



Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 16th December 2022



Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

It is really feeling like Christmas at Rush Common School, and our recent nativity performances have certainly put us in the Christmas mood. Last week Year 1 and 2 performed to large audiences on two evenings, and treated us all to some fantastic acting and singing as we were led through the Christmas story. This week it was the turn of Reception children to provide a lovely performance on two afternoons. The children delivered their lines clearly and sung their hearts out, and I know the staff and parents were very proud of their first performance at Rush Common School. These first shows are very important to our pupils as they grow and develop confidence over time in performing to others, culminating in the Year 6 performance at the end of their journey through Rush Common School.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a hugely appreciative thank you to parents for all the donations that have been received across the course of the Nativity performances. This included both online and cash donations, and totals an incredible £518. Your generosity is so warmly received and every penny will be put towards additional educational resources.

Last week, our Year 4 children had a brilliant time at Ufton Court on their first residential trip at Rush Common School. We think very carefully about our enrichment and educational trip opportunities, and had taken the decision to move this residential to Ufton Court, primarily due to the quality of the Tudor experience the children receive. We were not disappointed! The children had the most fantastic immersive experience that brought their understanding of the Tudor era to life in the best possible way – this included staying in a real Tudor Manor House, experiencing a Tudor court case, investigating 'strange goings on' in the manor and a fully costumed Tudor banquet. I'm sure this trip has created life long memories for our children!

Prior to the Year 4 residential, our Year 6 children also had a fully immersive WW2 experience at the STEAM museum. The children all dressed up as evacuees, complete with gas mask box, and lunch appropriate for the era. It was once again a hugely enjoyable trip, with so much learning taking place, cementing lots of the knowledge gained in children's lessons in school.

Last Friday, we held our first Reception open afternoon, in which we invited all of our Reception parents to see their children in school, enjoying activities in our continuous provision, and making a range of Christmas craft items. This was a great opportunity for those new to the school, to come inside the classrooms and see what their children experience each day. We hope it was a really enjoyable afternoon, and we know the children loved having you there!

Our choir have been out and about recently, and they followed up a superb performance at the Oxford 'Big Christmas Sing', with another lovely event at Smeg UK Ltd. The children once again sung their hearts out to the delight of the audience! A huge thank you for the donations that were received from Smeg.

As you may well know, we have a very musical staff, who play a variety of instruments. Mrs Wallis on saxophone, Mrs Ramm on cello, Mr Mulders on double bass, Mrs Neal on piano, Mrs Lipp and Mrs Carr on violins, were joined by some friends and a parent of the school on flute, trumpet and viola, to create an amazing orchestra for our Christmas singalong this week. The children loved hearing the orchestra and hugely enjoyed singing along to some Christmas classics!

Today is our Christmas dinner day, with children also making Christmas crafts during the afternoon. The year groups have purchased items to provide for an exciting afternoon making items to sell to parents. Please refer to the recent letter on how to purchase these Christmas crafts online. The total profit raised will be spent by each year group on important resources to support children's education.

As we look forward to next term, please can I ask that any parents driving to school, park safely and respectfully of our residents, including not parking next to drop down kerbs or on grass verges.

With this being the final newsletter of 2022, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for the huge support you have shown the school in so many ways. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas indeed and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards
Kristen Fawcett
Headteacher



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Football Fixture

Well done to our boys football team who played their first match against Thameside recently. They all showed great teamwork and determination, with some excellent saves from Krish. We sadly lost the match but a good effort by everyone!



Year 6 STEAM Museum Trip

On Tuesday 6th December 2022, Year 6 enjoyed a day at the STEAM Museum in Swindon investigating what life was like as an evacuee during World War 2 and finding out about how life changed for many people during the war. The children dressed as evacuees and enjoyed seeing genuine artefacts from the war.



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.



Year 4 Ufton Court Residential

Year 4 enjoyed an immersive Tudor experience during their residential at Ufton Court last week. From re-enactments of scenes from a courtroom with gruesome punishments, to investigating strange goings on ; making bows and arrows, quills and inks with which to write letters to the local judge and a sumptuous banquet, the children had a fantastic time sleeping and eating in a beautiful manor house.



Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Abhimanyu in Year 2 who has recently won the Eye Level Math Olympiad 2022 (ELMO 2022) award. Abhimanyu has become the youngest competitor across the UK in Year 2 to score 100% in the shortest time. He was awarded the Platinum Award by the Eye Level Olympiad committee for his performance. Well done Abhimanyu!

Staff Treats

Thank you to the Prayer Group for providing the staff with some lovely Christmas treats.



Useful Links for Parents- advice from Alan Mackenzie (E-Safety Advisor)

Advice by age:

Younger children need different advice and guidance than older children. Older children need different advice and guidance than teens. It can be really difficult keeping up with everything that is online and what risks and issues may affect children of different ages, so on these pages there is some age-related advice and guidance for parents and carers:

Pre-school - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

6 - 10 year olds - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

11 - 13 year olds - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/11-13/>

14 plus - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/14plus/>

Setting up devices:

It can be difficult knowing all the different settings that are available on different devices to help protect children, this includes allowing or disallowing chat, friends, spending money, content filters and much more. On these pages you will find the details, as well as non-technical instructions, which will help you understand what is available to you and how to set up your child's devices.

Gaming consoles and devices - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>

Smartphones - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

Broadband and mobile networks - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>

Entertainment and search engines - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/>

Safety/privacy settings on social media:

With many children and young people using social media it is important to understand what features are available to you to help protect your children. This is also important because for the most part, all privacy settings are default off when a new account is created, but also because some social media providers change their features quite frequently, e.g. TikTok.

Take a look at this link to see what is available to you and how to set up your child's social media. We would also advise doing this with your child so that you can discuss the features together.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/>

Useful new features on YouTube and YouTube Kids

YouTube is hugely popular with all age groups but historically parents haven't had a lot of control over what their children can/cannot watch. But things have changed and YouTube now gives parents a greater degree of control. It isn't perfect but it is a step in the right direction. Take a look at the page below where you will see a few short videos of newer features that can help you on YouTube and YouTube Kids.

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/youtube-parental-restrictions/>

Gaming

Finding good games, as well as knowing what is appropriate for the age of the child isn't easy, particularly when there can be lots of peer pressure to play the more popular games which are not always appropriate. Taming Gaming is a great resource for parents to find new games for children as well as lots of advice about content, suitability etc.

<https://www.taminggaming.com/>

Homework Champions

Asiri	1ND/BL		
Ava	1ND/BL	Indhu	4CM
Freddie H	1ND/BL	Neve	4CM
Charlotte	1ND/BL	Vincent	4LR
Sofia	2RS	Alice	4LR
Ethan	2RS	Jacob	4LR
Bianca	2JM	Ben	5EC
Jessica	2JM	Ruby	5EC
Abhimanyu	2JM	Sophie	5EC
Ruben	2JM	Rodrigo	5EC
Luke	2JM	Maja	5EC
Elizabeth	3NM	Louie	5EC
Leo	3NM	Harry	6JN
Callie	3NM	Ellie-Mai	6JN
Tilly	3NM	Jessica	6JN
Darci	3NM	Krish	6JN
Libby	3NM	Lizzie	6JN
Isla	3NM		
Hatti	3NM		

Dates for your diary 2022/23

End of Term 1b	Tuesday 20th December @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 2a	Wednesday 4th January 2023
Year 6 Assembly	Thursday 12th January @ 9.00am 2023
KS1 Books At Bedtime	Thursday 12th January 2023
China Day	Friday 20th January 2023
Year 3 Trip to Ashmolean Museum	Monday 23rd January 2023
Year 5 Assembly	Wednesday 25th January @ 9.00am 2023
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Curriculum House Competition	Wednesday 8th February 2023
Inside Out Day	Friday 10th February 2023
End of Term 2a	Friday 10th February 2023
Start of Term 2b	Monday 20th February 2023
World Book Day	Thursday 2nd March 2023
Year 4 Assembly	Tuesday 7th March @ 2.30pm 2023
Year 3 Assembly	Thursday 16th March @ 9.00am 2023
Reception Assembly	Wednesday 29th March @ 2.30pm 2023
End of Term 2b	Friday 31st March 2023 @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 3a	Monday 17th April 2023
May Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 1st May 2023
Year 1 Assembly	Tuesday 23rd May @ 9.00am 2023
End of Term 3a	Friday 26th May 2023
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Monday 5th June 2023
Start of Term 3b	Tuesday 6th June 2023
Year 6 Residential to Call of the Wild	Monday 26th – Friday 30th June 2023
Year 2 Assembly	Tuesday 27th June @ 9.00am 2023
End of Term 3b	Thursday 20th July 2023 @1.30pm
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Friday 21st July 2023

Local Community News

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



Outstanding Christmas Holidays camp activities for your kids Aged 2-13 years

Ofsted-registered, fun-filled, holiday camp created and run by experienced, enthusiastic teachers.

BOOK NOW
St Mary & John Primary School, Oxford (5-13 Year olds)
• 21st & 22nd December
Comper Foundation Stage School, Oxford (2-5 Year olds)
• 21st & 22nd December

-  sports
-  arts & crafts
-  cookery
-  fun games

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EXCITING NEWS

We have received HAF Funding for our Christmas Camp at St Mary & John Primary School

Ofsted-registered, fun-filled, holiday camp created and run by experienced, enthusiastic teachers.

21st & 22nd December
St Mary & John Primary School, Oxford (5-13 Year olds)

HAF Funding provides children in receipt of free school meals a free place and a meal at camp.
To book head to:
<https://houseoffun.coordinate.cloud/project/37436>
NB. Schools have booking code

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APPLICATION FORM FOR RUSH COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL

To guarantee a place you must book now!

- Professional Coaching Courses
- Structured skills and technique sessions
- Open to boys & girls aged 5 – 11
- Fun games, competitions, and small sided matches
- Start Date Tuesday 17th January. (Excluding half term & inset days) 3.15pm – 4.15pm each week for 10 weeks, finishing on Tuesday 28th March.

£45 back payment Premier Soccer Centres Ltd. A/C No 53505697. Sort Code 60-21-21. Please use venue code RC as reference plus your child/children's surname.

Please scan and email the application form to the above address & make payment at the same time.

- Please bring your football kit, boots, trainers (for use on the playground or indoors) & a waterproof. (Please dress appropriately for the weather conditions)

Many thanks for your continued support. We really hope you can join us!

Mark & Dave

NAME OF CHILD AGE:

ADDRESS

HOME TEL:

EMERGENCY TEL:

E-MAIL ADDRESS

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

SIGNED
(Parent/Guardian)

My Child is in year 5 or 6 so I hereby give my permission for them to walk home alone YES / NO (Please delete as necessary)

* In line with GDPR we have updated our privacy policy, to view please visit our website for more details

* Refund policy : We do not issue refunds for any reason. Credit notes will be issued at the discretion of the directors which can be used on any future Premier Soccer Centres course.

* Please note: PREMIER SOCCER CENTRES LTD or the organisation providing the facility cannot accept any liability whatsoever in respect of any personal loss or damage caused whilst attending any course.

Carbon Cutters Latest Newsletter

ACC Eco-Action News Dec 2022



Football Icon Academy



Football Icon Academy is delighted to announce that we are running Christmas training camps for boys and girls in Abingdon, Oxford!

Elite structured training camp for players looking to improve their game and spend a day playing total football. We only use minimum level 2 F.A qualified coaches.



DATES AND TIMES

21st-22nd December

9:00am-3:00pm

Abingdon - Tilsley Park, Abingdon OX14 1PU, UK
£35 per day or £60 for two days



Spaces are limited, so book yours now by visiting www.footballicon.com/events
Or call Reece on 07415654806

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Sunday, 29th January, 2023
 Sunday, 20th February, 2023
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Everyone deserves to enjoy great stories. That's why we're introducing **Pay What You Can Sundays**.

On these days, we're inviting visitors to pay what they can for entry to the Galleries, Small Worlds and City of Stories.

Visitors who would like to pay the normal price can still book in advance online but anyone who buys their ticket on the door will be able to choose to pay what they can from a minimum starting price of £1 per ticket*.

Dates
 Sunday, 29th January
 Sunday, 20th February
 Sunday, 20th March

*Pay what you can does NOT apply to events in the Warehouse Theatre.

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