



Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 31st March 2023



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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a really busy last fortnight of the Spring Term, and I would like to start this newsletter by thanking parents for your involvement in a number of these events. Firstly, the parents evenings last week were really well attended and nearly all children had a parent or carer attend an appointment. It was lovely to welcome parents into the school, and we hope they were informative and helpful in understanding how well your child is achieving at school.

It has also been great to invite parents into school this week to share our Science Fair and Reception Easter Afternoon. Miss Walton, our Science Lead, was inundated with fantastic Science projects, and these were displayed around the hall so that all classes could visit throughout the day, and parents after school. I know the parents I spoke to really enjoyed the event, and I would like to thank everyone who supported children with one of these projects. The Reception Easter afternoon was also a great success with our classrooms being filled with parents from Reception, who joined their children for Easter craft activities – the children loved having you there!

It has also been noticeable how many parent/carers we now have in school. This is lovely to see, and ranges from volunteer readers, to helping with Forest School, attending school trips and volunteering with FoRC fundraising events. One such event, the FoRC school discos, were held last night and the incredible support from parents really allowed them to be a great success. Over £1,000 was raised. A huge thank you to Kevin Carson and all parents involved.

We also held a Parents Curriculum Forum this week. This had a greater number of attendees than previously, and many hugely valuable contributions were made. As always, this will feed into the thinking of the Leadership Team, and updates will be provided regarding any changes or improvements.

We continue to achieve sporting success, with the latest victory being the Year 4 girls football team, who took the locality Girls Football Tournament by storm! The girls played with passion and talent and managed to score an incredible 35 goals, without conceding a single goal! This means they have now qualified for the county finals after Easter, and we all look forward to how they get on. We also took part in a Year 5 and 6 netball tournament last week, in which all the players demonstrated great teamwork and skill, coming third overall. A special mention to Eva in Year 6 who won an award for player of the tournament.

We have a comprehensive and balanced assembly programme, which allows us to cover a range of themes related to personal development. One aspect of this are assemblies that celebrate different religions, and over the last two weeks we have had a Christianity Assembly exploring the Easter story, and an Islam Assembly exploring Ramadan and Eid. Both Assemblies were hugely enjoyed by pupils, and really helped them to develop deeper understanding.

Music enrichment opportunities are an important part of our school calendar and Year 3 loved heading over to Radley College for the Big Sing last week. A number of staff from different schools remarked on how well behaved our pupils were, and how brilliantly they represented the school. It was a great event, and offered another inspiring musical opportunity for our pupils.

Finally, I would like to wish our entire school community an enjoyable Easter break as we look forward to everything the Summer Term will bring!

Kind regards

Kristen Fawcett

Headteacher



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Girls Football

Our amazing Year 4 girls football team entered the Vale Football Tournament at King Alfred's School on Tuesday 21st March. We played four group matches against Charlton, Thomas Reade, Caldecott and Wantage Schools and won all of them. We then played Grove Primary School in the semi-finals winning 1 - 0 with an important goal from Olivia. The final was against Charlton A team and we came away 2-0 winners with goals from Emily and Evie. Excellent teamwork throughout, scoring 35 goals, and conceding 0!! We are now through to the Oxfordshire Finals, after Easter, and we certainly will attend that with our confidence high. Well done to everyone!



FoRC Discos



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.



Prayer Group Treats

A big thank you to Prayer Group for providing the staff with some delicious treats this week.



Guidance for Parents and Carers

Parents - Conversation Starters

Parenting the digital world is difficult, no-one can deny that. For many of us we didn't grow up in a world of technology, therefore we don't have 'lived experience', we're just trying our best. With many parents I speak to, one of the questions I regularly get is, "How do I start the conversation?"

With the exploitation of children getting significantly worse each year, those conversations are so important.

The Internet Watch Foundation have put together a brilliant guide for parents.

You can find the guide [HERE](#). Additionally, SWGfL have some great social media checklists which would be useful for students and parents [HERE](#).

For Parents - Video Games and Reading

As much as people talk about the negatives of gaming, games playing can be hugely beneficial in many ways such as teamwork, problem solving, critical thinking and so much more, including reading. This is particularly true for those children who are reluctant to read or who are struggling. Andy Robertson from Ask About Games has put together a great little selection of games which you can find [HERE](#).

TikTok Guardian's Guide

There have been quite a few updates to TikTok over recent months. This updated guide to parents includes family paring, digital wellbeing, privacy and more. You can find the updated guide [HERE](#).

Homework Champions

		Josh	4CM
		Milly	4CM
		Henry	4CM
		Tim	4CM
		Sophie	4LR
		Caitlin	4LR
		Sam	5EC
		Iris	5EC
		Rodrigo	5EC
		Becca	5EC
		Sophie	5EC
		Louie	5EC
		Ben	5EC
		Adam	5AS
		Torin	5AS
		Rosalia	5AS
		Leela	5AS
		Harry	5AS
		Tristan	6JN
		Hannah	6EW
Phoebe	1NDBL		
Andrew	1NDBL		
Teddy	1NDBL		
Sofia	2RS		
Harry	2RS		
Mason	2RS		
Steffan	2RS		
Ethan	2RS		
Evie	2JM		
Lena	2JM		
Kaitlyn	2JM		
Sophie	3NM		
Callie	3NM		
Harley	3NM		
Roman	3NM		
Dylan	3JF		
Holly	3JF		

Dates for your diary 2023

End of Term 2b	Friday 31 st March @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 3a	Monday 17 th April
Year 5 Cycling Training	Monday 17 th April – Friday 28 th April
Year 6 SATs Briefing to Parents	Wednesday 19 th April 5.00pm – 5.30pm
May Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 1 st May
Year 5 ASP Workshop	Wednesday 3 rd May 5EC Thursday 4 th May 5AS
Extra Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 8 th May
KS2 SATs Week	Tuesday 9 th May – Friday 12 th May
Class Photos	Wednesday 17 th May
Year 3 Assembly	Thursday 18 th May @ 9.00am (Date Change)
Year 1 Assembly	Tuesday 23 rd May @ 9.00am
Whole School Picnic and Open Afternoon	Friday 26 th May
End of Term 3a	Friday 26 th May
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Monday 5 th June
Start of Term 3b	Tuesday 6 th June
Year 5 Residential to Kingswood	Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th June
FoRC Non-school uniform day	Friday 9 th June
Year 3 Hill End Trip	Monday 19 th June
Year 2 Trip to Abingdon Museum	Wednesday 21 st and Thursday 22 nd June
Reception and KS1 Sports Day	Friday 23 rd June 9.15am – 11.30am
FoRC Summer Fete and Colour Run	Saturday 24 th June
Year 6 Residential to Call of the Wild	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th June
Year 2 Assembly	Tuesday 27 th June @ 9.00am
KS2 Sports Day (Tilsley Park)	Wednesday 5 th July 9.30am – 2.30pm
Reception and KS1 Back Up Sports Day	Friday 7 th July 9.15am -11.30am
Reception Assembly	Wednesday 12 th July @ 2.30pm
KS2 Back Up Sports Day (Tilsley Park)	Thursday 13 th July 9.30am - 2.30pm
End of Term 3b	Thursday 20 th July @1.30pm
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Friday 21 st July

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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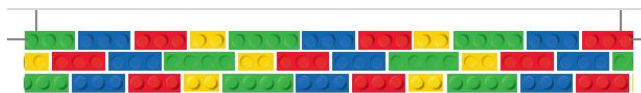
Easter holidays 3rd - 14th April
Summer half term 30th May - 2nd June
Summer holidays 24th July - 25th August

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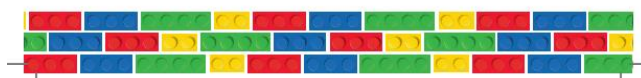
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Tuesday 11th - Thursday 13th April
9:00-16:00

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3RD - 14TH APRIL

EARLY BIRD 8.45AM - 1PM	£21.50
HALF DAY CAMP 10AM - 1PM	£16.50
EXTENDED DAY 8.45AM - 3PM	£29.50

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Drayton Park Golf Course
Steventon Road, Drayton, OX14 4LA

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Diamond Netball EASTER Camp!

When:
Friday 14th April 2023

Where:
St Hugh's School Sports
Centre SN7 8PT

Times:
Years 2,3&4:
10.00am-12.00pm

Years 5,6,7:
12.30-2.30pm

Cost: £15 per session

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Lego Competition!!

This Easter, 4th Abingdon want
you to create an Easter
masterpiece, using Lego
(or similar).

There are 3 categories:
Mini Masters (age 5-7)
Junior Masters (age 8-10)
Senior Masters (age 11+)



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OPEN MORNING INVITATION

SATURDAY 22 APRIL 2023

Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form Entry

We warmly invite the families of Year 5 pupils, who are considering secondary education in September 2024, to our Open Morning on Saturday 22 April 2023.

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