



Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2020



Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy couple of weeks at Rush Common, and there is a great learning atmosphere across the entire school. I believe this positive atmosphere is also reflected in the ways our parent community have supported us, and I would like to thank you for working with us to ensure we provide the best possible education for your children within the current circumstances.

We are excited to share our Virtual Open Evening which is now available on the school website. Please have a browse through the range of videos and share this with any prospective new parents for our September 2021 Reception intake, or any other families that may wish to join our school. There is also a live Q&A session for prospective new parents at 6.00pm on Tuesday 20th October – information is provided on the website. We would like to get the word out to as many new parents as possible and your help would really support us in doing this.

October is Black History Month and throughout this month your child will be given opportunities to learn about some famous people that have had a significant impact on society. This is part of our approach to ensuring we celebrate diversity, and children understand the vital importance of equality in our society. We are also introducing a wider range of literature for all pupils to access that incorporate a more diverse range of beliefs, faiths and backgrounds. Please can you support us with this by talking to your children at home about their learning and supporting our 'Wear Red Day – Show Racism the Red Card' next Friday 16th October.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our book fair this year. It has been run in a different way to previous years, but we are grateful for all your purchases – every book that is bought raises funds for the school to buy new books for our children. It is not too late to get your orders in! Please email the school office if you need any more information.

We are now using Google Classroom to set some homework tasks. We hope this will allow children and families to understand how to log in and use the learning platform effectively, in the event of any children being required to self-isolate during this school year. We recommend that every parent supports their child to be comfortable with this platform ('Tapestry' for Reception parents), so that the continuity of learning is smooth for all pupils should any classes need to self-isolate. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the school office so that we can create a solution together.

Friends of Rush Common (FoRC) are actively working on fundraising ideas that fit within the current safety measures in school. A communication will be sent out in due course with the planned events for this year. Restrictions on the types of events that can be held, means your support will be even more important than ever.

Next week we are holding our first ever online parents' evenings on Zoom. Our class teachers are looking forward to meeting you next week online - It will be a new learning experience for us all. Please let the school know if you are experiencing any difficulties accessing your meeting.

Finally, we are very proud of all that our children are achieving within the current circumstances, and I would like to thank you for working in partnership with us to enable this to happen.

I wish you a happy, restful and safe weekend.

Kind regards

Kristen Fawcett

Headteacher



Year 6 transfer to secondary school Sept 2021

Parents can now submit online applications for children to transfer from primary to secondary school for Year 7 entry in September 2021.

Parents should apply directly at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

The deadline for receipt of completed applications, online or on paper, is 31st October 2020.

School Dinners

Please remember that school dinners now cost **£2.20** per day
Payment for school dinners can be made via ParentMail.



Homework Champions

Callie	1ND/EP	Hiruki	4LR
Elizabeth	1ND/EP	Lexi	4RS
Alex	2LA	Jessica	4RS
Kian	2LA	Maddie	5JN
Ada	2LA	George	5JN
Sam	2LA	Luca	5CM
Joseph	2CG	Eva	6EW
Heidi	2CG	Ffion	6EW
Martha	3EF	Catherine	6EW
Vidharth	3EF	Libby	6EW
Naveah	3EF	Samikshah	6SA
Thomas	3NM	Emma	6SA
Hope	4LR	Sam	6SA
Isla	4LR		

Common sense Media recommendations for this week

NBC Nightly News Kids Edition (4 stars, 7+)

This short news program presents news stories in ways that are easier for kids to understand and process. Some segments deal with complex topics, like race relations and COVID-19. The program presents plenty of opportunities for parents and kids to talk about the news, and encourages kids to develop their media literacy skills.

Read [our review of NBC Nightly News Kids Edition](#) and check out what [other parents have to say](#) about it.

TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
2020/2021

<u>Autumn Term</u>	BEGINS: Thursday 3 rd September 2020 ENDS: Friday 23 rd October 2020
<u>October Holiday</u>	BEGINS: Monday 26 th October 2020 ENDS: Friday 30 th October 2020
<u>Autumn Term</u>	BEGINS: Monday 2 nd November 2020 ENDS: Friday 18 th December 2020
<u>Christmas Holiday</u>	BEGINS: Monday 21 st December 2020 ENDS: Friday 1 st January 2021
<u>Spring Term</u>	BEGINS: Monday 4 th January 2021 ENDS: Friday 12 th February 2021
<u>February Holiday</u>	BEGINS: Monday 15 th February 2021 ENDS: Friday 19 th February 2021
<u>Spring Term</u>	BEGINS: Monday 22 nd February 2021 ENDS: Wednesday 31 st March 2021
<u>April Holiday</u>	BEGINS: Thursday 1 st April 2021 ENDS: Friday 16 th April 2021
<u>Summer Term</u>	BEGINS: Monday 19 th April 2021 ENDS: Friday 28 th May 2021
<u>Late Spring Holiday</u>	BEGINS: Monday 31 st May 2021 ENDS: Friday 4 th June 2021
<u>Summer Term</u>	BEGINS: Tuesday 8 th June 2021 ENDS: Wednesday 21 st July 2021

Additional Closures

Monday 3rd May 2021 (May Day)

Staff Inset Days

Tuesday 1st September 2020
 Wednesday 2nd September 2020
 Friday 2nd October 2020
 Monday 7th June 2021
 Thursday 22nd July 2021

Dates for your diary 2020/21

Travelling Book Fair in School	5th October – 16th October
Flu Immunisation (Reception – Year 6)	Wednesday 4th November
Parents Evenings (Zoom Meetings)	Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October
Individual School Photos	Tuesday 2nd March 2021
Class School Photos	Wednesday 28th April 2021

Local Community News

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

A warm hello from the community support team at the District Council,

Supermarket Vouchers are available for residents struggling to afford food and essential provisions.

Thanks to some funding from central government we've been able to purchase supermarket vouchers to give to those who are struggling financially as a result of COVID-19.

If any family is struggling to afford food or other essential supplies, please ask them to contact Citizens Advice or Wantage Independent Advice Centre.

- Citizens Advice – 0300 3309042 (South and Vale)
- Wantage Independent Advice Centre – 01235 765348 (Vale)

In addition to providing them with a package of advice and support to help them in the longer term, for those who meet the eligibility criteria they may be able to give them a supermarket voucher to provide immediate relief.

This is just one of a range of help that is an offer for anyone struggling as a result of COVID-19. The community hub at South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse District Councils can also signpost people to a variety of organisations that can help with any ongoing support that might be needed.

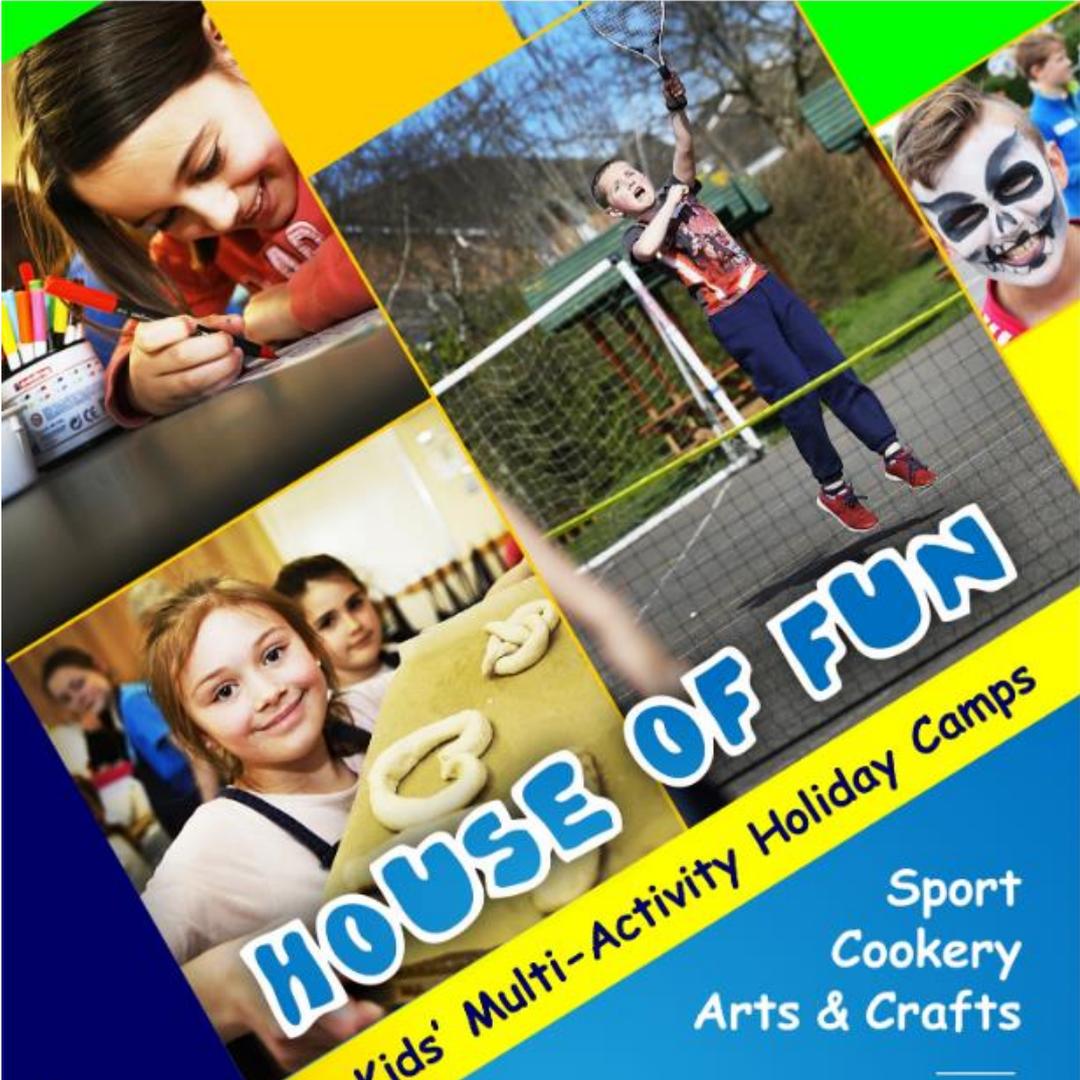
There's also Oxfordshire Food Services Map and Oxfordshire All In websites which have great interactive maps of community support groups, foodbanks, community kitchens and food surplus cafes. These maps will give you their contact details and all the information you need to support someone in need of food.

If you require any further information or have any queries, please contact the Community Connector Team at communityconnectors@southandvale.gov.uk

Only a few spaces left for 4-day or 2-day bookings at the spooktastic House of Fun October half-term activity camps at Rush Common!

Cookery, sports, arts & crafts all on offer for 5-12 year olds from Monday 26th-Thursaday 29th October, 8.30am-6.00pm. All activities are led by friendly, caring and experienced instructors.

House of Fun has received official 'We're Good to Go' status with detailed Covid-19 policies and procedures in place. Book now at www.house-of-fun.org to secure your place!



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Ofsted registered,
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created and run by experienced,
enthusiastic teachers

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house-of-fun.org

Telephone:
07825 870475

Email:
jake@house-of-fun.co.uk

Ofsted Number:
2562365



ELITE
YOUTH SPORTS

ELITE CAMPS

OCTOBER HALF TERM

MON 26TH - FRI 30TH OCTOBER 2020

LOCATIONS IN ABINDGON, BOTLEY & DIDCOT



**BUBBLE FOOTBALL, GLOW-IN-THE-DARK-DODGEBALL, NERF WARS,
GO KARTS, BOUNCY FUN, HOVER KARTS, LASER TAG, SPOOKY
THEMED ARTS & CRAFTS PLUS HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS!**

For the full list of activities please visit the camp locations page on our website.



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EMAIL INFO@ELITEYOUTHSPORTS.CO.UK

ALL CAMPS HAVE BEEN ADAPTED TO OPERATE SAFELY THROUGHOUT THE COVID PANDEMIC. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR OUR LATEST COVID POLICY AND INFORMATION

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NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

October
Half-Term

Code



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MINECRAFT

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Learn

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FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5-12
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NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

October Tech Camp

19th - 30th October 2020

Monday



Coding
Lab

Tuesday



Creepy
Circuitry

Wednesday



Evil Genius
Experiments

Thursday



Eerie
Engineering

Friday



Mysterious
Movie Making

Different activities each week following the themes above



Locations:

Bath

Bishop's Stortford

Brighton

Bromley

Cambridge

Caterham

Caversham

Chesham

Epsom

Gerrards Cross

Guildford

Harpenden

Hemel Hempstead

Kent

Kingston Upon Thames

Marlow

Orpington

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This is a doctoral research study (PhD)

RESEARCH RECRUITMENT

Are you the parent OR legal guardian of a child aged 7 to 10 who watches YouTube videos made by other children?



WE NEED YOU!

OXFORD
BROOKES
UNIVERSITY

If so, we are interested in talking with you and your child to explore the factors related to online engagement between child viewers of videos produced by child YouTubers.



GRATIFICATION: AMAZON VOUCHER

Please pass this invitation on to any other people who you think may like to be involved in this study!

Thank you for considering participating in our project! :)

Please feel free to contact me if you need any information

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PhD Candidate: Junior Oliveira

