



Rush Common School Newsletter



Friday 22nd September 2017

Our School Value: Friendship



'One of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and to be understood.'

Lucius Annaeus Seneca

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Vision and Initial Parents Evening last week and the Foundation Stage meeting this Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school and to hear about the great start your children have had to the year.

We will be holding the first parent evenings for this academic year, slightly earlier than usual on October 10th and 12th. Year 6 will hold their parent consultations on October 10th and 11th. We will be trialling a new online system of booking appointments, more details will follow shortly but please bear with us as we all get used to the new system.

I am looking forward to hearing about Year 5's trip to the Isle of Wight, on their return on Friday. Pictures from this trip and other residential visits and trips will be uploaded to the new school website under News.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Jacquie Stevenson
Headteacher

Philip Ardghah Visit

We have the pleasure of children's author Philip Ardghah visiting the school next week for KS1. He is primarily known for the Eddie Dickens series of books, and will be in school on Tuesday 26th September. We are hoping he may also have time for a book signing after school.



Readathon Success!

Thank you to everyone who participated in last year's Readathon. We raised a fantastic £701.20 to fund books and storytellers for children in hospital, and have been rewarded with £140.24 to spend on books for school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



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Parent Reps

Is there any one out there who would like to become a parent representative? It is a great way for the school and parents to communicate. We currently only have parents for three classes and urgently need more parents if we are going to be able to continue with the programme for this school year. We still need people to represent years 2,3,4 and 5. If you are interested, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Pupil Achievement

Mehdi in Year 3 has recently competed in the UK International Karate Championships in Dudley, and was successfully promoted to 10th Kyu ranking. Mehdi also had the honour of meeting Professor Stephen Hawking, who he said was "lovely". Congratulations Mehdi, a great achievement.



Amazon Wish List

Following a recent parent rep meeting, parents were keen to offer support to the school and suggested an Amazon Wish List. Please go on line and have a look via the link below where you can select a particular year group from the left hand side of the page. If you do wish to buy something it would be most appreciated but please don't feel you have to.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/1LEWZTPAHY8YS/ref=cm_wl_list_o_6?

New School Website

We have upgraded the school website over the summer. Please have a look and let us know what you think by emailing pa@rushcommonschoool.org. We would welcome any feedback.

FoRC AGM

Just a reminder that the AGM meeting will take place on Thursday 28th September at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christian Prayer Group

Please come and join us to pray for the children, staff and school, in BASC, every Tuesday morning after drop off for 15-20 mins. All welcome, including little ones!

Dates for your diary 2017 / 2018

FoRC AGM	Thursday 28th September 7.30pm
Individual School Photos	Wednesday 4th October
INSET DAY – Children not in school	Friday 6th October
Parent Evenings	Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th October appointments from 3.30 -6.30pm
YR6 Parent Consultations	Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October
End of Term 1a	Friday 20th October
Autumn Term 1b Starts	Monday 30th October
KS1 Phonics Evening	Wednesday 1st November 6-7pm
End of Autumn Term 1b	Tuesday 19th December 1.30pm
Spring Term 2a Starts	Thursday 4th January 2018

Local Community News

Oxford Curiosity Carnival

On Friday 29th September, the University of Oxford is hosting the Curiosity Carnival – a chance to find out what research is all about, meet researchers, ask questions and discover how research affects and changes all our lives – with games, talks, music, dance, crafts, live experiments and much more. Most of the hundreds of activities are free of charge. You can find out more at www.curiositycarnival.org.



2017 Oxford Chamber Music Festival

A free concert aimed at primary school children is being held at the 2017 Oxford Chamber Music Festival. "Open, Sesame!", at **11:30am on Sunday 1st October**, is a magical concert for children and adults alike, filled with the mystery and colour and excitement of Persia and the Orient. This year's festival, running from the **27th September - 1st October**, is entitled *Fata Morgana*, and focuses on musical mirage, mirrors, hidden codes, illusion, and transformation. Full details of this year's programme of events can be found at <http://ocmf.net/ocmf-programme-2017/> and booking is now open through tickets oxford at <http://ticketsoxford.com/whats-on/?promotor=1117>.

2nd Abingdon Scout Group Firework Display

This year's display is taking place on 4th November at Long Furlong Community Centre. You will be able to purchase tickets from the school office for this event. We will send out communication via In Touch once the tickets have been released.

