



Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 16th September 2022



Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

At Rush Common School we have all been saddened by the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The children this week have all been engaging in activities to understand her incredible life, and tireless service to our country over the last 70 years. We hope children have been sharing some of their learning and work with you at home. As the longest serving monarch in British history, she will be missed by so many, who understood her inspirational devotion and sense of duty to our nation.

It has been a great start to the year for our pupils, with the school buzzing with learning. Children in all year groups have been highly engaged as they start life in their new classrooms. At this point in the year, we always have a large number of new children joining our school, and they have all settled into Rush Common life really well. It has been lovely to welcome all the new families, and we hope you feel at home as much as the children do!

Thank you for coming to the 'Meet the Teachers' meetings this week. The meetings were well attended, and we hope they were useful in finding out about the year ahead. The PowerPoint slides from the meeting will be attached to your year group weekly update, and also saved on the website. If you have any questions or queries relating to anything for the year ahead, please do contact us.

I would like to update you on the current situation with regards to tree planting at Rush Common. Unfortunately, during the last academic year, we had to considerably scale back the tree planting that had taken place, due to a number of practical factors relating to site management. Then, over the summer the unprecedented heatwaves meant that a number of the saplings did not survive. As we had received our tree packs from the Woodland Trust, we would like to make a donation to this charity from our school. To this end, we will be holding a non-school uniform fundraising day on Friday 4th November, which will also serve to raise the profile of the Trust's Net Zero Carbon commitment. The Woodland Trust is a fantastic charity responsible for planting trees, saving woods and bringing ancient woodlands back to life. You will receive a further email about the fundraising day in due course.

Over the course of this term, many prospective new parents will be attending our taster sessions, open days and school tours. All of the details of these visits are included further in this newsletter. Please can I ask you to spread the word to any families that may be interested, and tell them about everything our school can offer. Your help with this is vital in ensuring as many parents as possible visit the school, and ultimately increase the number of children attending our fabulous school!

For those new parents to our school, there are a number of ways you can support the school, including becoming a Governor, a member of Friends of Rush Common (FoRC), being a volunteer reader, helping out on school trips or simply making a donation to the school (hover over the QR code at the bottom of this page). Please email the school office, if you are interested in any of these volunteering opportunities.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about parking on Hendred Way and all roads around our school. Please ensure you always park safely and are respectful of residents and never park on the yellow zig zag lines.

Finally, I will finish with a quote from our Ofsted Inspection last year

'Adults show exceptional care to children. It is as if pupils have an extended family at school'.

This is the platform from which we provide such high quality education, and I hope your child always feels like this, as they enjoy every opportunity in the year ahead.

Kind regards

Kristen Fawcett

Headteacher





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Visits, Tours and Taster Sessions - Autumn 2022

Taster Sessions

Saturday 24th September and Saturday 15th October 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Your children will experience our Reception classrooms and outdoor area with a wide range of fun, educational activities led by our brilliant Reception teachers.



'Children in early years get off to a flying start'

Ofsted Nov 2021

Open Days

Wednesday 28th September, Tuesday 11th October and Thursday 3rd November 9.00 am

See children learning across the school, meet our school staff and ask plenty of questions.

'Happiness is all around. It is as if pupils have an extended family at school'

Ofsted Nov 2021



Head's Breakfast and Pupil-led Tours

Every Friday from 16th September to 9th December (excluding 28th October – half term)
9.00 am – 10.00 am



Have a tea or coffee and a pastry with the Headteacher before a pupil-led tour of the school.

'Pupils love coming to Rush Common School'

Ofsted Nov 2021

Individual School Visits

We are also happy to provide individualised school visits and tours for parents and children.

To register your interest, email: office@rushcommonschoo.org or phone: 01235 533 583

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook, or visit our website to find out more.
www.rushcommonschoo.org

Athletics Award

Congratulations to Jessica in Year 6 for winning a trophy as the best female under 11 athlete at Abingdon Athletics Club. Her prize was a trophy and an Amazon voucher. Well done Jessica!



Parent Guidance

For Parents - Snapchat Family Centre Update

Snapchat remains one of the most popular apps used by children and young people.

Snapchat has a Family Centre feature and the company has been adding a couple of updates recently which parents may find useful, this includes seeing what friends their children have been sending messages to and a complete list of their child's existing friends.

There is a full breakdown of the Snapchat safety features [HERE](#),

After School Football

The After School football run by Premier Soccer Centres restarts on Tuesday 20th September.

Contact Mark Jones on 07795342509 or email mark@premiersoccercentres.co.uk to secure a place.

Music Lessons

Radley College and Abingdon Music Centre have got together to run various one-off music workshops which some Rush Common children have previously attended. It would be great to offer these opportunities to other children who play instruments but do not currently have instrumental lessons at school. The workshops are suitable for KS2 children. If your child is interested in coming along to any future workshops, please can you email Mrs Wallis via the school office (office@rushcommonschool.org) with your child's name, the instrument they are learning, the amount of time they have been playing and details of any music exams that they have taken.

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.



Dates for your diary 2022/23

Bank Holiday (Queen's Funeral)	Monday 19th September
Improvisation Workshop, Radley College	Thursday 22nd September
Parents Evenings	Tuesday 4th – Thursday 6th October
Individual School Photos	Thursday 6th October
Inset Day (children Not in school)	Friday 7th October
Travelling Book Fair	Tuesday 11th – Friday 14th October
Year 2 Corinium Museum Cirencester	Thursday 13th October
FoRC Reception Disco	Tuesday 18th October
FoRC Yr 1 – Yr 6 Disco	Thursday 20th October
Wear Red Against Racism	Friday 21st October
End of Term 1a	Friday 21st October
Start of Term 1b	Monday 31st October
Fundarising for Woodland Trust	Friday 4th November
FoRC Fireworks Night	Friday 11th November
Children in Need	Friday 18th November
Year 6 Trip to STEAM Museum	Tuesday 6th December
Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court	Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th December
End of Term 1b	Tuesday 20th December @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 2a	Wednesday 4th January 2023
End of Term 2a	Friday 10th February 2023
Start of Term 2b	Monday 20th February 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
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
End of Term 3b	Thursday 20th July 2023 @1.30pm
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Friday 21st July 2023



RUSH COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL

FIREWORKS NIGHT

11th November 2022

SAVE THE DATE!

Local Community News

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



**Abingdon
Heritage Weekend**
17th - 18th September 2022

*History trails and walks –
guided and self-guided
“Innovation and Invention”*

*“70 Years of Abingdon Science”
Talk by Frank Close*

*Heritage buildings open
around the town*

*Exhibition in
Christ’s Hospital Hall*

*“Engines, Drains and Nuisances”
Exhibition at St Ethelwold’s*

www.abingdonheritage.org.uk
@heritageopenday @abingdononthamesheritageopendays

Part of Heritage Open Days

THE FRIENDS OF ABINGDON 1797 SOCIETY

Abingdon Area Archaeological and Historical Society

CO OP

Events at Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre this Autumn

<https://www.bbowt.org.uk/events>

Book
Now



Presents

GUITAR LESSONS in Abingdon



NEW: Courses starting
September 2022



Guitars are Provided



Group Lessons for all ages
and abilities



The Old Anchor Inn, **Abingdon**

To book visit:

www.oxfordshiremusicschool.co.uk

DIAMOND NETBALL

DIAMOND NETBALL IS
COMING TO ABINGDON!

Calling all aspiring
Netballers between
school years 3-7

Would you like to develop
your Netball Skills and meet
new friends.....

Join us at Diamond Netball
on a Saturday Morning!

Starting 10th September
2022

Venue:
LARKMEAD SCHOOL
Abingdon OX14 1RF

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

£60 for 10 sessions

To book a space and find out more
information, please click on
the link below:

Registration form

PLEASE NOTE:
spaces must be booked in advance.

Find us on facebook or please email:

diamondnetballskills@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/DiamondNetballSkills>

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Fun and Inclusive

JUNIOR SATURDAY ART CLUB **FOR 8 - 11 YEAR OLDS**

Junior Saturday Art Club welcomes all young creative 8–11-year-olds to enjoy a mixture of art, design, and craft in our specialist art workshops!

You will have the opportunity to experience a range of fun, inspiring and challenging activities in our art studios

Our art studios and facilities are second to none and will provide an inspiring and creative environment for you to explore all sorts of creative disciplines. Come and have fun!

All abilities will be catered for. Activities are varied each series to accommodate returning students.

- ▶ Fee: £75 - all materials are included. Parents are very welcome to come along with their child, without extra costs.
- ▶ Timing: Series of 5 Saturday mornings 10am–12pm
- ▶ Date: See website for start date options
- ▶ Location: City of Oxford College, Oxford City Centre Campus, Oxpens Road, OX1 1SA

For full course information and to enrol visit:
adult.activatelearning.ac.uk/ox-jr-art-club



THE **PAULINE QUIRKE** ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

PQA ABINGDON OPENING SOON

OPENING
17th September
9.45-13.00

ADDED BENEFITS INCLUDE

WEST END SHOWS
PERFORM ON A WEST END STAGE
IN OUR AMAZING PQA SHOW!

RSL QUALIFICATIONS
GRADED QUALIFICATION FROM
RSL FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS

QUIRKY KIDZ
JOIN OUR EXCLUSIVE AGENCY
FOR PROFESSIONAL WORK!

PQA CINEMA SCREENINGS
YOUR VERY OWN MOVIE
SCREENED AT YOUR
LOCAL CINEMA!

PQA ABINGDON
Runs from 9.45AM - 1:00PM
At Europa School, OX14 3DZ
Contact Principal Jenna
at jenna.hones@pqacademy.com
pqacademy.com

PQA
THE PAULINE QUIRKE
ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

Rush Common Prayer Group

Meet every Wednesday morning
after drop-off

Please text for more information
or to join WhatsApp group

Mobile: 079 411 50 449

All Welcome!



Family support with period products

If you need help with period products please visit

www.periodbox.uk/request-an-all-yours-box/

and complete the form to tell us what you need.

We will send out what you need in a free All Yours box.

You can request a box for yourself and your family members and we offer a range of products to suit as many preferences and circumstances as possible, including reusable period products.

If you have any questions about which reusable product to request, please just ask us using the form or drop us an email.

All requests are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL.

If you have any questions, please email

allyourmonthly@gmail.com

For more information on the All Yours community project, please visit periodbox.uk



