



Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2023



Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a great start to 2023 at Rush Common School, with a particularly busy week for Year 6! They started their swimming lessons on Monday, and then yesterday performed their curriculum assembly to parents based on World War II. It was a really polished performance, that demonstrated the depth of learning and enjoyment of this topic. They were also not phased by the air ambulance landing on our school field just before the assembly!

Thank you to everyone who completed our parent survey. There was a really good response, and some very pleasing results. Some of the highlights from the survey are below

99% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child is happy at this school
100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child is safe at this school
96% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child does well at this school
98% of parents would recommend this school to another parent.

There were so many positive comments in the survey, and also a number of useful suggested improvements. From analysing the comments section, one particular area to improve on is communication. We will be working on this as a school and will update you with any changes we make.

We are really looking forward to our new Boost! Drama Club this Term. It promises to be a really fantastic opportunity for children interested in drama and performing, and comes with great reviews. We feel this really complements our clubs offering, with a new KS1 Wildlife Club and History Club also starting this term. We are always looking to ensure this aspect of our provision is as broad as possible. Therefore, if any parents are interested in running a club in a particular area of expertise, please do contact the school.

This half term our PSHE topic for the whole school is 'Dreams and Goals'. Mrs Drew, our PSHE Lead launched this topic with a brilliant assembly on Monday, which really engaged the children, and asked them to consider their own short term and long term goals. They will have weekly PSHE lessons on this topic for this half term, which will include recognising and celebrating achievement, overcoming obstacles, motivation and enthusiasm, dreams for the future, jobs and careers and making a difference in the world.

The topics for this term in Years 1 - 6 are all based on Geography, after the History topics of Term 1. A tour of the school now involves a journey around the world, as you travel to Australia in Year 1, Africa in Year 2, China in Year 3, other parts of Asia in Year 4, Brazil in Year 5 and North America in Year 6! The children cover all the aspects of the geography curriculum through studying these countries, whilst also broadening their understanding of different parts of the world, and making comparisons to the UK.

As we move forward into this new year, I would like to wish all our families all the very best for 2023, and a safe and enjoyable weekend ahead.

Kind regards

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Headteacher



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Dates for your diary 2023

China Day	Friday 20th January
Year 3 Trip to Ashmolean Museum	Monday 23rd January
Year 5 Assembly	Wednesday 25th January @ 9.00am
Year 4 Trip to Sheldonian Theatre	Friday 27th January
Music Flood Orchestra Day	Tuesday 31st January
Books at Bedtime (KS1)	Wednesday 1st February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 7th February
Curriculum House Competition	Wednesday 8th February
Inside Out Day	Friday 10th February
End of Term 2a	Friday 10th February
Start of Term 2b	Monday 20th February
World Book Day	Thursday 2nd March
Year 4 Assembly	Tuesday 7th March @ 2.30pm
Year 3 Assembly	Thursday 16th March @ 9.00am
Reception Assembly	Wednesday 29th March @ 2.30pm
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
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
Year 6 Residential to Call of the Wild	Monday 26th – Friday 30th June
Year 2 Assembly	Tuesday 27th June @ 9.00am
End of Term 3b	Thursday 20th July @1.30pm
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Friday 21st July

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.

Local Community News

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

Fitzharrys School Support Staff Vacancies

Please see link below for current staff vacancies at Fitzharrys School:
Support Staff Vacancies - Fitzharrys School

**LIVING WELLwith
NEURODIVERSITY**

NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

A new support service 
from **Oxfordshire CAMHS** in collaboration with **Autism Oxford
UK Limited**

Is **YOUR** family open to/
involved with CAMHS
NDC services?
Are **YOU** a parent/carer
of a young person
awaiting an assessment?



FREE ONLINE COURSES FOR YOU!

- The virtual sessions will be held in the evenings as an informal space for parents/carers to safely share their experiences/tips.
- It will be facilitated by professionals who will cover the basics of ADHD/Autism and much more!

Scan the QR code to access
the events and resources!

If you have any questions, please email us on
youngpeoplesupport@autismoxford.org.uk



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communities, our people & the environment

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Outstanding care by
an outstanding team



Diamond Netball February Half Term Camp

When:
Monday 13th February 2023

Where:
St Hugh's School Sports
Centre SN7 8PT

Times:
Years 2,3&4: 9.30-12.30pm
Years 5,6,7: 1.00-4.00pm

Cost: £18 per session
A fun environment
differentiated to suit all
levels of ability.

How to book:
Please scan the above QR code
for our website, or email us at:

diamondnetballskills@gmail.com

Focus of sessions:
Building confidence
Ball handling
Attacking and defending
Skills
Shooting



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DIAMOND NETBALL

**DIAMOND NETBALL IS
BACK!**

WHEN:
Saturday Morning's
Starting:
February-25th March
22nd April-20th May 2023

TIMES:
Years 2,3&4 9.30-10.15am
Years 5,6& 7 10.30am-11.15am

VENUE:
Larkmead School, Abingdon

Cost: £60 for 10 weeks

BOOK NOW!

To book a space please
Scan the QR code for our
website or email us.....

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WHEN: SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY

WHERE: THE ABBEY CINEMA

ADULTS £15 / CHILDREN £7.50



**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE
SPLIT EVENLY
BETWEEN THE MAYOR'S
CHARITIES, YELLOW
SUBMARINE (1136735)
AND THE ARCHWAY
FOUNDATION (299533).**

SCAN ME



A FREE health and wellbeing programme for children aged 4-12 years old, designed to help children and families achieve a healthy weight together.

We don't believe in diets, restrictions, rules, crazy exercise plans or short-term fixes that ignore the bigger picture. Instead, we focus on small sustainable changes to everyday habits, behaviours and your mindset, too!



- Children engage in physical activity for 45 minutes
- Parents learn about their child's health as a whole, looking at nutrition, movement, mind and sleep for 45 minutes through interactive activities
- Parent and child join together for the final 15 minutes to share learning and agree 'missions' to complete in relation to the healthy lifestyle topic

Scan the QR code to sign up and find out more!



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