



# Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022



## *Dream, Aspire, Succeed*

Dear Parents/Carers

The last week of the first half term was filled with exciting and important events for our children. At the beginning of that week we had a brilliant visit from children's author, Sarah Coyle. Our KS1 children were engrossed as the art of writing children's books was brought to life. The children had so many fantastic questions to ask, and it was clear to see it had inspired some budding authors of the future!

On the Tuesday before half term, we had the Reception party, which was followed by the KS1 and KS2 discos on the Thursday, organised by FoRC. The children had a fantastic time at all of the discos' showing off some great dance moves – the teachers even got involved too! A huge thank you to FoRC for another brilliantly organised event, and I can confirm that almost £1,000 was raised. This will be spent on improving the educational provision for pupils.

On the Wednesday, we then had a visit from M&M productions to perform the Jungle Book pantomime to all of our children. The children loved every minute of it, and our thanks again go to FoRC whose fundraising allowed the event to happen.

The Thursday of that week, saw our first Intra School House Competition during the afternoon. All the children in KS2 competed for their house in cross country, Times Tables Rock Stars and English activities. It was lovely to raise the profile of our house teams through this event, and the children really loved the team spirit, and earning points for their house. The overall winners for the afternoon were Kestrels, and all members of the team were proud to have won the first of these events. We are looking forward to two more similar events this academic year.

On the last day of the half term, we held our annual 'Wear Red Against Racism' day. The children and staff came to school wearing red items of clothing, in so doing, continuing the important message that there is no place for racism in our world. We raised £320, half of which will be donated to an anti-racism charity and the rest on educational resources in our school that celebrate difference.

Throughout this last week of the half term, children also brought in countless bags of food for the Abingdon Foodbank. In total, we contributed 141 kg! This will all go to those most in need of this essential service. Thank you to all the parents that sent their children in with food to support this very worthy cause.

This half term has started really well, and today all the children have enjoyed coming to school in non-school uniform for another very worthy cause – to raise the profile of the Trust's net zero carbon commitment, and donate money to the Woodland Trust. The fundraising will contribute to the Woodland Trust aims of helping to combat climate change, provide homes for wildlife and reducing pollution levels. Thank you for your support with this today.

Thank you also to all the parents that came and purchased a book or two for their children at our book fair. There was a really great turnout and the total raised was an impressive £1415! From this total, the school receives over £700 to spend on books that can be enjoyed by all the pupils in our school.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers, not to let children play on the adventure playground and Reception garden climbing frame at drop off or pick up. These areas are not supervised during this time. We will also remind all pupils in school today during assembly, but it is important that this message is continually reinforced by parents.

Finally, we are all very excited for our first ever fireworks night next Friday. It promises to be a spectacular evening, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the event. A huge thank you to Rebecca Strugnell and FoRC in advance for their impressive organisation.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable weekend ahead.

Kind regards

*Kristen Fawcett*  
Headteacher





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## Visits, Tours and Taster Sessions - Autumn 2022

### Taster Sessions

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 15<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 Days

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 3<sup>rd</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 16<sup>th</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> December (excluding 28<sup>th</sup> 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'*

*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@rushcommonschoo.org](mailto: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](http://www.rushcommonschoo.org)

### 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.



### Hockey Festival

Well done to some of our Rush Common pupils who play Hockey for the Abingdon Avengers and have recently all competed in the annual Witney Hockey Festival. Teddy in Year 1 plays for the under 8's team. Milly, Alfie and Henry from Year 4 play for the under 10's and Seb and Jack in Year 6 play for the under 12's. All played some brilliant games with great team work. The U12's managed to not lose a game and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Congratulations!



## Homework Champions

<i>Steffan</i>	<i>2RS</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>5EC</i>
<i>Harry</i>	<i>2RS</i>	<i>Iris</i>	<i>5EC</i>
<i>Isla</i>	<i>3NM</i>	<i>Abbie</i>	<i>5AS</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>3NM</i>	<i>Saihari</i>	<i>5AS</i>
<i>Roman</i>	<i>3NM</i>	<i>Emily</i>	<i>5AS</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>3JF</i>	<i>Charlie</i>	<i>6JN</i>
<i>Rowe</i>	<i>3JF</i>	<i>Elliot</i>	<i>6JN</i>
<i>Bobby</i>	<i>4CM</i>	<i>Will</i>	<i>6JN</i>
<i>Lily</i>	<i>4CM</i>	<i>Sophia</i>	<i>6EW</i>
<i>Teodor</i>	<i>4LR</i>	<i>Henry</i>	<i>6EW</i>
<i>Alexander</i>	<i>4LR</i>		

### Dates for your diary 2022/23

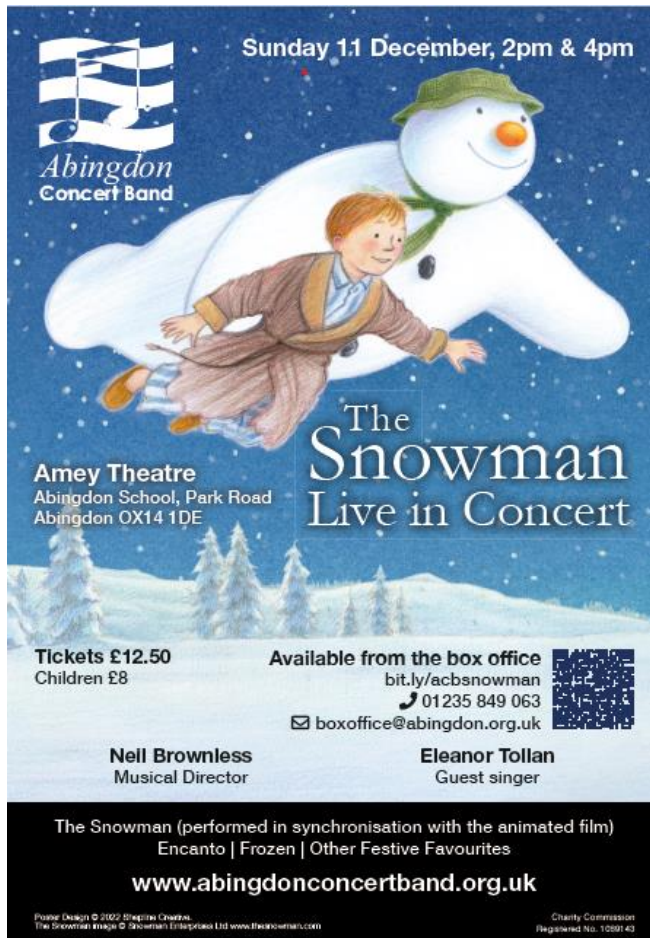
<b>FoRC Fireworks Night</b>	<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Anti-Bullying Week/Odd Socks Day</b>	<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Year 3 Egyptian Day</b>	<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 3MN</b> <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 3JF</b>
<b>Year 5 Oxford Museum Trip</b>	<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Children in Need</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Flu Vaccinations</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Year 6 Trip to STEAM Museum</b>	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court</b>	<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>End of Term 1b</b>	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30pm</b>
<b>Start of Term 2a</b>	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>
<b>End of Term 2a</b>	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>
<b>Start of Term 2b</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>
<b>End of Term 2b</b>	<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 @ 1.30pm</b>
<b>Start of Term 3a</b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>

<b>May Bank Holiday (children not in school)</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</b>
<b>End of Term 3a</b>	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>
<b>Inset Day (Children Not in School)</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>
<b>Start of Term 3b</b>	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>
<b>Year 6 Residential to Call of the Wild</b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>
<b>End of Term 3b</b>	<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 @1.30pm</b>
<b>Inset Day (Children Not in School)</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023</b>



## Local Community News

Please note items and events detailed below are for information purposes only. Rush Common School do not endorse or make recommendations.



**Abingdon Concert Band**

Sunday 11 December, 2pm & 4pm

**The Snowman Live in Concert**

Amey Theatre  
Abingdon School, Park Road  
Abingdon OX14 1DE

Tickets £12.50  
Children £8

Available from the box office  
[bit.ly/acbsnowman](http://bit.ly/acbsnowman)  
01235 849 063  
boxoffice@abingdon.org.uk

Neil Brownless  
Musical Director

Eleanor Tollan  
Guest singer

The Snowman (performed in synchronisation with the animated film)  
Encanto | Frozen | Other Festive Favourites

[www.abingdonconcertband.org.uk](http://www.abingdonconcertband.org.uk)

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