



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where Learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

There is a real Christmas feel about school at the moment with myriad plays and productions being practised and practised again: Christmas has come early at RKPS!

This week, many different members of staff have been staying late after school painting sets, making and hanging giant silver stars from above our stage. I must thank these members of staff for their extra work in ensuring that this Christmas is as special as can be for our children. It will be my first RKPS Christmas and I think what I am most looking forward to is seeing our children perform on our KS2 stage with its professional sound and lighting. It will be particularly special being able to hear every child's line through the many microphones on hand to pick up the sound.

I am sure that all adults lucky enough to be able to secure a golden ticket will be incredibly impressed at the quality of the acting and singing. Because of wretched Covid (the Scrooge of Christmas!) we are having to limit the number of tickets to one per child. However, the productions will all be filmed and available to watch on our Google Classroom platform.

This morning's Special Mentions assembly was as usual chock-a-block of certificate presentations. It was particularly pleasing to be handing out so many Maths Mission certificates for children who have been mastering their times tables. A solid knowledge of times table facts is ever so important and something that we prioritise here at RKPS. Many of our children are continuing to enjoy improving their times table knowledge through the Times Table Rockstars programme: thank you for supporting your child with this.

Next Wednesday, December 8th, is our Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day when teaching staff will be eating with the children and pulling a cracker or two. And next Saturday is our PTFA Christmas Trail which I am looking forward to immensely. If it's anything like our Spooky Trail was then our families are in for an absolute treat!

Today we say goodbye to our wonderful school cook Sonia. She is moving onto a new challenge in a different sector and we all wish her every success. Sonia has cooked thousands of delicious hot meals for thousands of hungry mouths and I am sure that you will join me in thanking her for everything she has done for our school.

Looking forward hugely to next week's Christmas productions but until then,

Have a wonderful weekend

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Headteacher



Mandela class - hosting a news report!





Events!



Join us on a Magical Mission to find Santa's lost gifts

Saturday 11th December from 2pm – 5pm.

Follow the map to discover Santa's lost presents - once you've completed the mission return your map to the Big Man himself who awaits to thank you with a gift. You only need to purchase a ticket: £3 per child taking part in the trail and visiting the grotto. Everyone else is welcome to visit our stalls free of charge. Collect your trail map from Rudyard Kipling Primary School.

Please click on the link below to buy your tickets. They are selling fast so be quick and don't miss your chance to meet Father Christmas and Mrs Claus in our gorgeous Grotto.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/604648>

Reminder - Christmas Disco Pick Up

KS1 – Please collect at **4:30pm** at normal pick up point.

KS2 – Please collect at **4:45pm** at normal pick up point. **No** Year 6's are permitted to walk home on their own.



Christmas Performances



In order to try and strike a balance, and minimise the risk of Covid transmission, we have decided to reduce the number of adults we have in our KS2 hall for our Christmas shows. **Tickets will be limited to one adult per family** and those adults attending are asked to wear a face covering (unless exempt) and be in receipt of a negative LFD on the morning of the show. Seats will be set out apart and we recommend that you come to the show in a coat as the hall will be very well ventilated.

Please book your seat on SchoolPing. We will not be taking any bookings in person unless you are having trouble. Please contact the Office if you have any questions.

At the Performances

PTFA will be selling refreshments at all performances. If your child is in Reception, Year 2 and Year 5 and had a headshot taken, these will be available to buy at the performances at a cost of £5 each.



Reminder: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

It's Christmas Jumper day as well as Christmas Dinner next **Wednesday 8th December.**

If you have not ordered a Christmas lunch please provide your child with a packed lunch. We cannot take any more orders now...

Let's Get Festive!!



School Reception

In order to minimise risk for all our community, we ask that we return to the rule of ONE family at a time in our school reception, please wear a mask unless your exempt. If you are able to deal with your enquiry over the telephone, please do so. Thank you for supporting us at trying to keep everyone safe, especially at this time of year.



Forest School

This week in Forest School, Year 2 explored the woodland area that we are so lucky to have here at Rudyard and played a game called Meet the Tree! We had to explore a tree with our hands and our eyes shut and then guess which tree we had met. It was really fun! We also built shelters and made stick stars to hang on the tree.



Year 5 have also done some amazing outdoor learning in the Forest School. As part of their Romans topic, they made impressive bows and arrows. The children looked like true warriors!



Family Friday – Playgroup

Messy Monday and Family Friday Playgroups are here at Rudyard on Monday and Friday mornings!! Please come along if you are a new parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, carer, looking after a youngster or two. These are drop in playgroups so no need to book just come along. This is a great opportunity to meet other families living in the area whilst taking part in fun activities (art, crafts, singing, story time...) with your child. They are starting to get festive and do some fantastic Christmas craft stuff, so why not come along and get involved.

When: Monday and Friday mornings at 9am – 10:30am (term time only)

Looking forward to welcoming you!



Head Teacher Awards!



Gandhi – A special Head Teacher’s award to the **whole of Gandhi** for fantastic Maths learning this week. Every single one of you is a division expert! Well done for all your hard work.

Seacole – Dennis - What would Year 5 do without Dennis? He has been a fantastic sound engineer throughout rehearsing for our Christmas performance and quickly learnt how to use the complex sound system which has confused many staff members in the past. KS2’s Christmas performance would not run as smoothly without you Dennis, well done!

Darwin – Kiyali has been working hard on her maths this week. She has used her problem solving and reasoning skills to solve difficult questions and she hasn’t been afraid to challenge herself. she is a co-ordinates expert! Well done Kiyali!

Play Champion of the week

KS2 - Ruby and Jack in Pankhurst for being so observant and letting adults know when the equipment needs to be mended.



Stars of the Week

After School Club

KS1 – Betsy in Attenborough for always making people smile.

KS2 – Millie in Gandhi for being festive.





BUILDS OF THE WEEK

This week at Lego Club, children we building their dream homes. We had many creative ideas with plenty of imagination. One dream home had certain twist; it had a crime scene unfolding which was superbly explained to the group.



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Special Mentions

Kahlo – Ivy is such a 'Positive Polly', trying her very best and rising to challenges. She always has a lovely big smile on her face and enjoys helping her friends when they are not too sure. We love having Ivy in Kahlo class with her great positivity and enthusiasm. Keep it up Ivy!



Obama – Holly has been a 'Positive Polly' this week and sharing more and more in class with her thoughtful comments and ideas. I am so proud of you Holly. Well done.

Attenborough – Betsy 'Positive Polly' eat your heart out! Our Betsy has blown us all away with her positivity this week. She has arrived in school with lovely smiles on her face and has been trying her best in all her learning. She has been working hard to remember her stage directions for the Christmas play too. How lucky are we to have you in our class? Keep it up, Brilliant Betsy!



Parks – Luca has been a wonderful 'Co-operating Clara'. He has truly shown how teamwork makes the dream work! Luca worked hard to learn his lines for the Christmas performance and knows exactly when to say them! Thanks for your help, Luca!



Gandhi – Olivia is probably 'Have a Go Harold's' best friend at the moment. She is learning and working so hard and she never stops wanting to challenge herself. Her positive attitude is paying off in all subjects, but particularly with her reading. Olivia loves to read at every opportunity and it is so enjoyable to listen to her read with such eagerness and enthusiasm.

Mandela – Master Pattenden. The Argus will soon be calling to offer you a job writing their main news articles due to your fabulous newspaper report all about the mysterious VANISHINGS in our text, 'Varjak Paw'. Joe was able to adopt many features of a newspaper report, kept it very formal whilst adding a touch of humour. It was truly a joy to read!

Darwin – Iga has been such a helpful and organised member of the backstage crew during our Christmas play rehearsals. She has been a real Positive Polly and has motivated the others to work efficiently and professionally. She has contributed towards our Christmas play being amazing and has made sure scene changes run smoothly. Well done Iga!



Seacole - Talia captivated her crew members last week with her brilliant motivational speech to keep the crew going after getting stuck in the Weddell Sea. I was so impressed with how she carefully thought about emotive language to persuade the crew not to give up. Fantastique Talia!

Turing – Ewan - The sky is the limit with this young man! Fractions are never easy but Ewan has been working around the clock to manipulate fractions to his advantage using exchanging to subtract mixed numbers as well as add them! What a Positive Polly you have been!



Yousafzai - Kyle is a key member of Yousafzai class, whose confidence has grown throughout the year. He has shown a real flair for art. He always has a smile on his face. Bravo Kyle!



PE Kits in cold weather

Even though the weather is colder, the children will still be doing PE in the fresh air as much as possible, so please be mindful that your child is dressed warmly enough for the whole day. The children also play outside at break times in most weathers, **so thick winter coats are essential!**



We do have nice thick joggers and woolly hats for sale in our uniform shop.



The School Nurse will be in school on the morning of **Wednesday 8th December** and will be holding a 'School Nurse Clinic'. Please call the Inclusion Team/School Office to book an appointment.

The School Nursing Service is a confidential Service that offers support and advice around any health issues your child may have. This may include advice around keeping healthy, sleep, continence, fussy eating, growth, behaviour and emotional health.

Reminder: Taking holidays during term-time

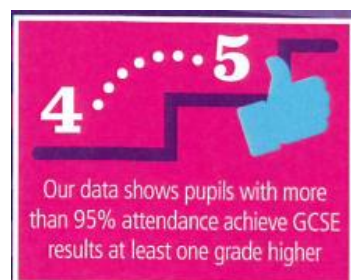
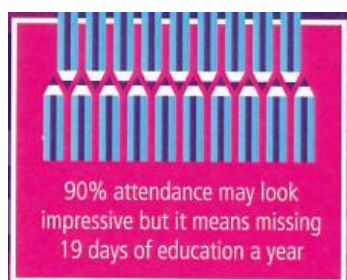
Now the Government have eased travelling restrictions, you **cannot** take your child out of school during term time to go on a family holiday unless:

- 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.



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!



Attendance and Time Keeping



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Week ending 26.11.2021		
1st	100%	Thunberg & Obama
2nd	Year 2	Parks
3rd	Year 1	Kahlo
R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Week ending 26.11.2021		
1st	100%	Seacole
2nd	Year 6	Yousafzai
3rd	Year 4	Mandela
R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Week ending 26.11.2021		
1st	Year 2	Attenborough 94.5%
2nd	Year R	Thunberg 94.3%
3rd	Year R	Rashford 91.7%
R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Week ending 26.11.2021		
1st	Year 6	Turing 95.9%
2nd	Year 5	Darwin 95.6%
3rd	Year 4	Mandela 92.7%



December	
Monday 6 th	9.15am – KS1 Dress Rehearsal & 2pm KS2 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 7 th	9:15am KS1 Performance
Wednesday 8 th	Christmas Lunch & 2pm KS1 Performance
Thursday 9 th	2pm KS2 Performance & 6pm KS2 Performance
Saturday 11 th	PTFA Christmas Trail 2pm – 5pm
Tuesday 14 th	2:15pm - Rocksteady Performance
Wednesday 15 th	9am – 10am Reception Christmas Sing-a-long and create
Friday 17 th	LAST DAY OF TERM!
January 2022	
Tuesday 4 th	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 th	BACK TO SCHOOL

