



Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 3rd March 2023



Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

Today we are celebrating World Book Day, and there is such a wide variety of book characters that children and staff are dressed up as. This stretches from traditional fairy tale characters to modern literature, with all manner of heroes and villains, covering the very obvious to the very obscure! There are many reading related activities taking place today, such as 'Drop Everything and Read' and the opportunity for pupils to hear a book being read by a different member of staff. The children are really excited and inspired by the day, which always creates a shared understanding of the importance and joy of reading. A special thank you to Mrs Neal for organising the event.

As it is World Book Day, I would like to share the strength of Reading at our school. This is in terms of the speed and fluency in which children develop reading skills through our Read Write Inc. Phonics Programme, the depth of understanding of high quality texts children develop throughout Key Stage 2, the pleasure of reading children demonstrate throughout the school, and the enrichment we offer to inspire children. Recent experiences have included two author visits, Michael Mann (for KS2) and Rob Jones (for Reception and KS1) who both delivered a fascinating talk (and pupil illustrations with Rob Jones) and signed a lot of books! We also have the Book Fair visiting next week and 'Books at Bedtime' for Reception and KS1 the week after.

We have been busy raising money for various causes in recent weeks. Just before half term we held our annual 'Inside Out Day' for mental health, which raised £218. Half will be donated to the mental health charity 'Young Minds' with half being spent on our ELSA resources. We also held a cake sale, organised by Mrs Barnes (with the help of some Year 6 children and members of FoRC) to raise money for a new PE shed. This raised a total of £233. Thank you to all involved. Finally, FoRC held a really successful second hand uniform sale this week, with the aim of making uniform more affordable, being more sustainable and raising funds for the school. £206 was raised in total! Thank you to the members of FoRC that contributed to this event.

We aim for our extra-curricular clubs and opportunities to represent the school to be as inclusive as possible and our participation at the locality Boccia tournament is a good example of this. Boccia is a sport designed for people with support needs, and the three pupils selected represented the school impeccably. Whilst they did not win the event on this occasion, they thoroughly enjoyed representing the school and put in maximum effort!

Next week, the children in Year 1 are really looking forward to their trip to Crocodiles of the World, which is always a jaw dropping experience – we will ensure our staff take a few snaps to share with you. Our Year 2 pupils are also going to be enjoying some wildlife as they head off to Cotswold Wildlife Park on Thursday. I hope they enjoy sharing their experiences of this brilliant trip with you.

Finally, a reminder that parents evening is fast approaching on the week beginning 20th March. Next week you will be able to sign up for your slots, and I very much look forward to welcoming you into school for these important meetings.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe weekend ahead.

Kind regards
Kristen Fawcett
Headteacher



Author Visits

On Wednesday 22nd February, we were very lucky to have the author, Michael Mann come in to school to talk to KS2 about his books, Ghostcloud and Nightspark. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to Michael talk about his work and asked some fantastic questions about his books and about being a writer. We hope that the children enjoy reading his stories.



On Tuesday 28th February 2023, it was fantastic to be able to welcome the author and illustrator, Rob Jones into school. Rob talked to Reception and KS1 about his work and they enjoyed creating illustrations with him. Rob is a former Rush Common pupil and it was great to show the children all of his creations.



Football Match

On Tuesday 28th February we played Long Furlong School in a double header in the league. The girls played first and took the lead 1-0, they fought hard until the second half when Long Furlong scored to leave the end result a draw. Excellent football and hard work from our girls.

The boys game started with a shock, our play improved and we kept our heads up, the second half score was 1-1 but unfortunately after 4 minutes in the first half the game finished 5 -1 to Long Furlong.

Well done to everyone!



TRAVELLING BOOKS

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The book fair will be open:
 Tuesday 7th March 3pm-3.30pm
 Wednesday 8th March 8am-8.30am
 Thursday 9th March 8am-8.30am and 3pm-3.30pm
 Friday 10th March 8am-8.30am and 3pm-3.30pm.

Friends of Rush Common would like to thank everyone who supported the uniform sale - either donating items, purchasing or both. They raised £206!
If you weren't able to make the sale, details of what is available and how to purchase can be found here:
<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/shop/forcuniform>

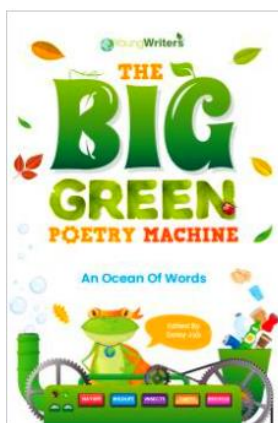


School Dinners

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.



'Young Writers'



Congratulations to Joel in Year 5 who has been selected for publication in the Young Writers' Anthology, following a UK wide competition run by 'Young Writers'. He wrote a poem called 'Respect' about endangered big cats which will be available in a book showcasing work by young people with a talent for writing called 'The Big Green Poetry Machine - An Ocean of Words' which will be available in the British Library as of 28th April 2023. Well done Joel!

Homework Champions

Olivia	1NDBL	Bobby	4CM
Teddy	1NDBL	Indhu	4CM
Mason	2RS	Sienna	5AS
Teddy	2RS	Annabel	5AS
Arjun	2RS	Oliver	5EC
Avalyn	2RS	Joel	5EC
Sasha	2RS	Ellie	6EW
Adam	3NM	Luke	6JN
Rowe	3JF		

Dates for your diary 2023

Year 1 Trip to Crocodiles Of The World	Monday 6 th March
Book Fair	Tuesday 7 th – Friday 10 th March
Year 4 Assembly	Tuesday 7 th March @ 2.30pm
Year 2 Cotswold Wildlife Trip	Thursday 9 th March
Books at Bedtime KS1	Tuesday 14 th March @ 5.00pm
Year 5 Space Day	Friday 17 th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 17 th March
FoRC Krispy Kreme doughnut sale	Friday 17 th March
Big Sing – Radley College	Monday 20 th March
Weight and Measure Reception and Y6	Tuesday 21 st March
Parents Evening	Tuesday 21 st – Thursday 23 rd March
School Disco Year 1 – 6	Thursday 30 th March (timings tbc)
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
May Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 1 st May
Extra Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 8 th May
Year 3 Assembly	Thursday 18th May @ 9.00am (Date Change)
Year 1 Assembly	Tuesday 23 rd May @ 9.00am
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
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
Reception Assembly	Wednesday 12 th July @ 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.



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

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OPEN MORNING INVITATION

SATURDAY 4 MARCH 2023

www.christs-hospital.org.uk
hello@christs-hospital.org.uk

We warmly invite the families of your current Year 5 pupils, who are considering secondary education in September 2024 to our Open Morning on Saturday 4 March 2023.

Christ's Hospital was established 470 years ago as a charitable boarding school and is proud to maintain its founding principles and ethos. It offers an independent boarding education of the strongest quality to children with academic potential, from all backgrounds in a caring and supportive environment.

Our means-tested bursaries are granted to 630 of our 900 pupils; 11% of those receive a free place with 35% paying less than 10% of the full boarding fee.

To book now sign up here > [Book an open morning - Christ's Hospital \(christs-hospital.org.uk\)](https://www.christs-hospital.org.uk)

