



# Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019



Our School Values:  
**Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful**

*"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think"*

Dear Parents/Carers

With the new academic year well under way, the summer holiday seems like a distant memory! I hope you all had a safe, enjoyable and relaxing break. The pupils have certainly come back to school with renewed energy towards learning and are clearly enjoying life in their new year groups. Our new cohort of pupils in Foundation Stage have started confidently and I would like to offer a warm welcome to all the new families that have joined our school community this year.

With the Great Fire of London in Year 1, Romans in Year 2, Vikings in Year 3, Tudors in Year 4, Victorians in Year 5 and World War Two in Year 6, there is a host of exciting topics for our pupils to enjoy this term. Our teaching staff are currently planning a broad range of enrichment opportunities in the form of trips, visitors and workshops for pupils to broaden and deepen their understanding within these topics. Next week, we are fortunate enough to be visited by Adam Ball from BBC Radio Oxford, who will be interviewing some members of the school parliament for a feature on his show called 'Small Talk'. We will be sure to let parents know when this will be aired! We are also sending a group of our pupils to receive training to run the Rush Common branch of the Newbury Building Society. This allows pupils to take on banking roles and pupils across the school will have a weekly opportunity to deposit money.

Our new Year 6 pupils have started the year brightly and many have expressed their interest in our range of pupil leadership roles, including Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl, House Captains and Sports Captains. We are all looking forward to the voting process for Head Boy and Head Girl on Monday, in which pupils will read their manifestos (with gusto) and persuade the voters!

On Wednesday next week our Year 5 pupils are heading off for a residential trip to the Isle of Wight. This is always a fantastic experience and many exciting activities have been planned, such as Archery, Zip Wire, Buggy Building, and Campfires. We all hope it is a safe and enjoyable trip and that the weather holds up!

The start of the school year always comes with a few important reminders for parents:

- All pupils should come to school with a coat, so they can be protected from the changeable weather.
- The route into school is through both green gates, rather than across the front of the school.
- Bikes and scooters must not be ridden in the playground.
- Will parents please familiarise themselves with the uniform policy which can be found on our website. We pride ourselves on our pupils looking smart and tidy in their uniform. If you are unclear with any aspect of the policy please ask your child's class teacher.

We are currently recruiting for additional midday meal supervisors. If you are interested in working in this role, please contact the school office. Alternatively, you may know of someone who is interested and we would be grateful if you could ask them to contact the school.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone of our upcoming Vision and Values Evening on the 24<sup>th</sup> September. It will be a good chance to meet your child's new teacher and find out more information about the year ahead. The event will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of FoRC (Friends of Rush Common), which will provide an insight into their valuable fundraising work and how you can help. We hope to see as many of you as possible during the evening.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

*Kristen Fawcett*

Acting Headteacher



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## School News

### Parking Reminder

We have received a complaint about Rush Common parents parking in the All Saints Church/Rush Common Pre-School car park at drop off and pick up. The car park is for people attending the church or pre-school only due to limited spaces. Can all parents please refrain from using this car park. Thank you.



### Volunteer Readers

We are currently running a very successful Volunteer Reading Programme throughout the school, and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents involved in making this a great success. However, we are still in need of more volunteers and would like to invite parents who are interested to contact the school office. Please do not worry if you are not able to do this on a regular basis as any support you can offer makes a significant difference to the progress of the children.



### Aldi's Kit For Schools

Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and fill up your school's poster for a chance to win.

<https://www.aldi.co.uk/kitforschools>

If you shop in Aldi and collect the stickers please hand them into the school office. Thank you for your support.



### School Dinners

Please remember that school dinners now cost **£2.20** per day. The total cost for Term 1a is **£83.60**.

Payment for school dinners can be made via our online payment system, Parent Mail. If you are having any problems please contact the school office.



# Friends of Rush Common (FoRC)



**Annual General Meeting**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**Stay informed and get involved.**

Refreshments and snacks will be available

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
7.45pm, The Base**



**Parentkind**  
Member Association



**RUSH COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Dream, Aspire, Succeed

**OPEN DAYS**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am & 1.15pm**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am & 1.15pm**



Please come and join us for one of the sessions to find out more about the school and the community that supports it.

- Enjoy a guided tour of the school
- Observe Teaching and Learning during the School Day
- Speak to our Foundation Stage Team and members of the Leadership Team

Please contact the school office on 01235 533583 /  
[office@rushcommonschoo.org](mailto:office@rushcommonschoo.org) to book your session



RATED A 'GOOD' SCHOOL BY Ofsted 2017

*'Children get off to a good start in the Reception classes. The classrooms are a hubbub of activity. Children make good progress and are ready to start key stage 1 with age-appropriate skills and understanding.'*

## Dates for your diary 2019/20

<b>Year 5 Residential Isle of Wright</b>	<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Year 2 Multi Sports Event</b>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Vision and Values Evening</b>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>FS and KS1 6.00pm</b> <b>KS2 6.30pm</b>
<b>FoRC AGM</b>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 7.45pm in The Base</b>
<b>Plant &amp; Photosynthesis Workshop 6LR</b>	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>
<b>Inset Day (children not in school)</b>	<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Plant &amp; Photosynthesis Workshop 6SA</b>	<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Parents Evenings</b>	<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October (details to follow)</b>
<b>Individual School Photos</b>	<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>End of Term 1a</b>	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Start of Term 1b</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>End of Term 1b</b>	<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30pm</b>
<b>Start of Term 2a</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>
<b>End of Term 2a</b>	<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>
<b>Start of Term 2b</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>
<b>End of Term 2b</b>	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 @ 1.30pm</b>
<b>Start of Term 3a</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>
<b>May Bank Holiday (children not in school)</b>	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
<b>End of Term 3a</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020</b>
<b>Start of Term 3b</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020</b>
<b>Inset Day (children not in school)</b>	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020</b>
<b>End of Term 3b</b>	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 @ 1.30pm</b>
<b>Inset Day (children not in school)</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b>
<b>Inset Day (children not in school)</b>	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020</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.



# COME AND JOIN

## 17TH ABINGDON BROWNIES

### GIRLS AGED 7-10

WHAT WE DO:  
MAKING FRIENDS  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES  
BADGES AND SKILLS  
CRAFTS AND COOKING



HOW TO JOIN: [WWW.GIRLGUIDING.ORG/JOIN\\_US](http://WWW.GIRLGUIDING.ORG/JOIN_US)  
OR EMAIL  
[17THABINGDONBROWNIES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:17THABINGDONBROWNIES@GMAIL.COM)



Official  
**BAND PHOTO**

ASK ABOUT OUR TWO WEEK TRIAL

## Helping children believe they can do anything

Singing, dancing and acting classes for 4 - 18 year-olds

[stagecoach.co.uk/abingdon](http://stagecoach.co.uk/abingdon)  
[abingdon@stagecoach.co.uk](mailto:abingdon@stagecoach.co.uk)  
01235 390 810

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SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2019

# HEALTHFEST

LIVING WELL THROUGH ACTIVITY

FESTIVAL AT THE WARNEFORD HOSPITAL

11AM-3PM

ENTRY VIA ROOSEVELT DRIVE, OX3 7QQ

OXFORD  
OPEN  
DOORS



**NHS**  
Oxford Health  
NHS Foundation Trust



## **Next Group Litter Picks**

**Abbey Meadow**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**10am till Noon**

**Meet up in front of the food kiosk**

**Reynolds Way, Gainsborough Green**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

**10am till Noon**

**Meet up in front of Reynolds Way shops**

***All equipment supplied!***

**For more information please email:**

**[Abibinit2018@gmail.com](mailto:Abibinit2018@gmail.com)**







# FITZHARRYS SCHOOL

Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

Fitzharrys staff and students look forward to welcoming you to our school for our upcoming open events:

## **OPEN EVENING** **Thursday 10th October** **5.30pm - 8.00pm**



## **OPEN MORNINGS** **Tuesday 9th July**

and every morning of the week commencing:

## **Monday 14th - Friday 18th October** **Tours start at 9.00am**

Our Headteacher Mr Jonathan Dennett will meet parents after the tour

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## OPEN EVENING

For prospective parents, carers and their children, on:

**Thursday 26th September 2019**

5.00pm - 8.00pm

With a brief address by the Headteacher,  
**Sarah Brinkley** at 5.15pm, 6.15pm and 7.15pm

## OPEN MORNINGS

**Thursday 11th July 2019**

**Tuesday 15th October 2019**

**Thursday 24th October 2019**

9.00am - 11.30am

Please come and see our school  
on a normal working day,

**No booking necessary,**

Just come along between 9.00am and 11.30am





Oxford <sup>op<sup>h</sup></sup>  
**Philharmonic**  
 Orchestra

Sunday 29 September 2019  
 Oxford Town Hall, 3pm

**FUNomusica**  
**Family Concert**  
**Bugs!**

Alasdair Malloy presenter

Explorer Alasdair leads us from a jungle safari to a country meadow in search of some incredible invertebrates. Includes an unforgettable version of *The Flight of the Bumble Bee!*

Craft activities at 2pm  
 Most suitable for ages 4-8



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