



# Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023



## *Dream, Aspire, Succeed*

Dear Parents/Carers

The Autumn Term is well underway, and so much has been achieved already. I am always so impressed with the engagement in learning that pupils of all ages show across our school. It is a fantastic place to learn!

Last week we held the voting for our Head Girl, Head Boy and Deputies. The speeches were truly amazing and the pupils had such a difficult choice with many children worthy of being elected. Congratulations to Olivia (Head Girl), Ben (Head Boy), Emily (Deputy Head Girl) and Oliver (Deputy Head Boy)! We know you will do an incredible job in your new roles!

Being part of a Trust can provide exciting new opportunities for pupils, and this is the case with our new student voice project. Two of our pupils, Clara and Felix, have teamed up with pupils from Fitzharrys and John Mason School to find ways to improve our local community. Top of the agenda is improving litter and recycling and our two pupils have brought back some important tasks from their meeting this week.

Just ahead of Black History Month, we have decided to celebrate 'Wear Red for Racism' today. This is really important in demonstrating to pupils that there is no place in our world for any form of racism. This will complement the work children will engage in relating to important black historical figures across the month of October. Thank you for supporting this cause and it is great today to see the school awash with red! Half the money raised will go to racism charities, with half the money being used in school to support our dedication to equality, diversity and inclusion.

On Saturday we held our first 'taster' session for prospective new parents. This is an opportunity for children to experience our Reception classrooms, and parents to talk to school staff. It was really successful and we know it will be beneficial as children take their first step into Rush Common School. If you or anyone you know would like to take up this opportunity, our next taster session is Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October between 10am-12pm. Please spread the word, and email the school office to sign up. We also have school tours running throughout the whole of the Autumn Term.

This week we featured in the Oxford Mail (Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September edition), with a double page spread introducing our Preschool and providing some information about the school's within the Trust. This should remain online for 10 days, so please have a read!

The Preschool refurbishment is well underway and the school, Preschool staff and Preschool parents are getting excited about being onsite from January 2024. A Preschool before and after school club will also be offered from January, and a communication from the Preschool will be sent out for parents to sign up to this.

Should you wish to make a donation to the school, please hover your phone over the QR code below and you will be taken to our donations page. Thank you in advance for any donations – every penny is put to good use!

I hope that everyone has a lovely weekend ahead, as we look forward to the rest of this exciting term.

Kind regards  
*Kristen Fawcett*  
Headteacher





# Rush Common School

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## Visits, Tours and Taster Sessions - Autumn 2023

### Taster Sessions

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Mornings

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

(excluding 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 27<sup>th</sup> 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'*

*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@rushcommonschool.org](mailto:office@rushcommonschool.org) or phone: 01235 533 583

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

[www.rushcommonschool.org](http://www.rushcommonschool.org)

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LOOK!

LAST YEAR YOUR SUPPORT HELPED DONATE £5.3M IN FREE BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

The book fair is here in the week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. The opening times will be:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 3.00 – 3.30pm  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 3.00 – 3.30pm  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 8.00 – 8.30am  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 8.00 – 8.30am  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 3.00 – 3.30pm  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 8.00 – 8.30am

## Homework Champions

Emily	2RS	Jessica	3NM
Rupali	2RS	Abhimanyu	3NM
Emily	3LG	Eva	3NM
Lino	3LG	Lydia	4LR
Stanley	3LG	Charlotte	4LR
Sophia	3LG	Shreya	4LR
Beatrix	3LG	James	4CM
Esmae	3NM	Tilly	4CM
Arthur	3NM	George	5AS
		Sam	5AS

## Dates for your diary 2023/2024

Parents Evenings	Tuesday 3rd – Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October
Individual School Photos	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October
Inset Day (children Not in school)	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
Travelling Book Fair	Week of Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
Harvest Festival Collection	Week of Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
Forc Second Uniform Sale	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm -3.30pm
Year 4 Science Workshop	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 4CM Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 4LR
Author Visit KS2	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
FoRC Discos	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October timings to follow
Reception Superhero Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
End of Term 1a	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Start of Term 1b	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
FoRC Firework Night	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Odd Socks Day	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 5 Victorians Trip	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
FoRC Christmas Jumper Sale	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 6 Trip to STEAM Museum	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November
Reception and KS1 Beep Beep Day	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
KS1 Nativity Performance	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December @ 5.00pm
Reception Nativity Performance	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2.15pm
Christmas Dinner Day	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
End of Term 1b	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 2a	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
End of Term 2a	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Start of Term 2b	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
End of Term 2b	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 3a	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
May Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024

End of Term 3a

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Inset Day (Children Not in School)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Start of Term 3b

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

End of Term 3b

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 @1.30pm

Friends of Rush Common



**Second-Hand  
Uniform Sale**

Tuesday 10 October  
2:30 - 3:30 PM  
in the school hall



Prices start from £1  
Come along and grab  
a bargain!

A poster for an Autumn Disco event. The background is dark with a large, glowing disco ball at the top. String lights and stars are scattered across the top. The text 'FRIENDS OF RUSH COMMON PRESENT:' is in small white letters. Below it, 'AUTUMN' is in large pink letters, and 'DISCO' is in large, stylized pink letters. At the bottom, there are silhouettes of people dancing with their arms raised. The text 'SAVE THE DATE!!' is in white on a black background, and 'THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER' is in pink. 'YEARS 1 - 6' is in white.

FRIENDS OF RUSH COMMON PRESENT:

# AUTUMN DISCO

SAVE THE DATE!!

YEARS 1 - 6

THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER

A poster for a Fireworks Night event. The background is a vibrant display of fireworks exploding in the night sky. The text 'RUSH COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL' is in white. Below it, 'FIREWORKS' and 'NIGHT' are in large, bold, white letters. 'Friday 10th November 2023' is in white. 'Tickets on sale soon!' is in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom, 'GATES OPEN: 5.45pm, LAST ENTRY 6.45pm' and 'FIREWORKS START: 7 pm' are in white.

RUSH COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL

# FIREWORKS NIGHT

Friday 10th November 2023

## Tickets on sale soon!

GATES OPEN: 5.45pm, LAST ENTRY 6.45pm  
FIREWORKS START: 7 pm

## 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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**Abingdon Hockey Club**

Abingdon Hockey Club Junior Hockey

Avengers Sunday morning (year 1+)  
Tilsley Park, OX14 1PU

Eagles Monday evening (age 12+)  
Radley College, OX14 2HR

Open to all abilities

Two free trial sessions

Contact us for more information  
Abingdonavengers@gmail.com  
@ABINGDONHOCKEYCLUB

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AND PRODUCERS  
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ILLUSTRATIONS  
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YAMAHA MUSIC SCHOOL

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MUSIC SCHOOL & ARTS CENTRE

You are warmly invited to our music taster lessons on  
**Sunday 8 October** at Matrix Arts Centre in Sutton Courtenay

**Music courses for 2 to 7 year olds**



Booking essential – please contact us:  
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[www.matrixartscentre.org.uk](http://www.matrixartscentre.org.uk)

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15 – 17 The Nursery, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4UA



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**Monster Science**

**FUN SCIENCE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

## October Holiday Camps 2023:

### Venues and Dates

Monday 23rd October	West Oxford Primary School, Ferry Hinksey Rd, Oxford, OX2 0BY
Tuesday 24th October	Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage, OX12 9HL
Wednesday 25th Oct	Begbroke Village Hall, Begbroke Lane, Kidlington, OX5 1RQ
Thursday 26th October	Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN
Friday 27th October	Caldecott Primary School, Caldecott Rd, Abingdon, OX14 5HB

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £30 per child per day. Sibling discount available.

## Monster Science



What if terrifying creatures were indeed prowling the big, wide world? Could they really exist? And if so, how? Explore the scientific principles behind the legends such as Frankenstein, Vampires, Zombies and Werewolves. Uncover your phobias and find out what happens to your body when you are afraid. With fun games and science crafts, there is plenty to satisfy an appetite for all things monster and engage the imaginations of children to get them excited about science.

Call a member of our team or visit our website for more details

To book, please go to the 'Science Holiday Camps' tab on our website, and click the 'Register Here' button on the holiday camps page. All bookings are processed through Active Network. Suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years. Spaces are subject to availability

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