



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

So together, we have reached the end of the first half term of a new academic year.

One of the most enjoyable parts of my role is being able to see the progress a child makes from the beginning of a half term to its end. One way of doing this is by looking through a pupil's workbook and comparing their work from the beginning of the half term to the finish. The improvement in a child's handwriting can be dramatic and is often aligned to greater spelling accuracy. You were probably able to see this progress in your own child's workbooks at our recent parent and carer consultations. Over the course of a week, I am always visited by a plethora of proud learners, eager to share with me their achievement, it's one of the perks of being a headteacher!

The main tool we use to improve our youngest learners' spelling and reading skills lies in the effective teaching of phonics. This week, I have had the pleasure of watching super phonics sessions in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It was wonderful to watch confident RKPS children come to the teacher's whiteboard and manipulate letters to form words, children taking on the role of teacher is always very powerful.

Over the approaching half term week, any reading you can do with your child will be invaluable in supporting their learning in school. A strong home school partnership is always key: thank you for continuing the teaching at home.

It's been lovely to observe the mathematical excitement that has been generated by Times Table Rockstars (TTR). In this morning's Special Mentions assemblies, Mr Jones launched a half term TTR competition with class vouchers to be won, courtesy of our amazing PTFA. So get practising those multiplication facts RKPS Maths Magicians!

Our new whole school Values are being introduced into school day by day: Respect, Kindness, Equality, Positivity and Teamwork. Thank you to the whole of our school community for abiding by these five agreed RKPS Values.

I am aware that there is currently something of a bottleneck being created outside the main gate around 8:30am. In order to relieve this congestion, we will be opening the gate at 8:30am so that parents and carers can leave to start their days. A reminder that there is a decent window when children can arrive at school, anytime between 8:30am and 8:45am, one lesson Covid has taught us is that spacing out is a good thing.

It's been great fun seeing so many ghosts and ghouls arriving at school this morning for the PTFA Spooky Dress Up Day. There is also the PTFA Halloween Trail next Saturday, October 30th, and I'm looking forward to that!

I hope that all RKPS families are able to enjoy a relaxing week off. I look forward to seeing all of our children back in school on Tuesday November 2nd as the Monday is an INSET day.

Have a wonderful half term

Euan Hanington

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Headteacher



ET running the school on Spooky Day!

Sadly, today we say farewell to two members of staff:

Mrs Edmonds leaves her MDSA role in order to set up her own cleaning company which I'm sure will be a great success. Mrs Edmonds is one of our MDSAs who always gets involved with the children's play, taking part in games of tennis and always with a smile. We will miss her and wish her all the very best.

Mr Chennells leaves his multi layered role of ICT technician, PPA teacher and Data Protection Officer to join Longhill High School as their Data and Exams Officer. Mr Chennells has had a massive impact in his time at RKPS with, over lockdown, children being able to continue their learning online largely down to him. His generosity of spirit and willingness to go above and beyond has been hugely appreciated. Longhill are lucky indeed.

School Caretaker

We are in the process of advertising for a new school caretaker. Our current caretaker Andy has re-located back to Birmingham. Andy's passion for gardening and outdoor living very much benefited RKPS and we wish him well.



Christmas Card Design

Last call for any outstanding Christmas Card Designs! If you have not placed your order on ParentPay and returned the design back to your class teacher by **9am Tuesday 2nd November** then you will miss out. If you have any questions please ask Miss Morgan.

Sports Captains

Over the last few weeks, the process of deciding the new Sports Captains for the 2021/2022 school year has been taking place. Children in Year 6 had to write an application letter outlining why they wanted to become a Sports Captain, and why they thought they were the correct candidate for the role. Without a doubt, this was the highest standard of letters we, as a school, have ever received from potential candidates. However, the standards were raised even further to new, dizzying heights, when our wonderful applicants interviewed - mature, articulate and confident are just a few adjectives to describe the Year 6's in their interviews. Alan Sugar himself would have been left scratching his head if deciding who would be successful. Mr Mack and Mr Wynne would like to sincerely congratulate each and every applicant and reiterate, wholeheartedly, that this was the hardest decision they've had to make when deciding Sports Captains - you all deserve to be so proud! Finally, we would like to congratulate the eight successful applicants: Huey, Izzy, Scarlett, Ewan, Oscar, Caden, Eliza S and Ava - well done!



Year 6 – Secondary School Application

The closing date for application to transfer to secondary school in September 2022 is **31st October 2021**. We recommend parents apply online as this means they will receive an automatic confirmation of their application. It also means they will receive an offer by email on 1st March 2022.



Match Report

Last Friday, we welcomed Whitehawk Academy to RKPS for our second match in the Brighton & Hove Schools Primary FA League. Fortunately, it stayed dry all week, so we had a decent pitch on which to play a fantastic, end-to-end match!

The first half was an evenly-fought contest, with Tyrese in particular impressing with some excellent runs down the wing, and Huey putting in a commanding performance just behind Ewan in attack. A couple of lapses in defence cost us two goals before half time, but we certainly held our own, and our goalkeeper, Sonny – making his first appearance for the team - grew in confidence as the half went on. When Oscar, Ernie and Finley came on in the first half, they brought great energy, particularly Oscar, whose all-action performance against Coldean was repeated here!

Spurred on by a thrilled crowd, the boys did themselves proud in the second half. After Whitehawk had bundled in another two goals, we turned on the style, and completely dominated the second half. Thomas, Caden and Blake grew in composure in defence, allowing Huey, Ewan and Ernie to lead wave after wave of attack on the Whitehawk goal, and we were rewarded with our first goal of the season when Huey slotted home. Unfortunately, we came up against an inspired performance from Whitehawk's goalkeeper, who somehow kept us down to just one goal, despite countless shots on target!

The final scoreline of 4-1 to Whitehawk didn't reflect the superb, gutsy performance put in by our boys, and they should all feel very proud of themselves. The next match is a tough trip to St John the Baptist School. Good luck lads!

RKPS Man of the Match: Tyrese

Fair Play Award: Ewan



Thank you letter from Woodingdean Food Hub – Holy Cross Church

I am writing to say a big 'thank you' to all the children and parents who donated to your Harvest Festival and kindly passed the items to the Woodingdean Food Hub. This has meant that we are able to offer our customers a lovely selection of goods and has helped us enormously as we are self-funded. The Food Hub is run on a Friday morning and is a place for people to pay a small fee and buy a selection of tinned and fresh goods as well as some household items. It has also become a place where they can drop in for a hot drink and a chat.

I have attached a picture of the items displayed for sale for your information below.

Once again, thank you so much from both the volunteers and the customers from the Food Hub for this wonderful donation.

Yours sincerely

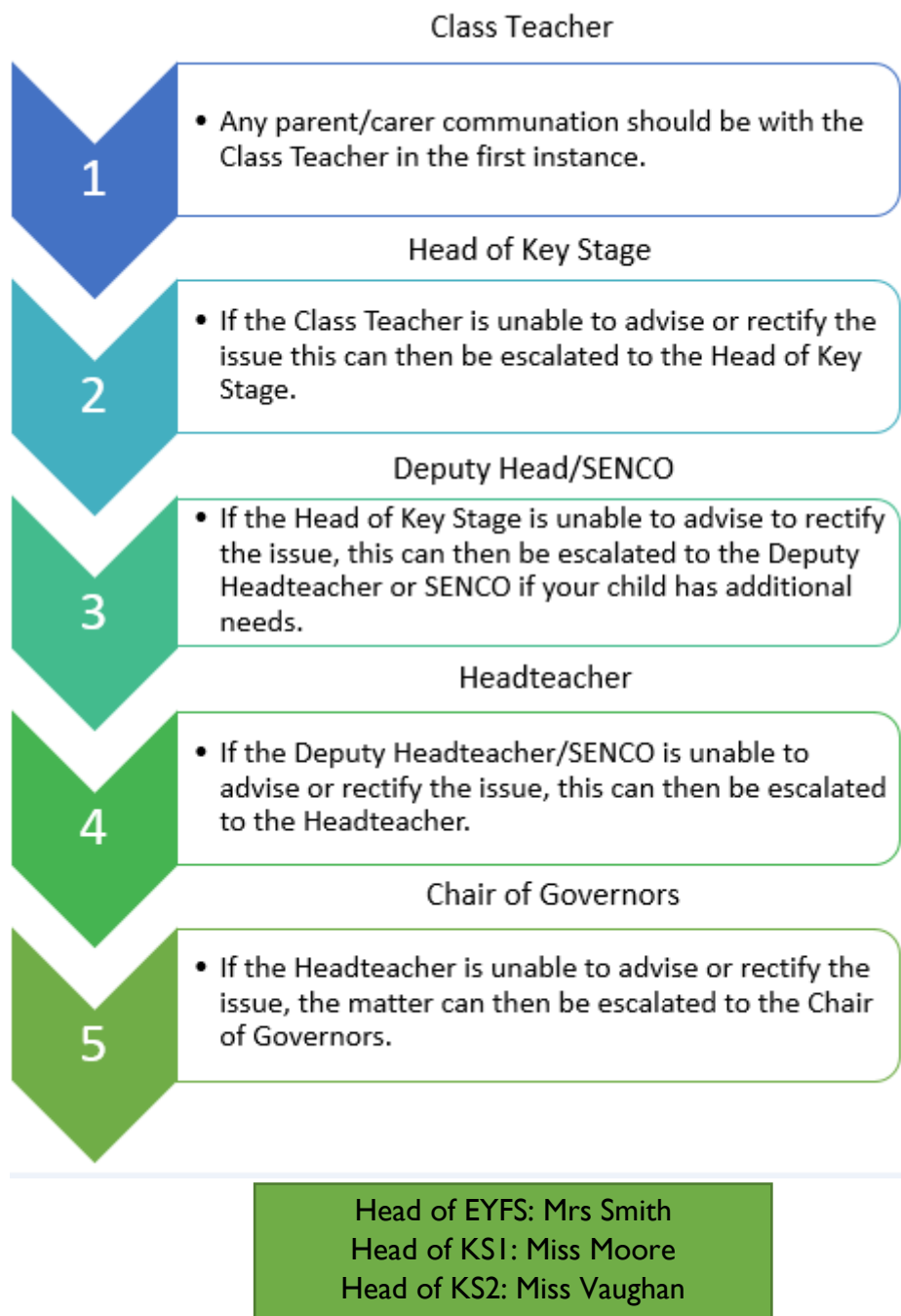
Phil Parsons

PHIL PARSONS
Woodingdean
Food Hub





RKPS Communication Flow chart



Should you need to communicate with a member of RKPS teaching staff the email address to use is: admin@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk

PE for Reception Classes

Please note that Reception children will be doing PE after half term and will need to wear their PE kit to school on the following days:

Rashford- Tuesday

Thunberg- Wednesday

PE T-Shirts and kits are available from our Uniform Shop on our website: <http://www.rudyardkiplingprimary.co.uk>



Climb onto Santa's Sleigh, to be on time!

Every child who arrives at school, on time between Tuesday 2nd November and Wednesday 15th December will be entered into a draw to win a Christmas Goodies Hamper. There will be one for each Key Stage!



Taking holidays during term-time

Now the Government have eased traveling restrictions, you **cannot** take your child out of school during term time to go on a family holiday unless:

- You, the parent the child normally lives with, get permission from the school before you go on holiday
- There are exceptional circumstances, such as an illness or a funeral of a person close to the family, which you will need to prove to the school

We would like to remind families that there are a wonderful 175 non-school days each year for family time and trips. Please use these and help us to allow all children to be in school every day.

If your child is having difficulty in attending school for any reason whatsoever, we are available to support and help you so please do contact us if you would like help and advice. Please contact the Headteacher or the School Inclusion Team if you would like to discuss anything at all related to your child's attendance or punctuality.

**After half term, we will be fining all unauthorised holidays.
You will be fined £60 per parent, per child.**



Thank you to the vast majority of parents and carers who would never consider taking their children on holiday during term time.



Head Teacher Awards!

Kahlo – Jacob What a super book Jacob made about his trip to Stanmer Park. He included lots of detail and some adjectives to make it interesting to the reader. Great work Jacob!



Gandhi – Oliver wrote a superb thank you letter to the pebble with so many facts which included so many facts that the pebble had taught him in the story and showed how well he has been listening in his lessons.

Seacole – Seacole class were absolute super stars on Monday. They used their creative and imaginative brains to come up with some amazing figurative language to put into poems. Miss Morgan was blown away with the ideas they came up with.

Darwin – Olivia – Head Teacher Award awarded by Mr Mack. Well done for writing such a dramatic and exciting poem Olivia! You used ambitious vocabulary and worked really hard to produce an outstanding piece of work. Keep it up!

Play Champion of the week

KS2 - Sophia in Seacole was very polite today when asking for equipment from the shed. Lovely manners.



Playground Mentors

We have our own Playground Mentors now who will be on a rota to assist the adults in Nursery, KS1, & KS2 playgrounds. They are being trained to help children play new games; help engage children and direct children towards the adults if they need help. They will all be wearing their yellow hi vis jackets and will be out every lunchtime.

These children are our current Playground Mentors.

Year 6

Ruby K
Lily A

Year 5

Chloe p
Astrid S

Year 4

Joe P
Layla S
Lottie M
Jazzmine K

Year 3

Chelsea M
Olivia D
Maddie B
Beau D

Stars of the Week

Breakfast Club

EYFS – Eren in Nursery for settling in so well and making new friends.

KS1 – Carter in Parks for settling in so well and for being an amazing maths wizard.

KS2 – Mia in Turing for being so good with the smaller children and for being so helpful.

After School Club

KS1 – Adam in Thunberg for his growing confidence in After School Club

KS2 – Indi-Rae in Seacole for being very helpful and being a good role model for the younger children.





Special Mentions

Kahlo – Logan is such a lovely, caring young man. He is always looking out for others and trying to help them in any way he can and always with a beaming smile on his face. He is such a 'Positive Polly'!

Obama - Nina is a fantastic role model for RKPS and a real 'Positive Polly'. She helps others in need and always looks out for others. She will help her peers with their learning and always makes them feel included and successful. Nina is an incredibly wonderful member of Obama class!

Attenborough – Lily is always flexing her super strong 'Have a Go Harold' learning muscle! Particularly in maths, she always gives things a go and doesn't give up when it's tricky. What an inspiration! Miss Guthrie is so proud of the progress she is making, and Lily should be incredibly proud of herself too. Well done, lovely girl!



Parks – Asomi If you walked into Parks class, you would think we had 'Dr Curious' himself. Asomi loves to grow his brain! In maths he thinks of all the possible reasons when reasoning and solutions when problem solving. It doesn't just stop there though! Asomi has been experimenting with using different sentence openers and adding interesting adjectives when writing- making sure the reader will definitely enjoy it! Well done, Asomi! Keep this up.



Gandhi – Millie-Leigh has been a magnificent learner this week. She has really listened and focused herself in Maths and used all her learning to really challenge herself in every lesson. In English, she has included fantastic description in her writing to really captivate the reader. Millie-Leigh is very proud of her hard work, as is Mrs Newbold. Millie, you deserve a really relaxing half term!

Mandela – Ollie There simply aren't enough superlatives to describe Ollie - he is every teacher's dream. With determination and a smile on his face, he personifies what it means to be a 'Positive Polly'. His focused, enthusiastic and joyful approach light up the room each and every day. If we all took a leaf from Ollie's book, I have no doubt the world would be full of positivity! Well done, Ollie – keep it up!

Seacole – Gabriel has such a fantastic imagination and the ideas he shares in class always put a smile on Miss Morgan's face. He wrote an amazing poem this week using figurative language to describe things that he would put in Odin's cauldron. My favourite line was 'the fear of a wild crocodile' - very imaginative! Well done Gabriel!

Darwin – William you've been working extremely hard to use ambitious descriptive vocabulary this week and it has really shown in your writing – your poem and your sentence starters. Keep up this high standard of work and you will go from strength to strength! Well done! :)



Turing – Lily - When we fall down, it is more important to pick yourself back up and Perseverance Pete has certainly assisted Lily with that this week. Her determination and eagerness to learn is truly remarkable and I know she has paved the way for a bright and successful year ahead! Keep it up Lily!

Yousafzai - Incredible Izzy is a superstar of Year 6 - always dedicated to producing work to a high standard! A delight to teach with an arty flare. Our very own Positive Polly – always grinning and always winning!



Attendance and Time Keeping



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Week ending 15.10.2021

1st 100% **Thunberg, Obama & Attenborough**

2nd Year 1 **Kahlo**

3rd Year R **Rashford**

R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Week ending 15.10.2021

1st 100% **Seacole & Yousafzai**

2nd Year 5 **Darwin**

3rd Year 4 **Mandela**

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Week ending 15.10.2021

1st Year R **Rashford 97.2%**

2nd Year R **Thunberg 97.1%**

3rd Year 2 **Attenborough 96.5%**

R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Week ending 15.10.2021

1st Year 5 **Seacole 98.8%**

2nd Year 5 **Darwin 97.6%**

3rd Year 3 **Pankhurst 96.4%**



Job Vacancy - Cleaner

Contract type: Permanent Hours: 12.5 hours per week (6am-8.30am or 3.30-6pm), 52 weeks per year
Salary: - Facilities Role A - £18,198 - £18,933 pro rata

The Governors of Rudyard Kipling Primary School wish to appoint an approachable, flexible and reliable cleaner on a permanent basis. The successful candidate will be required to provide an effective cleaning service ensuring that a high standard of cleanliness is maintained in classrooms, corridors, communal areas and toilets.

If you would like more information on this vacancy and wish to apply for the job, please go to our school website at www.rudyardkipling.primary.co.uk and go to the Job Vacancy page.



School Menu

The new school lunch menu is out and you can see it on the school website. Please make sure you go through this with your child before we come back to school on Tuesday 2nd November. Please click on the link <https://bit.ly/3preNHx>

School Photographer

On Wednesday 3rd November, our school photographer will be in to take Individual photos. So get the hairbrush out and get your teeth to sparkle!



African Drumming Music Workshop

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in an African Drumming Music Workshop on **Monday 22nd November**. We ask that parents please contribute £1 per child, on ParentPay, towards this exciting opportunity and give our thanks to the PTFA who have kindly agreed to cover the rest of the cost.



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Are you looking for a Reception 2022 place?

Come and visit us for our open afternoons on:

Thursday 4th November at 9.30am & 1.30pm

BOOK YOUR PLACE AT admin@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Reminder - Inset Day Monday 1st November
Back to school Tuesday 2nd November
Have a lovely and Spooky Half term!

October	
Monday 25 th	HALF TERM
November	
Monday 1 st	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2 nd	Back To School
Wednesday 3 rd	Individual Photos
Thursday 4 th	Opening Morning 9.30am – 1.30pm
Monday 22 nd	African Drumming Music Workshop – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2