



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

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We are fortunate to have a number of parents who come into school to volunteer. This additional adult support can have a significant impact for our children in a variety of ways.

One of these parents is Neil and Euan's mum, Claire, who for some time now has been leading sessions with our girl footballers. At lunchtime today, Claire will be training our Year 5 and 6 girls out on the field which 19 girls are really looking forward to. If you can spare just a little time to come into school to help, in any capacity, please email the school office, we'd love to have your help!

One vital way in which you can support your child's learning at home is by helping them learn their times tables. The expectation is that, by the end of Year 4, all children know their times tables to 12x12 and all children up and down the country take a 'Multiplication Tables Check'. The earlier a child can start learning their times tables the better: Bodhi in last year's Reception cohort knew them all!

We have two exciting PTFA events fast approaching. Firstly, the Wizard of Oz panto comes to RKPS on Friday 5th December, please see the PTFA Instagram page for information on voluntary contributions. The Christmas Light Trail takes place on Saturday December 13th. A number of the Meet Santa sessions are fully booked and it looks like it will be a sold out event-grab your tickets while you can! Thank you to everyone for making such a great effort for today's PTFA 'Wacky Hair' day-there were some wonderful hairstyles on display today-Eva's incredible washing line might take first prize! Take a look at our school Instagram page for some super photos of another fun day at Rudyard!

Our super local secondary school, Longhill, is holding its third Star Gazing event on Wednesday 10th December: 4:30pm-6:30pm. It promises to be a fantastic occasion so do book on at stargazing@longhill.org.uk

Euan Flaxington

Headteacher



Wacky Hair Day



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Hannah



Resilient Hannah! What a joy it has been to see such a huge smile on your face, even when things are challenging. You never give up and have been producing some truly excellent pieces of work. Your super maths learning and the way you tackle tricky questions shows you are a true Rudyard role model! Keep it up, Hannah. You are a star!

Y1



Esmay

Excellent Esmay! Oh, how you've flourished in Year 1! Your independence, confidence and readiness to learn have grown so much, and we've only scratched the surface of your fabulous learning. You are polite, kind and respectful, and you always amaze Miss Sandat with how capable you have become! You're a star Esmay – we're so proud!

Mubasher



Marvellous Mubasher - you exemplify Readiness! Whatever the learning or task in hand, you have perfect posture, the necessary resources ready and the most positive 'go to' attitude. Like a rocket, blasting into space, you are fired up and ready to explore any learning adventure! What an inspiration you are and how lucky we are to have you motivating everyone.

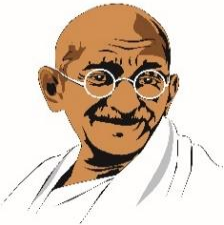
Y2



Seb

Seb – what a fantastic week you have had. Always helping others, with a smile on your face, it is a joy to have you in class. Seb has been working hard on his readiness, ensuring he is focussed and calm for each lesson. He also blew us away with a fantastic audition for our panto. Staff across the school have been noticing Seb's kindness and eagerness to help. He really is amazing. Well done Seb – keep it up!

Aiden



It may be freezing cold outside, however in Gandhi, Aiden brings warmth and kindness to the class! Furthermore, I have been super impressed with your resilience. When faced with a tricky challenge, Aiden will tackle it with belief and confidence. This fantastic attitude to learning has led to some incredible learning this week. Keep it up Aiden!

Y3



Tommy

Tommy wrote a fantastic poem this week that showed great creativity and imagination. Tommy has also been reflective about his learning, thinking carefully about how to make his work better each time. We are so proud of your effort and positive attitude, Tommy – keep it up!

Talia



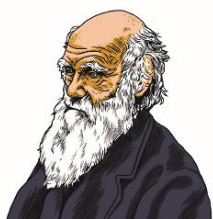
Terrific Talia should be so proud of herself this week. Queen of all 5 Rs, she consistently works her socks off to be the best learner she can be. She remembers previous lessons, is ready to give her 100%, is resourceful when faced with a problem and ultra resilient when the going gets tough. Most impressive however, is Talia's unshakeable reflectiveness. She thinks so much about her learning and can communicate brilliantly about what she needs. Bravo Talia!

Harry



They don't come much more resilient than our Harry! This absolute joy has worked so hard and it's been a delight to see a smile on his face and a spring in his step! Long may this positive attitude continue Harry, we're all so proud of you!

Dexter



Dexter, Dexter! You have impressed me so much with your superb maths resilience. We have been learning the tricky concept of multiplying 2 digit numbers, with multiple steps involved. I could see your brain cogs ticking away as you refused to give up... I am so proud of how you kept going and it was so lovely to see your face light up when I told you, that you had indeed got the answers correct! Please believe in yourself, we all believe in you and you are doing so well in Year 5. You are capable of anything and everything!

Jaxon



This special mention goes to Jaxon for his amazing reflectiveness. He knows that mistakes are part of learning and uses his confidence to tackle challenges head-on. His ability to reflect is shown not only in his schoolwork but also in how he treats friends and teachers. He is thriving, and I know he will continue to build this fantastic skill with conviction.

Theo



Last week, Theo became a Reception-class superhero! He zoomed straight into action—tidying, organising, and helping the younger children with a smile. It was wonderful to hear how brilliantly helpful he had been. Fantastic job, Theo!



After School Club KS1 – Jaleela in Armstrong for being a fantastic member at A.S.C and always being kind to others.
 KS2 – Aoife in Darwin for always following A.S.C rules and being so positive.



Y3 Gandhi	Leisha and Macy Henry	For being a Handwriting Hero! A fantastic letter of advice.
Y3 Pankhurst	Dylan Roma and Jacom Khaliyl	Super writing based on the Iron Man. Excellent 'Iron Man' diary entries. For being a maths magician!
Y4 Mandela	Harry Talia	For being a Handwriting Hero! For being a writing wizard.
Y4 Franklin	Arthur Chester	For writing a beautiful poem entitled: 'The Glass Rainforest'. For writing a super poem!
Y6 Yousafzai	Jayson Dexter and Talia	For being a respectful and incredibly helpful play leader. Impressive multiplying fractions work.



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year Y2**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 25th November – Year 4 Mandela AM

Tuesday 25th November – Year 2 Attenborough PM

Wednesday 26th November – Year 5 Seacole AM

Wednesday 26th November – Year 4 Franklin PM

Thursday 27th November Year 1 Kahlo PM



Christmas Lunch: Deadline to order 25th November

Please ensure you complete the online form for your child's class, which has been sent out via Arbor. When filling out the form, select only from the options from either menu and make sure to include your child's full name clearly.

Please note that no alternative options will be available on the day. If your child does not require a school lunch, you must provide a packed lunch from home.

The deadline for submitting your order is 25th November. If you experience any difficulties, please contact the school office for assistance.



Valuables in school

The school is not accountable to lost items of valuables. Any items brought into school are done so at your own risk. Please do not send children into school with toys and jewellery.

Request for items

If you have any spare action figures, role play items, Early learning/Orchard games, art supplies... that are no longer needed, we would be really appreciate them.



Arbor messages

We completely understand that at certain times of the year it can feel like quite a lot of Arbor messages are coming through. Arbor is our main way of communicating important information directly with families. We do try to keep messages to a minimum by including as much as possible in our newsletter.

However, there are occasions when events or urgent updates need to be shared separately.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Attendance reminders

Attendance at RKPS

We have seen a huge improvement in our attendance so far, this academic year. While it is expected that children will pick up illnesses from time to time, we have noticed that some children are missing school for low-level symptoms such as headaches, colds, tiredness, and mild tummy aches. Our expectation is that children should still attend school when experiencing these minor illnesses.

Reporting absences, we have to record a reason for every absence from school so it is important that we have contact from an adult on each day of absence. If your child is too unwell to come to school please telephone the school office on 01273 303328 before 9.00am to let us know the reason.

Medical/Dental Appointments Please try to avoid making appointments during school time if at all possible. Parents/carers must let the school office know in advance of any planned appointments during school time. Please provide a copy of a letter or card or a text message confirming the appointment.

Lateness

The school day starts promptly at **8.45am**, so you need to ensure that your child is on the school premises before that time. **Late arrivals** are disruptive to the whole class and often embarrassing for your child. We take the view there are no late children, only late parents. Arrival after the close of registration will be marked as unauthorised absence in line with the Department of Education guidance. Persistent lateness can also incur a fixed penalty fine from the Local Authority. Any children arriving after 8.45am must be accompanied to the school office by the parent /carer, where they will be asked to sign them in. **Lateness** is monitored regularly. Where children have persistent lateness problems, we will inform parents/carers of school concerns by letter, or invite the parents into the school for a meeting.

PTFA Events

Father Christmas Letters

🎅 They're back!!

🎅 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 on the payment page, with all the details you require. You can send to any friend or family member of any age.

🐾 If you are within the Woodingdean area, we will arrange delivery or collection from Rudyard Kipling Primary School. If you need your letter to be sent out of area it will be posted to their door in plenty of time for Christmas.

💰 This service costs £3.00 per letter with all proceeds going the school.

Example of past letter in comments

⚠️ DEADLINE 25th November 2025!

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/1884285?fbclid=IwDGRjcAN2pMti_bGNrA3akyGV4dG4DYWVtAjExAAEeXn73Q1O4zcq_l3VYvF3jY584_bN9MJMKilBCJOHldUcAZUVIUr6cz_s0QH4_aem_B_mI5IO2L2TlameByxRMhg



Food Waste Competition

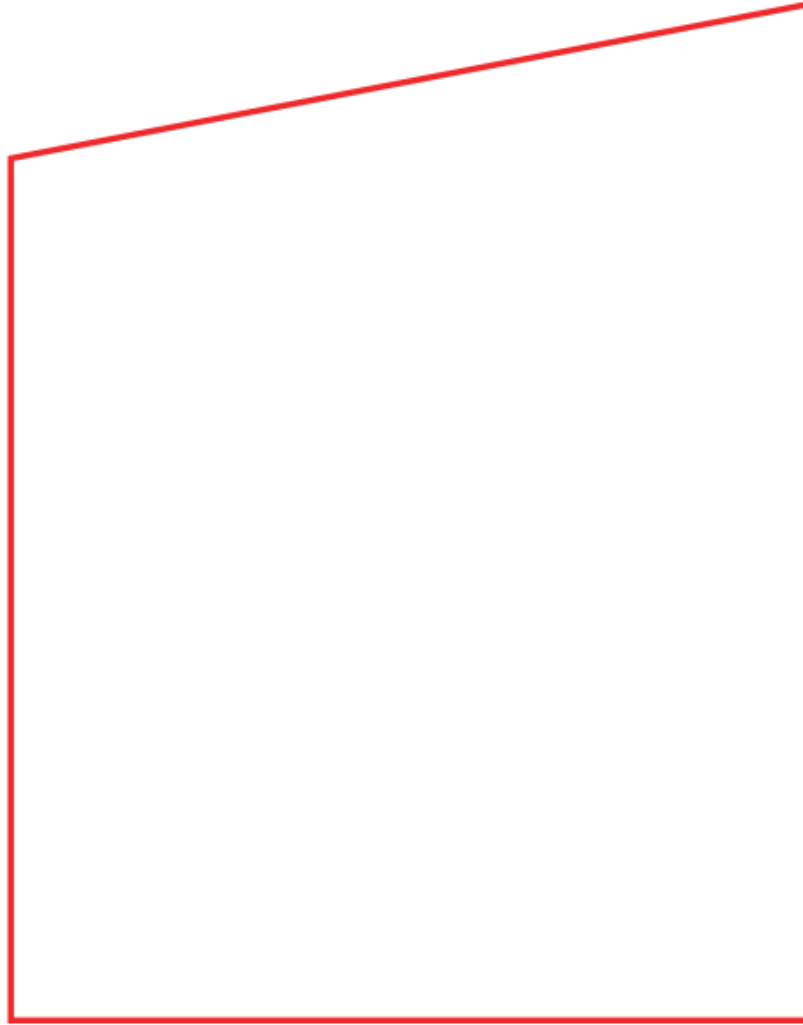
The Food Waste Collection competition is now live. Please hand in your designs to Mr Hanington. The closing date is Monday December 1st.

Name of artist:

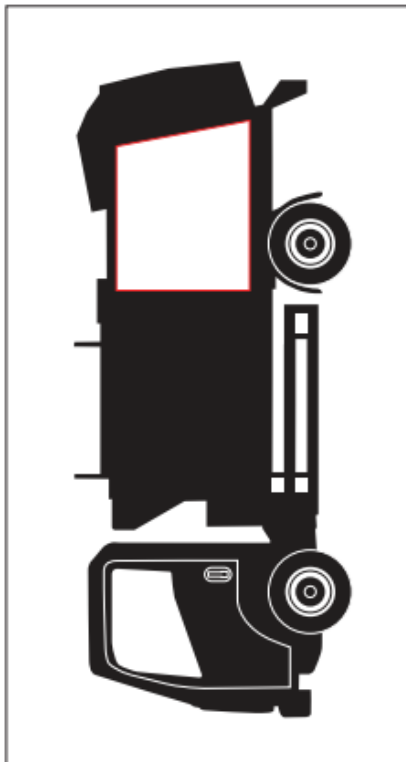
School:

Year group:

Draw your design in the box below



Food Waste Collection Trucks - draw your design!



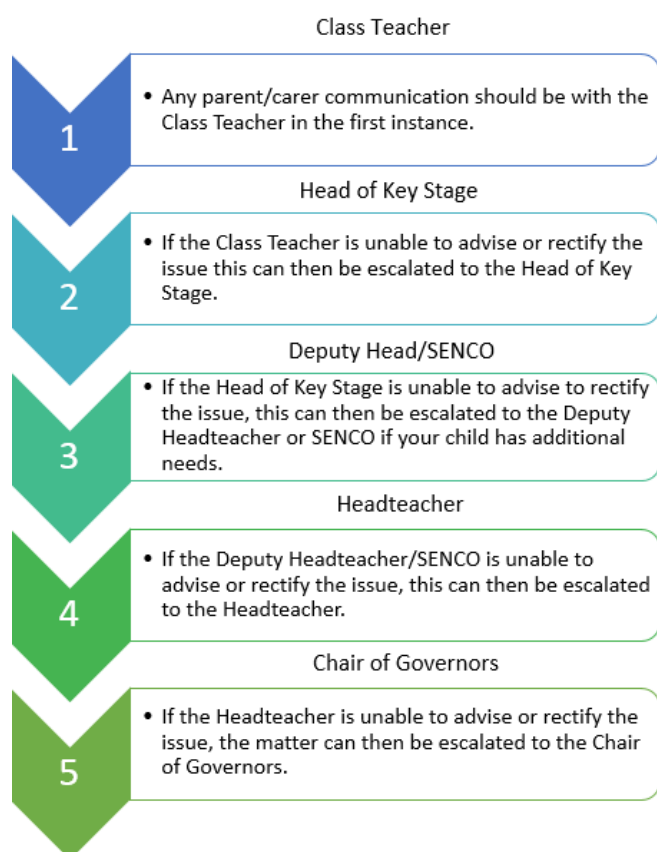
Name a food waste truck! Write your suggestions here:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

And finally...



Head of Key Stages

Foundation – Ms A Smith

Key Stage One – Mrs V Brewer

Lower Key Stage Two – Mr N Wynne

Upper Key Stage Two – Miss L Vaughan

Arbor Parent App

Please make sure that when you are booking clubs, trips or ordering items, you complete the process by clicking through ALL stages. Bookings are not confirmed until ALL steps are completed in this process.

All bookings for clubs and trips are held within the APP so you can remind yourself at any time.

Not on App

School Meals (ParentPay)

Dates for the Diary

November 25	
Friday 28 th	Year 6 Victorian Day
December 25	
Friday 5 th	The Wizard of Oz Panto
Monday 8 th	KS1 Dress Rehearsal at 9:15am
Tuesday 9 th	KS1 Christmas Show at 9:15am
Wednesday 10 th	KS1 Christmas Show at 9:15am, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11 th	KS2 Winter Show at 9:15am & 17:30pm
Saturday 13 th	PTFA Christmas Light Trail
Monday 15 th	Choir visit to Ireland Lodge Care Home 1.30-2.45pm
Wednesday 17 th	Armstrong Sing-a-long and create at 9am
Thursday 18 th	Reception Christmas Sing-a-long at 9am, Choir Recital to School, 2.30-3pm, parents, carers and all family members invited.
Friday 19 th	END OF TERM



Notice Board



Saturday 6th December
11am-2pm

LONGHILL HIGH SCHOOL
Christmas Fair
fun for the whole community

Come along and have some festive fun.
Pop-up Cafe, crafts, games, tombola, raffle and more!

PROCEEDS TOWARDS LONGHILL PTFA
Longhill School hall, Falmer Road, BN2 7FR



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A Night of Astronomy

Wednesday 10th December
4.30 - 6.30
Falmer Road, Rottingdean
BN2 7FR

Longhill High School
presents
Stargazing with local astronomers
Astronomy Talks & Make & Take activities

Plenty of activities inside the school if the weather is bad.

Book your FREE tickets by emailing stargazing@longhill.org.uk with your required number of tickets and primary school (numbers limited)

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