



# Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020



## *Dream, Aspire, Succeed*

Dear Parents/Carers

As we move towards the end of this term our thoughts turn to Christmas. Like many things this year it will be a Christmas like no other. All parents have received a letter that outlines our Christmas arrangements over the forthcoming weeks. We are excited to learn Christmas carols in sign language, make and sell Christmas items, watch each other's performance videos and have Christmas lunch in a slightly different way!

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November we held an online parent's forum about PSHE and sex and relationships education. The statutory requirements in this area of the curriculum have changed this year, and it was very useful to consult with parents on our approaches to this. Thank you to all those who attended.

We also held a SEND focus group meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, which was open to all SEND parents. This was held by our Chair of Governors and was well attended. In addition to lots of positive feedback, there were some useful suggestions that could benefit our pupils going forward. Thank you to all those who attended this focus group and for your positive contributions.

We are continuing to find creative ways to offer enrichment activities for our pupils. This week Year 3 were fortunate enough to have a virtual Q & A session with the author of their class text, Emma Carroll. The children loved the opportunity to ask questions about her inspirations and ideas for story writing.

Last Friday, all of our pupils and staff enjoyed coming to school in odd socks, which symbolised celebrating difference and anti-bullying. Thank you for supporting the school to raise the profile of this important aspect of education. On the same day, we announced our new Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Congratulations to Penelope, Tom, Holly and Alexander in Year 5, who we know will take on these roles with enthusiasm and commitment.

We hope parents are seeing a positive difference with our adaptations to drop off and pick up arrangements. The Norman Avenue entrance is available to use efficiently in both directions at drop off and pick up. Thank you to the members of our leadership team and the site manager for managing this system. Please do use this entrance/exit if it is convenient for you, as it helps to reduce the number of people at the back gate.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our pupils, staff and parents for adapting so well to the many changes in place this year as a result of Covid-19. We have really appreciated the support of our parent community and I know we will continue to work together successfully as we navigate through this unusual time.

Kind regards

*Kristen Fawcett*

Headteacher



### Year 3 Virtual Author Event

This Term Year 3 have enjoyed reading 'Secrets of a Sun King'. On Monday 3EF and 3NM were fortunate to attend a live virtual session with the author, Emma Carroll. She explained how she writes, plans her ideas and edits her work. She also read a chapter for us and we finished with a question and answer sessions. The children had a wonderful time!



### School Dinners

Please remember that school dinners now cost **£2.20** per day  
Meal choices and payment for school dinners can be made via ParentMail.  
Please note meal choices must be made at least three days in advance.  
Thank you.



## Homework Champions

Evie	1ND/EP		
Isla	1ND/EP		
Alex	2CG	Reeve	5JN
Alfie	2CG	Anu	5JN
Florence	2CG	Skye	5CM
Reyansh	2LA	Grace	5CM
Robyn	2LA	Maxwell	5CM
Huniya	2LA	Jasper	5CM
Lucy	3EF	Aimee	6SA
Abbie	3EF	Zach	6SA
Jaidon	3EF	Emma	6SA
Oliver	3NM	Isabelle	6SA
Joel	3NM	Sam	6SA
Maja	3NM	Chloe	6SA
Mason	3NM	Alyssa	6SA
Milly	4RS	Isabelle	6SA
Holly	4RS	Catherine	6EW
Ethan	4RS	Sam	6EW
Krish	4RS	Kate	6EW
Rufus	4LA	Eliza	6EW
Eliot	5JN	Jessica	6EW
Davina	5JN	Ffion	6EW
Isabel	5JN	Lucas	6EW

## Dates for your diary 2020/21

<b>Year 6 World War II Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>
<b>Year 1 Virtual Workshops</b>	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>
<b>Non School Uniform Day (FoRC)</b>	<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>School Closing Early</b>	<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 12.00pm Reception/KS1 and 12.10pm KS2</b>
<b>Year 2 Romans Day</b>	<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>	<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>End of Term 1b</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 1.25pm Reception/KS1 and 1.40pm KS2</b>
<b>Start of Term 2a</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>
<b>School Closing Early</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 @ 12.00pm Reception/KS1 and 12.10pm KS2</b>
<b>End of Term 2a</b>	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>
<b>Start of Term 2b</b>	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021</b>
<b>Individual School Photos</b>	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021</b>
<b>Class School Photos</b>	<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b>
<b>End of Term 2b</b>	<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March @ 1.30pm</b>
<b>Start of Term 3a</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b>
<b>May Bank Holiday (children not in school)</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021</b>
<b>End of Term 3a</b>	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>
<b>Inset Day (children not in school)</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 201</b>
<b>Start of Term 3b</b>	<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>
<b>End of Term 3b</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 @ 1.30pm</b>
<b>Inset Day (children not in school)</b>	<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021</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.

Some of the private instrumental teachers who come into Rush Common currently have some vacancies. Please see the attached flyer for Music for Schools Foundation, who teach a variety of wind and brass instruments. There are also currently vacancies for violin lessons and if you are interested in these, please contact Mrs Wallis via the school office ([office@rushcommonschoo.org](mailto:office@rushcommonschoo.org)) for more information.



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# LEARN TO PLAY

Clarinet - Flute - Saxophone  
Recorder - Cornet - Trumpet

**SPACES AVAILABLE AT YOUR SCHOOL\***

- Fun, small group lessons
- Experienced and friendly tutors
- Lessons starting from £3.75
- No long-term commitment
- Lessons designed to suit and develop pupils' abilities
- Flexible and accessible instrument hire and purchase options

**ANY LESSONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS COMPLETELY FREE!**

\* Taught online using Zoom where lessons in school are not possible.

As a charity, the Music for Schools Foundation have provided brass and woodwind lessons in Primary Schools for over 20 years, giving children an opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

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MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



**EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
Our experienced tutors deliver lessons that help enhance curriculum skills and improve cognitive performance.

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
Music is fun and has a positive impact on mood and mental health. Playing an instrument boosts confidence too!

**TRANSFERABLE SKILLS**  
Learning an instrument develops many skills including listening, memory, communication and motivation.

**WHAT WE OFFER**

- Lessons are taught in small groups using our signature Band Method Programme, which accommodates pupils' individual abilities and promotes co-operative learning.
- Our lessons are arranged in half-term blocks, making it easy to stop if your child changes their mind.
- Your child can choose to learn the Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone and Trumpet. For our smaller pupils we offer lessons on the Mini Clarinet, Curved Head Flute and Cornet.
- We have partnered with Normans Musical Instruments to offer accessible Instrument Hire and Purchase packages to suit your budget, with flexible exchange or stop options.

**NEW for 2021**  
Year 2 Recorder Lessons  
**Enrol Now**

To find out more about the scheme and to enrol your child visit

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**21 & 22 December 2020**  
**St Barnabus Church, Jericho, Oxford**

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