



Rush Common School Newsletter



Thursday 5th October 2017

Our School Value: Respect



'Treat people the way you want to be treated. Talk to people the way you want to be talked to. Respect is earned, not given..'

Hussein Nishah

Dear Parents/Carers

Celebration assembly is an important part of the school week and one I always look forward to. It is always tremendously inspiring to hear about the children's successes and triumphs and to see how much it means to them to be recognised for their hard work and the values they show every day. Last week, the whole of Year 5 was nominated for their excellent behaviour and the positive attitudes that were on show during the residential visit to the Isle of Wight. This was a new trip and was very positively received by children, staff and parents alike, so we have provisionally booked it again for next year.

Thank you for the feedback regarding the new online booking system for parents evening. I'm so pleased that it has worked well and can appreciate how much easier it is for parents to book a slot. Parents evenings will be held next week, when we will also have the Travelling Book Fair with us. There will be opportunities to buy books after school on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October from 4pm – 6.30pm and Thursday 12th October from 3pm – 6.30pm. We receive very generous commission from the Book Fair, and over the last two years this has enabled us to buy many new books for the library as well as sets of guided reading books and class sets of dictionaries/thesauruses.

Thank you to everyone who has bought us a "present" from our Amazon Wish list. We really appreciate your support. I would also like to thank everyone who attended the FORC AGM last week – it was good to hear it was well attended. A date for the diary - the Christmas Bazaar will be on Friday 1st December this year - this is always a lovely event hosted for us by FORC and I hope to see you there. Other important FORC dates are at the end of the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Jacquie Stevenson
Headteacher

Packed Lunch

A polite reminder please that if your child is bringing in a packed lunch that this is healthy and balanced with a separate drink. **Please no nut products, fizzy or high sugar drinks, chocolate or sweets.**



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Head Girls / Head Boys

Well done to everyone who took part in the recent election for Head Girls and Boys and their Deputies. It was a very close vote, but I am pleased to announce that this year our Head Girls are: Kiera and Hannah with Hania as their Deputy and our Head boys are: Zachary and Adam with James as their deputy. Thank you to everyone who took part and spoke with such thoughtfulness and maturity.

The other members of the School Parliament will be announced shortly.



Chinese Lessons

Pupils in Year 3 are having twice weekly Chinese lessons, which have been very generously funded by the Swire Foundation. The children have got off to a great start and the lessons are proving to be very popular with staff and pupils alike.



Secondary School Applications

For all parents/carers with children in Year 6 please be aware that applications for Secondary School places closes on the 31st October 2017. Please ensure you have completed your application by this date.

Abingdon Waitrose Collection

Rush Common School have a Community Matters collection box in the Abingdon Waitrose store as we are trying to raise money for our School Enrichment Programme. If any of you are visiting the store this month could we please ask for your support in voting for us. When visiting the store please drop a green token, available at the check out, into the box. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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/1LEWZTPA HY8YS/ref=cm_wl_list_o_6?

Job Opportunities

We currently have vacancies for a Site Manager and Lunchtime Supervisors. If you are interested in the positions please see our website for more information or contact the school office.

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



Dates for your diary 2017 / 2018

INSET DAY – Children not in school

Friday 6th October

Parent Evenings

**Tuesday 10th , Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th
October appointments from 3.30 - 6.30pm**

End of Term 1a

Friday 20th October 3pm

Autumn Term 1b Starts	Monday 30 th October
KS1 Phonics Evening	Wednesday 1 st November 6-7pm
FORC Disco (Foundation Stage)	Thursday 2 nd November
FORC Disco (Yr 1-6)	Thursday 9 th November
Children in Need	Friday 17 th November
Non Uniform Day for FORC	Friday 24 th November
Christmas Bazaar	Friday 1 st December
End of Autumn Term 1b	Tuesday 19 th December 1.30pm
Spring Term 2a Starts	Thursday 4 th January 2018

Local Community News

#SevenHeaven Challenge

Dan Church and Andy Greening are running over 225 miles in seven successive days to raise money for Leah's Wish. Please help them reach their £2,000 target by donating at:
www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sevenheaven

#SevenHeaven Challenge

Dan Church (Kysbie Close) and Andy Greening (Curtyn Close) are running over 225 miles (362 kms) in seven successive days to raise money for Leah's Wish, a charity from Abingdon set-up in memory of Cystic Fibrosis sufferer, Leah Graham, who sadly passed away in 2013.

From October 16th, 2017; Dan (running) and Andy (cycling) will travel the entire length of the River Thames in six days from Gravesend to Thames Head, averaging over 33 miles a day, before competing in the 2017 Abingdon Marathon on the seventh and final day.

That's almost 9 marathons in 7 days!

Please help us reach our £2,000 target by donating at:
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Road Closures

This is a notice to inform local residents that road closures and traffic management that will be in force on the day of the 2017 Abingdon Marathon, scheduled for Sunday, 22nd October 2017. For full details please view the following online document:

http://www.abingdonmarathon.org.uk/press/2017_A_M_RoadClosuresNoticeR01.pdf

2nd Abingdon Scout Group Firework Display

This years 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.

