



Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 4th March 2022



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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy and enjoyable start to the half term for our pupils. As you may have noticed, I have been unable to be in school this week, and for this reason, we have asked four of our Year 6 children to tell you about some of the events that have taken place in school.

This week we have been lucky enough to be visited by Francesca Gibbons, a talented author, who came to talk to us about her new books in the series "A Clock of Stars." She inspired many of us on how she started writing and how she got her ideas. Francesca mentioned that she got her inspiration as a child from wandering in over-grown gardens and writing stories for her younger siblings.

On Thursday, we experienced World Book Day. This year, it is World Book Day's 25th anniversary with a wide variety of books such as: Peak Peril by Sharna Jackson, The Wizard and Me by Simon Farnaby and The Worst Class in the World in Danger by Joanna Nadin. During the day, many activities took place including: Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) and sharing your favourite book and prop to go with it. Furthermore, we each chose a book to listen to being read by a member of staff.

We think it is certain that this has been an enjoyable week for everyone!

By Lola, Davina, Sammy and Charlie

It has also been a week in which the world has been shocked by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and we hope you will support our non-school uniform day on Friday 11th March to raise funds for the unfolding humanitarian crisis. The staff have received information on how to answer children's questions, and we hope the resources we sent out on Wednesday are helpful for you to do the same at home. In school, the staff have focussed on the things in our control - living and breathing an excellent education for our pupils.

We are becoming increasingly aware of a minority of parents who are not following safe parking and road use during drop off and pick up. Notably, careless driving when children are crossing the road, using the school drive to turn around, and parking on the yellow markings. These are unacceptable behaviours, and could result in a serious injury. Any parents driving in this way identified by school staff will be contacted by the school.

Finally, I would like to end this newsletter by wishing you all a safe and enjoyable weekend ahead.

Kind regards

Kristen Fawcett

Headteacher



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Author Visit and World Book Day

It has been an exciting week here at Rush Common School; we have had two authors visit us this week which was a great introduction to our World Book Day celebrations and activities. The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 enjoyed listening to Emi-Lou talk about her book *Doctosaurus* on Thursday 3rd March and the children in KS2 enjoyed a talk from Francesca Gibbons, who visited us on Wednesday 2nd March. We would like to thank both authors for their inspirational talks and for giving up their time to come and visit us in school. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Mostly Books, who helped to organise both the events.



Drumming Workshop

On Tuesday 1st March, Year 2 enjoyed a drumming workshop led by Radley College. They used African djembe drums, shakers and bells to create ripples, rhythms, crescendos and decrescendos. The children had a great time, listened brilliantly and created wonderful music.



School Dinners

Please remember that school dinners cost **£2.20** per day. Payment for school dinners can be made via ParentMail. Meal choices must be made at least 3 days in advance.



Inside Out Day

Thank you to everyone who supported the Inside Out Day last term. You helped us raise over £200. Half of the amount raised will be donated to the charity 'Young Minds' and the other half will be used for ELSA resources within school.

Guidance for Parents

[Online Grooming - A Guide for Parents](#)

With the scale of online grooming getting worse every year it is important that parents are empowered with good information. The Internet Watch Foundation have put together a brilliant guide which is split into 3 sections. The first describes what online CSE is, the second answers questions and gives practical advice, and the third informs parents what to do if they are suspicious.

The downloadable PDF can be found [HERE](#).

[Road safety awareness](#)

Please see link to Footsteps child pedestrian safety programme developed by Oxfordshire County Council Road Safety team.

If you visit <http://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/footsteps> you can download details of the programme which guides parents through supporting their child in gaining the skills needed to be a safer pedestrian.

[Dates for your diary 2022](#)

Year 2 Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip	Wednesday 9th March
Non-School Uniform Day	Friday 11th February
Year 4 Hooke Court Residential	Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 18th March
Parents Evening	Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd (<i>only certain classes</i>) and Thursday 24th March
Love Languages Competition	Thursday 24th March
Additional Bank Holiday (children not in School)	Friday 25th March
Year 1 Crocodiles of The World Trip	Wednesday 30th March
Year 5 Space Day	Tuesday 5th April
End of Term 2b	Friday 8th April @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 3a	Monday 25th April
May Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 2nd May
Class Photos	Wednesday 18th May
End of Term 3a	Friday 27th May
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Monday 6th June
Start of Term 3b	Tuesday 7th June
Year 5 Kingswood Residential	Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th June
Year 6 COW Residential	Monday 27th June – Friday 1st July
End of Term 3b	Wednesday 20th July @1.30pm
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Thursday 21st July

Local Community News

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

Please click on link below for Carbon Cutters March Newsletter:

ACC Eco-Action News March 2022



'We are a children's multi-activity holiday camp provider with a social purpose'

Easter Holidays 2022

Fun for 5-13 year olds

Rush Common Primary School,

Abingdon 11th - 21st April

(excluding bank holidays)



Sports



Cookery



Arts &
Crafts



Fun Games



YAMAHA MUSIC SCHOOL



Open day Sunday 27th March

Ages 2 - 7 years

Email: mail@matrixmusicschool.co.uk

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