

#### **Rush Common School Newsletter**



Friday 25th April 2025

### Dream, Aspire, Succeed

#### Dear Parents/Carers

It has been an excellent start to the Summer Term, with classrooms filled with the buzzing energy of children happy to be back in school. The learning atmosphere has been fantastic, and children are clearly looking forward to the exciting events that lay ahead in this busy term.

During the week before the Easter break we carried out a fundraising project for Oxfordshire Mind, a mental health charity who also run Abingdon Bridge. The aim was to create an understanding of the link between physical exercise and positive mental health, and all of the children very much enjoyed being put through their paces on the obstacle course. The response from parents was fantastic and we raised just over £2,000 for Oxfordshire Mind. A huge thank you to everyone who donated to such a worthwhile cause.

We have a number of talented musicians on our staff team and just before the break we held our staff (and guests) Orchestra for the children in the hall. The children were utterly inspired by seeing the staff playing music together and loved clapping and singing along to some classic and modern tunes. Many of our children now learn musical instruments, and our children's orchestra (superbly run by Mrs Wallis) is extremely healthy!

We have been delighted with the inclusion of a new Drama Club this academic year run by Charlotte Fisher. The weekly sessions build towards a final performance for parents to come and watch. At the end of the first term, we were treated to the Snow Queen, and just before Easter the performance of Into the Woods wowed the audience. We can not wait to see the final performance of the year at the end of the Summer Term.

Over the last three days our Year 5 pupils have been having a wonderful time on their residential trip at PGL Liddington. Residential trips offer the experiences, activities and opportunities that are almost impossible to recreate at school, and the confidence, independence and resilience that develops as a result is fantastic to see. This cohort have thoroughly embraced the huge array of activities, which have included Giant Swing, Climbing, Aeroball, Orienteering, Zip Wire, Trapeze and Laser Tag. They have also loved the buffet style cooked breakfast each morning! It has been an unforgettable experience and I am sure they will all sleep well tonight!

We tend to be hugely successful in sporting competitions, and we are also proud of the way we include as many children as possible to take part in these competitions. In a KS2 football festival just before Easter, a large number of children were representing their school for the first time, and this week we entered a Boccia Competition, specifically for SEND pupils. It was fantastic to involve a broad range of SEN pupils in this competition, some with highly complex needs. The experience they gained from this competition is unparalleled, and they should all be extremely proud of the way they competed!

Finally, I am delighted to let you know that during the Easter break Miss Lambert (our Reception Lead) got married and has returned as Mrs Harrison. Huge congratulations from all of us!

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe weekend as we look towards this exciting Summer Term.

Kind regards

Kristen Fawcett

Headteacher







#### **School Dinners**

The cost of school dinners is £2.65 per day. Payment for school dinners can be made via ParentMail. Meal choices must be made at least 3 days in advance.



# Secondhand Children's Book Sale Wednesday 30th April, 3pm In the school hall at pick up Most books 50p each! If you have any children's books to donate we will have crates outside the Music Room (to the right of BASC) at drop off and pick up the week before and after the Easter holidays.

#### **Easter Treats**

Thank you to the Prayer Group who provided staff with some delicious treats before Easter.





# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

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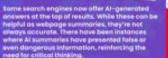
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#### Dates for your diary 2025

Author Visit Years 4,5, and 6 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

2RS Trip to Abingdon Musuem Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

FoRC Second Hand Book Sale Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 3.00pm

Year 4 Curriculum Assembly Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 9.00am

May Bank Holiday (children not in school) Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

2JB Trip to Abingdon Musuem Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Year 4 Trip to Abbey Fish Ponds Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May

KS2 SATs Week of the 12<sup>th</sup> May

Fitzharrys visiting Year 6 Transition Pupils Friday 16th May

Parent Forum – Personal Development Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm (online)

Year 1 Curriculum Assembly Wednesday 21st May 9.00am

Whole School Picnic and Open Afternoon Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

End of Term 3a Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Inset Day (Children Not in School) Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Start of Term 3b Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Larkmead visiting Year 6 Transition Pupils Wednesday 4th June

Class Photos Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Year 3 Hill End Trip Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Vision Screening (Reception Only) Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June (Date Change)

Reception and KS1 Sports Day Friday 20th June

Reception and KS1 Back Up Sports Day

Tuesday 24th June

Summer Fete Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Year 6 Call of The Wild Residental Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

'Move Up' morning Wednesday 9th July

KS2 Sports Day (Tilsley Park) Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am -1.30pm

Year 6 Production Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th July 6.00pm

KS2 Back Up Sports Day (Tilsley Park) Wednesday 16th July 9.30am -1.30pm

Year 6 Leaver's Party Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July

End of Term 3b Monday 21st July at 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 recommendation

