



Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 2nd December 2022



Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

I will start this newsletter by sharing a fabulous assembly delivered by four of our Year 6 pupils this week. Throughout the month of October, children across the school engaged in lessons relating to black history. During their learning about inspirational black heroes of the past, they developed a strong passion to share their understanding with the rest of the school. In particular, they wanted to ensure everyone understood how these figures had helped allow future generations to live in a more equal society. Therefore they approached the leadership team, organised and practiced their assembly during break times and finally delivered their assembly on Monday. They focused on Rosa Parkes, Martin Luther King and Barack Obama, and shared information using both a powerpoint presentation and videos – the rest of the school were spellbound! In preparing and carrying out this Assembly independently from inception to delivery, the pupils demonstrated the type of learning characteristics we look to develop in pupils throughout their journey at Rush Common School.

We are all starting to gear up towards Christmas and our KS1 and Reception children have been practicing their nativity performances that take place over the next two weeks. This is a lovely opportunity for children to perform in front of a live audience, and we find it really helps develop pupils confidence. We know this will be a special moment for our Reception parents, with it being the children's first nativity in school, but also our Year 1 parents, who were only able to watch online last year. We cannot wait to share these performances with you and the children are really excited!

We pride ourselves on the enrichment opportunities we provide across the curriculum, and over the last fortnight a number of events have taken place. Last Wednesday was our annual BeepBeep! Day where our younger children learnt all about the importance of road safety, and dressed up in highly visible clothing! This Wednesday we held our Year 2 Roman Day, in which children engaged in a wide array of Roman activities, including building their own amphitheatres, designing Roman coins, learning Latin and baking honey biscuits. This really brought the topic to life, and created such memorable experiences! Finally, our Choir were out at the 'Big Christmas Sing' this week joining eleven other schools at Oxford Town Hall. The children sang their hearts out and as always, were superb ambassadors for our school.

Pupil leadership is an important part of our school, and where we can, we link this to real life jobs. This week, twelve of our Year 6 children took part in Junior Newbury Building Society training. The branch manager for the Newbury Building Society, came to our school and spent the morning training our pupils to be cashiers for the Rush Common Branch of the JNBS. Going forward these pupils will open the branch once a week, and children in the school can deposit money with the cashiers, which is then securely deposited at Newbury Building Society by a member of staff. This is a lovely opportunity for both pupil leadership and teaching our pupils about money and spending, as well as the importance of good saving habits. A letter will go out to parents detailing when the branch will be open.

As we all start our preparations for Christmas, in the unusual company of a World Cup, I hope everyone has a really enjoyable and safe weekend 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'

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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'

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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'

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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

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant with SEN Responsibilities at Rush Common School. If you or you know of anyone who might be interested in the position please see the link below:

<https://rushcommonschool.org/our-school/recruitment-vacancies/>

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.



Guidance for Parents and Carers

Grandparents guide to online safety

Many grandparents will be carers for children either in a full time or part time capacity and it is vital that they have a good understanding of the risks and issues faced by children and young people. Internet Matters have put together a fabulous guide for grandparents giving advice on a range of issues such as:

- Screen time.
- Online gaming.
- Managing money.
- Peer pressure
- and more.

You can find the article [HERE](#).

Gymnastics Competition



Congratulations to Charlotte in Year 2 who recently competed in a Gymnastics Competition. Charlotte won three gold medals, one silver medal and a trophy for gymnast of the year. Well done!

Homework Champions

<i>Jerome</i>	<i>1ND/BL</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>5EC</i>
<i>Rosalei</i>	<i>1ND/BL</i>	<i>Macie</i>	<i>5EC</i>
<i>Sophia</i>	<i>2RS</i>	<i>Maja</i>	<i>5EC</i>
<i>Millie</i>	<i>2RS</i>	<i>Elliott</i>	<i>6JN</i>
<i>Matilda</i>	<i>3JF</i>	<i>Tristan</i>	<i>6JN</i>
<i>Amelia</i>	<i>3JF</i>		
<i>Alex</i>	<i>4CM</i>		

Dates for your diary 2022/23

Year 6 Trip to STEAM Museum	Tuesday 6th December
Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performances	Tuesday 6th December @ 5.00pm IND/BL and 2RS
	Thursday 8th December @5.00pm 1LM/JB and 2JM
Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court	Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th December
Christmas Jumper Day (Non-Uniform Day) for Save The Children.	Thursday 8th December
Choir Trip to SMEG	Friday 9th December
Reception Nativity Performances	Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th December @2.00pm
Christmas Lunch Day	Friday 16th December
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 10 th February 2023
Start of Term 2b	Monday 20 th February 2023
World Book Day	Thursday 2 nd March 2023
Year 4 Assembly	Tuesday 7 th March @ 2.30pm 2023
Year 3 Assembly	Thursday 16 th March @ 9.00am 2023
Reception Assembly	Wednesday 29 th March @ 2.30pm 2023
End of Term 2b	Friday 31 st March 2023 @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 3a	Monday 17 th April 2023
May Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 1 st May 2023
Year 1 Assembly	Tuesday 23 rd May @ 9.00am 2023
End of Term 3a	Friday 26 th May 2023
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Monday 5 th June 2023
Start of Term 3b	Tuesday 6 th June 2023
Year 6 Residential to Call of the Wild	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th June 2023
Year 2 Assembly	Tuesday 27 th June @ 9.00am 2023
End of Term 3b	Thursday 20 th July 2023 @1.30pm
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Friday 21 st 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.

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OH WHAT FUN

MINECRAFT MODS...

21st-22nd DECEMBER
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& ROBOTICS

WITH **LEGO education**

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Rushcommon
Preschool's



Christmas Extravaganza

Friday 9th December 2022

All Saint's Methodist Church, Abingdon

From 3pm till 5pm

Join us for:



- ✦ A selection of Christmas Gift stalls (great for last minute gifts and stocking fillers)
- ✦ Father Christmas! (Every child gets a gift)
- ✦ Hotdogs and Refreshments
 - ✦ Cake Stall
 - ✦ Raffle and Tombola
- ✦ Lots of Christmas games and activities



Just £1 entry for adults. Kids go FREE!

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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
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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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THE | OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls 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 we will be singing Christmas Carols from the Medieval to the modern. The course will be led by a team of exceptional tutors including Dr Edward Wickham (St Catharine's College, Cambridge), Rachel Maby (St Barnabas, Jericho) and Henry Coop (Worcester College, Oxford).

In addition to beautiful seasonal music, we will also be learning about vocal technique, music theory, music history and appreciation. Families are most welcome to come and listen to an informal concert at the end of the day.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses this Christmas in Oxford, Cambridge and London, go to www.oxbridgesingschool.com

21 & 22 December 2022, 9.30 am - 3.30pm
St Barnabas Church, Jericho
OXFORD

Bring a friend and receive £20 off! Terms apply.

www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk

Please see below events that are being held at Abingdon library.

Christmas crafts and storytime: Saturday 26 November.

Crafts all day. Hot chocolate and mince pies from 2 – 4 pm. Storytime 2.30 – 3 pm

A Knights Journey to the King's Throne: Friday 09 December 3.30 – 4.30 pm

Join Explore Learning at Abingdon Library for a medieval quest as we joust our way through grammar quests! This workshop is aimed at ages 9-11.

Booking essential. Please call 01865 595509 or email oxford@explorellearning.co.uk

Fun with Phonics: Friday 09 December 3.30 – 4.30 pm

Join us for a session all related to phonics - We will be focusing on blending and segmenting different sounds of different difficulty and preparing you for the phonics assessment at the end of Year 1!

This is open for children from ages 4-7.

Booking essential. Please call 01865 595509 or email oxford@explorellearning.co.uk

Children's Author Talk with Sam Langley-Swain: Saturday 10 December 2022 2.30 – 3.30 pm

A Christmas story time with children's author Samuel Langley-Swain, reading from his wonderful, new picture book: Where Björn Belongs.

This is a beautifully illustrated book with magical winter scenes. A story of love, friendship and hope, it tells the tale of a very special bond between a boy and a bear.

Copies will be available on the day for purchase and signing.

Most suited for children aged 8 and under, we will welcome children of all ages with their grown up.

Please come to the library or call us on 01235 520374 to register for this event.



Stagecoach Abingdon, Didcot and Wallingford

Christmas 2-Day Panto!
21st - 22nd December

Join our fabulous team of DBS checked teachers for 2 days of panto fun, ending in a performance to parents and carers.

Abingdon at Thameside School	Didcot at the District Centre
Age: 4 - 18	Age: 4 - 18
Time: 10:00 - 16:00	Time: 10:00 - 16:00
Performance: Thu 22nd 16:00	Performance: Thu 22nd 16:00
Cost: £80 (Sibling £65)	Cost: £80 (Sibling £65)
Venue: Thameside Primary School Cotman Close, OX14 5NL	Venue: District Centre GWP, Gentian Mews, OX11 6GR

8:30am-5pm cover available for an additional £15. We accept Childcare Vouchers and Tax Free payments.

stagecoach.co.uk/abingdon 01235 390 810

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NON-STAGECOACH STUDENTS WELCOME

Alice in micro:bit land

Join us for some simple coding
with an
Alice in Wonderland
theme

Tuesday 3rd January
10.30am - 11.30am

Ideal for 9-11 year olds
Booking essential
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APPLICATION FORM FOR RUSH COMMON AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

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. 3.15pm – 4.15p each week for 10 weeks.

£45 bacs 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
Directors

APPLICATION FORM FOR RUSH COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

I would like my child to attend the school football club during terms 3 & 4 and have sent the fee.

NAME OF CHILD	AGE:
ADDRESS	
HOME TEL:	
EMERGENCY TEL:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
MEDICAL CONDITIONS	
SCHOOL ATTENDED	
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)	

* 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.

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