



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

*"Where learning is an adventure!"*

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## Headteacher Reports...

Last Saturday afternoon and evening, I had the pleasure of attending my first RKPS 'Spooky Trail'! I had heard much about these legendary events and was keen to experience one with my own eyes. It was a special occasion indeed with families from all over the Woodingdean community coming to our school to join in the fun! It was a great example of what a strong community school we are here at RKPS.

The costumes on show were magnificent, no effort had been spared and much time clearly taken! Watching families walk together through Woodingdean in their magnificent spooky attire was quite a spectacle. And the food treats at the end were amazing too: superb noodles! We are incredibly fortunate to have our PTFA: they are a force of nature! Last Saturday's trail, and the 'Spooky Dress Up Day' that preceded it, raised just south of £1000: all money which will be spent on additions to the school for the children to enjoy. Now it's over to our School Council to decide what they would like to spend it on!

The next 'trail' to look forward to will be the Christmas version on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> where, rumour has it, we are going to have our very own magical Christmas igloo in school - I can't wait!

Previous PTFA fundraising has been used to equip our KS2 stage with professional sound and lighting so that no child's voice is ever lost during our very many productions. Yesterday, there were Christmas auditions a plenty being held around the school as, here at RKPS, Christmas is a time for Christmas pudding and performances! We look forward to welcoming you to the school for these.

I am delighted to announce that our fresh new school website has now been launched and is available to view at [www.rudyardkiplingprimary.co.uk](http://www.rudyardkiplingprimary.co.uk)  
It includes the photos of our wonderful staff team so you can now put a face to a name.

It's been super to have the children back in school after the half term break. They are already back to their brilliant best and some impressive learning is underway in all corners of the school.

Have a wonderful weekend

*Euan Hanington*

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Headteacher

## Our School Values





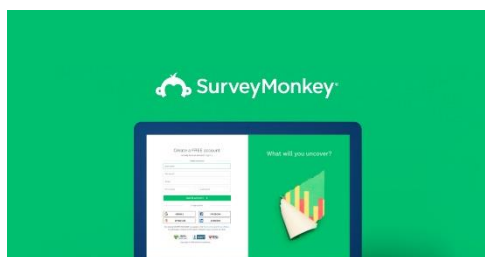
## Governors News!

Thank you to all of you who completed an application to become a parent governor at Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery: we are extremely grateful for your interest in being part of our lovely school's governing body and were very impressed by all the candidates.

However, we received five applications for the two parent governor vacancies that we currently have, therefore, an election needs to take place. All parents and carers with at least one child at the school is entitled to vote for their two preferred candidates. Please note that you can only submit your votes **once** and parents who have applied to be a governor are **not** allowed to vote in this election.

The candidates' personal statements and voting page can be accessed via this link:

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YLWJWKP](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YLWJWKP)



### Rudyard Kipling Primary School - Parent Governor Election

Take this survey powered by surveymonkey.com. Create your own surveys for free.

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk)

The deadline for submission of your vote is **MIDDAY on Tuesday the 16th of November** at which time the votes will be counted by the Returning Officer with two witnesses present. The successful candidates will then be informed.

Many thanks for your participation.

Euan Hanington (Headteacher) and Margaret Burdsey (Chair of Governors)

## Uniform Survey

Please keep your eyes peeled for a parental survey that will be sent out later today via SchoolPing. This survey is regarding a slight uniform change from a white polo shirt to navy blue. We value and welcome your feedback. At this stage, we are just consulting with families and the uniform remains unchanged.



Please note you now need to report absences through our school admin email [admin@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk) or call the absence message line on 01273 303328 option 1.

**We no longer use Parentmail for ANYTHING!**

**Please delete your App! Thank you**



### BUPA Volunteers

Many thanks to School Governor Danny and other BUPA volunteers who came into school in half term to tidy up the greenhouse, Forest School and sweep leaves off the KS1 playground. It was very kind, extremely helpful and much appreciated!



## News!

Have you been naughty or nice this year?

Get ready to find out with a personalised letter from the big man himself - The one & only Father Christmas! Please use the form to pay for your personalised letter from Father Christmas, please answer all of the questions ...

This is available now until **Tuesday 23 November 2021**.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/604336>



[Buy tickets for a Letter from Father Christmas, Tue 2 Nov 2021 9:00 AM - Tue 23 Nov 2021 10:30 PM](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/604336)

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### Thank you!

Once again thank you to all the team who volunteered their free time to make the Halloween Trail happen last Saturday.

Together we raised just short of **£950!!!**

Thank you so much for all ticket sales and purchases on the night!





The results are in! A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the half-term TTRS and Numbots challenge! The results will be shared next week with the children and published in next week's newsletter.

Watch this space!



# ROCK UP AND

# READ!



Now children have fully settled into the year, we are looking forward to inviting you to **Rock up and Read** with your little ones in **Years 1,2 and 3**.

For any families new to **Rock Up and Read**, we would love to invite you into your child's class **EVERY Friday** morning for up to **15 minutes** for nothing more than to spend a bit of time sharing a book (or 2!) with your child. At Rudyard we really believe that reading for pleasure is one of the most important things we can inspire in our children. It has a massive impact on their educational outcomes and life chances. For children, reading with their families is such a vital part of this!

We would love you to 'Rock Up and Read' on Friday mornings. It is so special and lovely seeing families reading together in school so we are really looking forward to getting this started on Friday 19th November!

With many thanks for your continued support,

Julie Forsyth and the KS1 & Year 3 teams

## Flu Vaccine

We sent you a message on Schoolping on 13<sup>th</sup> October regarding your child's flu vaccine. The Immunisation Service are coming into school **25<sup>th</sup> November** to offer your child the Flu vaccination.

Please click on the link below for the parent/carer letter - with instructions on how to complete the online consent form, to either consent or refuse this course of vaccinations. Please note there is a cut of time and date for consent completion, which can be found in the letter. This also contains important information on the vaccines and frequently asked questions, to help you and your child reach an informed decision regarding consent.

<https://kipling-brighton-hove.secure-dbprimary.com/mvc/authenticated/messaging/attachment/1342988/0/flu vaccinenotification2021.pdf>

Or for a direct link please click here: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

**School Code SX114486**



## OPAL – Donations Please!

We are looking for donations to replenish our playground resources for our immersive play initiative OPAL <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

If you or anyone you know is having a clear out we would be grateful for any of the following:

- \* crutches
- \* buckets
- \* buggies / pushchairs
- \* gardening tools / gloves
- \* bungees
- \* walking sticks
- \* chalk
- \* brooms/dustpans
- \* paintbrushes
- \* large dustbin
- \* old lanyards / ID cases for lanyards
- \* rope
- \* high viz jackets
- \* tarpaulins
- \* fancy dress
- \* pots, pans, plates, utensils (not glass or ceramic)
- \* cushions/ old sofa cushions
- \* old bedding / pillows / blankets/ curtains
- \* toys/dolls
- \* nontoxic paint
- \* flags/ bunting
- \* basketballs
- \* tennis net/balls/rackets
- \* pop up tents
- \* camping chairs
- \* old barbecues (larger the better)
- \* crash/yoga/camping mats
- \* old car steering wheels
- \* pallet crate boxes (for den building)
- \* large suitcases with wheels
- \* Or anything that children can use their imagination and have fun with that is safe!

**Donations can be left in the school car park by the bike racks. Thank you!**



## Head Teacher Awards!

**Kahlo – Liam** has worked enthusiastically on his home learning. He was able to tell us all about his yummy smoothie that he made. Great photos too!

**Darwin – TJ** for being a great peer mentor, kind and understanding.



## Play Champion of the week

**KS2 - TJ Year 5** - For being so helpful in the dining hall at lunchtimes and helping the adults.

- **Darcie Year 6** - For looking after the Nursery children so well and reading to them



## Special Shout Out!

**Ethan in Mandela** has become a Peer Mentor and is teaching phonics to a Reception child. Ethan is also volunteering to be a Playground Mentor at lunchtimes as well. We are loving his enthusiasm, kind and caring nature. Well done Ethan!

## Stars of the Week

### Breakfast Club

**KS1 – Jackson in Obama** for always being so keen to help with jobs.

**KS2 – Jayden C in Mandela** for being helpful and making younger children feel welcome.

### After School Club

**KS1 – Harrison in Thunberg** for being so kind to friends.

**KS2 – Fizaan in Gandhi** for playing well with younger children and always having a smile on his face.



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

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





## Reminder: Taking holidays during term-time

Now the Government have eased travelling 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 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.**

## School places for four year olds!



Apply now online for a school place at  
[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018,  
you need to apply for a school place by  
**15 January 2022**

For a hard copy of the application pack please email the School Admissions Team at [schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or phone 01273 293653.



## Lunchtime Football

If your child wishes to play football at lunchtimes, please ensure they have a change of trousers and shoes.



## 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 you come to school.



## School Photographer

The school photographer will be coming back for anyone who missed Wednesday. This will happen within this month, once we have a confirmed date we will let you know.



<b>November</b>	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Victorian Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	African Drumming Music Workshop – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccines