



Rush Common School Newsletter



Friday 24th November 2023

Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start the newsletter by sharing the lovely news that Mrs Wort (formerly Miss Parker) has given birth to her baby boy! I know we all want to wish Mrs Wort huge congratulations and every happiness as she enjoys this special time!

At Rush Common we are very proud of the enrichment opportunities we offer, and this last fortnight has seen a wide array of these experiences. Reception and Key Stage 1 have enjoyed Brake Road Safety Day, Year 3 have had an incredible immersive Egyptian experience, Year 4 have enjoyed an electricity workshop at Abingdon School, Year 5 have had a fantastic Victorians trip to the Oxfordshire Museum and Year 6 dressed up as evacuees and enjoyed a Word War 2 experience at the STEAM museum. I should also add that Year 5 have been out and about on their bikes with bikeability, ensuring they develop good road safety skills.

It was Anti-Bullying week last week, and this started with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November to celebrate what makes us all unique. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors set the standard across the school and the anti-bullying message is taken very seriously – there is no place for any sort of bullying in our school. This messaging was complemented nicely by our PSHE Assembly on Monday based on 'Celebrating Difference', in which children had the opportunity to reflect on the importance of diversity in our world.

Friday 17th November was Children in Need, and the school was awash with spotty clothes and Pudsey ears. It's really important that children understand how to support others that may be less fortunate than themselves, and we raised nearly £300. Thank you for your support with this worthwhile cause.

You will soon be receiving our annual parent survey in which you will have the opportunity to provide some feedback to the school. In our last survey we know a number of parents mentioned the communication systems and whether there was opportunity to consolidate some of the different platforms. Whilst we have been considering the feedback, it is a complex area as there are different platforms for different functions. We thought it may be useful to share this below.

Parentmail – allows the school to provide email communications, forms for parents to complete, and payments
MyChildatSchool – allows teachers to write and message parents directly with a weekly update.
Tapestry – specifically for Early Years and allows photos and activities to be easily viewed by parents
Google Classroom - used specifically to hand out and hand in homework.

We are always willing to listen if parents have useful solution-focussed suggestions on how communication platforms and systems could be improved.

Thank you to all the parents of SEN children that joined us for the coffee morning on Friday 17th November. We hope you found it useful to speak to our new SENCo, Mrs Drew. We are looking to host more of these mornings during this academic year.

Finally please may I give two reminders for drop off and pick up

- Please can parents ensure good control of their dogs as children are leaving the school. There have been some incidents of larger dogs being a bit intimidating for younger children. Dogs should either be on a lead or under very close control of their owners.
- Please can parents not park opposite the yellow diagonal lines on Hendred way, as many children cross here.

I would like to wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable weekend as we look towards nativity productions on the horizon!

Kind regards
Kristen Fawcett
Headteacher



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Visits, Tours and Taster Sessions - Autumn 2023

Taster Sessions

Saturday 23rd September and Saturday 7th 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'

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Open Mornings

Tuesday 26th September, Wednesday 11th October and Thursday 9th 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 15th September to 9th December 9.00 am – 10.00 am

(excluding 22nd September, 6th October, 27th October)



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'

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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

Remembrance Day



Homework Champions

Molly	2RS	Harley	4CM
Rupali	2RS	Hattie	4CM
Millie	3LG	Callie	4CM
Ethan	3LG	Leopold	4CM
Leo	3LG	Teodor	5AS
Bianca	3NM	Jessica	5AS
Avalyn	3NM	Raquel	5AS
Jessica	3NM	Elsie	5AS
Esmae	3NM	Alice	5AS
Lena	3NM	Oliver	5SC
Caitlyn	4LR	Josh	5SC
		Alex	5SC

Dates for your diary 2023/2024

Year 5 Cycling Training	Week of the 27th November
Year 2 Roman Day	Tuesday 28th November
Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court	Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th December
KS1 Nativity Performance	Tuesday 5th (1LMJB and 2RS) and Wednesday 6th December (1ES and 2JM) @ 5.00pm
Year 5 Science Workshop Trip	Thursday 7th December
Reception Nativity Performance	Monday 11th (RHJ) and Tuesday 12th December (RLHBL) @ 2.15pm
Christmas Dinner Day	Wednesday 13th December
Reception Craft Afternoon	Friday 15th December
End of Term 1b	Wednesday 20th December @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 2a	Tuesday 9th January 2024
End of Term 2a	Friday 9th February 2024
Start of Term 2b	Monday 19th February 2024
End of Term 2b	Thursday 28th March 2023 @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 3a	Monday 15th April 2024
Year 5 Residential Kingswood	Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th April 2024
May Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 6th May 2024
End of Term 3a	Friday 24th May 2024
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Monday 3rd June 2024
Start of Term 3b	Tuesday 4th June 2024
Year 6 Residential Call of the Wild	Monday 24th – Friday 28th June 2024
End of Term 3b	Tuesday 23rd July 2024 @1.30pm

Local Community News

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



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RUSH COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL

INSET DAY LEGO CAMP

MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024

CREATE, INSPIRE, PLAY!



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**RUSH COMMON SCHOOL
IBRICK CAMPS**

**BOOK FOR FESTIVE FUN AT OUR UPCOMING
CHRISTMAS IBRICK CAMPS**

Thursday 21st December 2023
Friday 22nd December 2023
Thursday 4th January 2024
Friday 5th January 2024
Monday 8th January 2024
(Inset Day)



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CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



**CUMNOR SCHOOL
IBRICK CAMPS**

**BOOK FOR FESTIVE FUN AT OUR
UPCOMING CHRISTMAS IBRICK CAMPS**

Thursday 21st December 2023
Friday 22nd December 2023

BOOK NOW AT  **house-of-fun.co.uk**



ABINGDON LIBRARY
**MANGA
SHOWCASE**

A FREE DROP-IN EVENT



AGES 8+

**SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
2023 10AM - 4PM**

A DISPLAY OF VARIOUS MANGA AND ANIME TITLES FROM
ACROSS THE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

**COME ALONG TO EXPLORE POPULAR SERIES, BROWSE
DIFFERENT GENRES, GET CREATIVE WITH ACTIVITES, AND
MORE!**



THE | OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE
SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for those aged 7 - 13 who love to sing. Established in 2013, the Singing School provides the opportunity to experience great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop confidence in singing and performing.

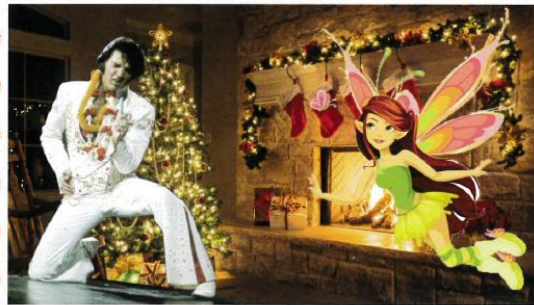
This Christmas pupils will learn some beautiful seasonal music and at the same time learn about vocal technique, music theory and history. Children will also have a singing lesson in a small group with a dedicated vocal coach. Families are most welcome to come and listen to an informal concert at the end of the day.

To book or to join our mailing list, please go to
www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk or email
Samantha@oxbridges.com
BRING A FRIEND and SAVE £20 each family.
See website for details

21 & 22 December 2023
St Barnabas Church, Jericho
OX2 6BG

www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk

Drayton Players present



Away with the Fairies this Christmas

A play by Sue Hadley

THE BIG CHRISTMAS SHOW It's full of fun and madness! Being senior doesn't mean you can be exploited. Even if your DIY man is an Elvis Impersonator. A unique and inspiring Christmas story, where good triumphs over evil at "The Foresters" sheltered accommodation. One act tells it all! This is an ADULT SHOW where grown ups have fun and laughter. SPECIAL: Stay and meet the cast this Christmas show- bar open after the show. Raffle and fun.

Fri 8th December at 8.00pm (doors 7.30)

Sat 9th December at 7.30pm (doors 7pm)

Steventon Village Hall, The Green, OX13 6RR

Tickets: £7.50

In person from Vickers Hardware Store, Drayton

In person from 40 Castle St, Steventon, OX13 6SR

From www.trybooking.co.uk/CTER (Booking fees apply)

Tel 01235 821351 or on the door



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SCIENCE BAZAAR BEYOND

FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY! MOST SUITABLE FOR 5-16 YRS

Saturday 3 February 2024

9:30am - 11:30am Relaxed autism-friendly early opening
11:30am - 4pm Open to all

Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments,
talks, shows, competitions and cafe



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TICKETS



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

NO PARKING ON SITE EXCEPT FOR ACCESS NEEDS



Oxfordshire Junior Chess is excited to announce that we will be holding the annual county junior chess tournament on the weekend of 6th / 7th Jan 2024 at Cumnor Primary School. As in previous years, there will be U9, U11 and U13/15/18 (possibly split if enough entrants) sections. The online entry form link:

is <https://forms.gle/ioHQEXXZfEPgiebw9> from which full tournament information and rules can be accessed. Any queries to oxfordshirejuniorchess@gmail.com.



**Menstrual Health and
Period Education Advocates**

November/December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

All Yours Period Boxes – Christmas & New Year deliveries

The last posting dates for Royal Mail mean that the deadline for ordering All Yours boxes in time for Christmas is quite early this year – we'd appreciate your completed form by Thursday 7th December. Please let us know as soon as you can if you want a box so we can make sure they are in the post, or out for delivery with our volunteers, so that everyone has what they need for Christmas and the New Year.

You can continue to request a box after 7th December, but we cannot guarantee it will reach you before Christmas. Our service closes on 19th December so any requests submitted after that will be processed when we reopen on 2nd January, so please leave a little longer for the delivery of your box.

Normal service resumes from 2nd January 2024.

You can visit our website to request the period products you need. We have a range of disposable products as well as reusable period pads and menstrual cups to choose from. If you would like to request products for multiple people in your household, just use the comments box to tell us how many people and the kind of products you would like. Unfortunately, we are not able to supply incontinence products and if we do not have period pants listed, it means we do not have any available in stock.

All requests are free and confidential. You can request your All Yours box here:
<https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request>

Period Pants – removal of 20% VAT

All Yours are delighted to have been part of the #saypantstothetax campaign lead by WUKA and Marks & Spencer. The chancellor announced the removal of 20% VAT on period pants in the Autumn Statement which means come 1st January 2024, retailers should be making them 20% cheaper (if they haven't already absorbed the VAT themselves as part of the campaign). So, if you are considering buying period pants, it is worth waiting just a little bit longer to ensure you don't pay more than you have to. If you notice retailers haven't dropped their prices, make sure you complain! Or let us know and we will let them know the error of their ways.

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and wish you all the best for 2024,

All Yours

