone enjoys the fine array of cakes that are on offer at our Bake Sale after school today. This is to help raise funds to replace our PE and playground equipment storage shed. We will update you on the amount the Bake Sale raises and also when we purchase the new shed.

A number of local residents and parents have recently mentioned the increasingly unsafe actions of car users at drop off and pick up. Driving in a fast and careless manner, parking on zig zags or grass verges or turning around in the school drive are all unacceptable. Whilst this will be a minority of car users, it is important we all work together to stop this from happening. One way you can actively help, is to report any unsafe actions you notice to the police via email at abingdowntownNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe half term holiday, as we look forward to everything the second half of the year has to offer!

Kind regards
Kristen Fawcett

Headteacher



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is **£2.40** per day. Payment for school dinners can be made via ParentMail. Meal choices must be made at least 3 days in advance.



Homework Champions

Emily	2RS	Raquel	4LR
Sophia	2RS	Jessica	4LR
Beatrix	2RS	Teddy	5AS
Sophie	2RS	Mabel	5AS
Leo	2RS	Jacob	5AS
Elizabeth	3NM	Lucy	5AS
James	3NM	Jishnu	5AS
Felix	3NM	Maia	5AS
Callie	3NM	Talia	5EC
Tilly	3NM	Frank	5EC
James	3JF	Cristina	5EC
Beth	3JF	Ben	5EC
Matilda	3JF	Ruby	5EC
Alex	4CM	Charis	6EW
Flo	4CM	Andrew	6JN
Lucie	4CM	Ethan	6JN
Milly	4CM	Will	6JN

Friends of Rush Common



Second-Hand Uniform Sale

Tuesday 28 February
2:30 - 3:30 PM
in the school hall



Prices start from £1
Come along and grab
a bargain!



Dates for your diary 2023

Start of Term 2b	Monday 20th February
KS2 Author Visit	Wednesday 22nd February
Reception and KS1 Author Visit	Tuesday 28th February
FoRC Second Hand Uniform Sale	Tuesday 28th February 2.30pm – 3.30pm
World Book Day	Thursday 2nd March
Book Fair	Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th March
Year 4 Assembly	Tuesday 7th March @ 2.30pm
Year 2 Cotswold Wildlife Trip	Thursday 9th March
Year 3 Assembly	Thursday 16th March @ 9.00am
FoRC Krispy Kreme doughnut sale	Friday 17th March
Parents Evening	Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd March
End of Term 2b	Friday 31st March @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 3a	Monday 17th April
May Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 1st May
Extra Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 8th May
Year 1 Assembly	Tuesday 23rd May @ 9.00am
End of Term 3a	Friday 26th May
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Monday 5th June
Start of Term 3b	Tuesday 6th June
Year 5 Residential to Kingswood	Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th June
FoRC Non-school uniform day	Friday 9th June
FoRC Summer Fete and Colour Run	Saturday 24th June
Year 6 Residential to Call of the Wild	Monday 26th – Friday 30th June
Year 2 Assembly	Tuesday 27th June @ 9.00am
Reception Assembly	Wednesday 12th July @ 2.30pm
End of Term 3b	Thursday 20th July @1.30pm
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Friday 21st July

Local Community News

Please note items and events detailed below are for information purposes only. Rush Common School do not endorse or make recommendations.

A vertical promotional poster for 'House of Fun'. The top section has a blue background with the text 'house of fun' in white, lowercase letters. To the left of the text are illustrations of a pizza slice, an apple, and an orange. To the right are a basketball and a cup of colored pencils. Below the title are two yellow smiley face icons, each followed by text: 'Children's multi-activity camps and after-school clubs' and 'Childcare vouchers accepted'. The bottom section has a pink background with the text 'BOOK NOW!' in blue, followed by contact information: 'jess@house-of-fun.co.uk', 'house-of-fun.co.uk', and 'Follow us @houseoffunuk'. A QR code is positioned to the right of the contact information. The very bottom has a yellow background with the text 'BRING ON THE FUN!' in red.

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Half-term events at Abingdon Library

Half-term is always a busy time at the library and this February is no exception. As well as a “help yourself” craft activity that will be available throughout the week, we have the following FREE events on offer:

Saturday 11th Feb 10.30am-1.30pm

Introduction to the new Mosey reading app

Mosey is a voice-enabled app that empowers children on their reading journey. Bring along your children aged 5-8 to give it a go and find out how you can enjoy reading time with your child on the Mosey app.

Drop-in session, no need to book.

Tuesday 14th Feb 3.30-4.30pm

Worded problems workshop with Explore Learning

Ideal for children aged 9-11. Book through Explore Learning by calling 01865 595509

Wednesday 15th Feb 9.30am & 11am

Rhymetime for pre-school children

Half-hour session of nursery rhyme fun. No need to book, just come along!

Thursday 16th Feb 10.00-11.00am

Illustration workshop with children's illustrator Rob Jones

For children aged 5-11. Ticketed event, please contact the library on 01235 520374 to book your place.

Friday 17th Feb 2.30-3.30pm

Harcourt Arboretum - Winter themed session

Most suitable for ages 4-8 but all children welcome. Drop in.

Saturday 18th Feb 2.30-3.00pm

Storytime

Half-hour session of stories for pre-school aged children accompanied by an adult. Drop-in.



Abingdon Library, The Charter, Abingdon, OX14 3LY | 01235 520374 |
abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk



Help for Families - Household Support Fund

Vale of White Horse District Council has a Household Support Fund, which is now open for new applications. If you are having difficulty affording food, energy bills and other essential expenses you may be eligible for support.

To apply for the fund by completing an online form, please see the council's website: <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/household-support-fund>

Anyone in need of emergency support or help to fill in the online form can contact the Community Hub on 01235 422600 Monday to Friday.



OXFORD
BROOKES
UNIVERSITY

SCIENCE BAZAAR BEYOND

Saturday 18 February 2023

9:30am - 11:30am
Relaxed autism-
friendly early opening
[BOOK HERE](#)

11:30am - 4pm
Open to all
(no need to book just
drop-in and explore)

**FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
MOST SUITABLE FOR 5-12YRS**

**Oxford Brookes University, Clerici Building, Headington
Campus, Gipsy Lane, Headington, OX3 0BP**



brookes.ac.uk/science-bazaar sciencebazaar@brookes.ac.uk

 @ScienceBazaar #BrookesBazaar23

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Family Choir Club



The Greatest Showman double bill!

Weds 15th Feb
Northcourt Centre

9.30-11.30 for ages 7-11

In two hours we'll create our own dazzling mini-show while building confidence, learning new skills and making new friends!

To book: tinyurl.com/fcc152-am

3.30-4.30 for adults and ages 0-6

We'll enjoy singing and playing together while showing off our own unique skills! The perfect mid-week boost.

To book: tinyurl.com/fcc152-pm

Family Choir Club



Mums & Dads Choir



Relaxed, sociable singing for parents, carers and babies from birth-1

Abingdon - Tuesdays at 1.30
Northcourt Centre

East Oxford - Thursdays at 1.30
The Old Schoolhouse

Book your free taster at
www.familychoirclub.co.uk