



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

This has been the first full week of term and it's been super watching the children reigniting old friendships and forming new ones.

Two thirds of our Reception children have now started their Rudyard learning adventure and from Monday our two full Reception classes will be complete. I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them this week and look forward to meeting more new faces after the weekend.

Next Friday, September 18, sees our traditional PTFA 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' tea party for all our Reception children and their families. We look forward to seeing stripes and smiles a plenty a week from today!

Yesterday, I spent some time in our Nursery: the two year old room and then our room for three and four year olds. I enjoyed meeting some real characters and will follow their progress this year with interest. Our new Nursery teacher, Miss Davies, Miss Poulter and their teams have created a rather special setting. If you haven't visited our on-site Nursery already, do book a tour.

Over the next two weeks, our Autumn term 'Classroom Connect' sessions are taking place. These are your opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and support staff, find out about the new class topics and any new routines. Your child's teacher will also explain how you can support your child's learning at home. Thank you to those of you who have already started writing into your child's Reading Record book.

Within this newsletter is a list of our revised Heads of Key Stage: Mrs Steele is our new Head of Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4). If you have any questions, your child's class teacher is the first person to contact, followed by the Head of Key Stage as necessary.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hainington

Headteacher



Year 4 The Roman Dig



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Y1



Ada

Ada, what an amazing start you have made to Year 1! You come into school every day with your thinking brain ready to learn. I love seeing you remember things you learned in Reception and say, "I know this!" before using it in your Year 1 learning — you are so capable! You are also such a kind and caring friend, and you are polite, thoughtful and always ready to help. Keep being your wonderful self, Ada — you're a superstar!

Klara



Kind Klara, you are the perfect example of readiness! If you need someone to be ready — whether at their table or on the carpet, then Klara's the role model for you! With your beaming smile, focus and perfect posture, you inspire us all with your poise and energetic 'can do' attitude.

Keep shining like the bright sunbeam you are!

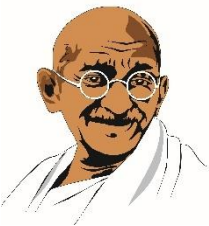
Y2



Beau

Beau has made a fantastic start to Year 2 Parks! He has shown brilliant resilience, tackling new challenges with a positive attitude and always being ready to give things a go. Beau has also been stepping outside of his comfort zone and growing in confidence when sharing his ideas with the class. I am delighted with the way he has settled into Year 2 and cannot wait to see what Beau will accomplish this year. Keep up the fantastic work!

Amber



Amber has consistently shown fantastic Year 3 readiness from her first day in Gandhi. She is always one of the first to share her fantastic ideas and is already presenting her work to a fantastically high standard! Well done Amber, you're a super star!

Y3



Harper

Harper has zoomed into Year 3 Pankhurst with a pop! She shows impeccable Year 3 standards of Readiness and has been pushing into her growth zone to share ideas in front of the class. Mrs Newbold and Miss Stokes cannot wait to see all that you achieve this year — you are off to a flying start Harper, well done!

Rudi



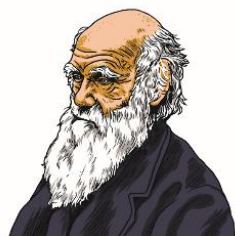
Rudi has a special mention for being such a fabulous member of Mandela Class! He works incredibly hard and has really impressed everyone with the way he makes others feel counted, valued and included. Bravo, Rudi — we are so proud of you!

Y4



Usra

Usra has made an incredible start at Rudyard. She has only been here a week and a half and has already demonstrated all five Rs. Usra inspires us all with her readiness for learning, her ability to respond to feedback, her respectful communication and her friendly, kind nature. We are thrilled to welcome such a lovely pupil into Franklin class. Bravo Usra, keep it up!



Tiger

Tiger has made an impressive start to Year 5. He has shown huge amounts of resilience through his strong start to Upper Key Stage 2 and has continually presented with an eager readiness for his learning. Keep it up, Tiger!

Y5



Harry

Harry has made a superb start to Year 5! He is an incredibly respectful member of Seacole class and is always ready to learn. As soon as the Shh shh sheep asks for his attention, he is one of the first to stop and show me his fantastic focusing. Well done, Harry!

Ole



Ole has absolutely smashed his first week in Year 6! He comes in ready to learn every day and consistently tries his best in everything he does. On top of all of this, he is fast becoming a real resilience role model for the whole class. When things get difficult, he takes his time, focuses on what he's doing, uses the resources to help him, and gives it his best shot. As in life, learning isn't about always getting the answers right, it's about being willing to give it a go, and Ole does this time and time again. What a fantastic attitude and a brilliant example he's set for the rest of Turing class. Ole, I am very proud of you – keep it up!

Y6



Mariatou

What a start to life in Year 6 for Mariatou. Her readiness is something to be admired. In on time, focused and eager to get going, she is displaying exactly what it means to be a Year 6 role model, all with a glowing smile upon her face at all times. What a joy it has been to have you in Yousafzai class thus far, Mariatou. We're all so proud of you!



Y2 Attenborough	Wren Jana Ronnie, Casper and Atticus	Excellent descriptive ideas Handwriting heroics! Amazing maths with Mr Hanington!
Y2 Parks	Bodhi Emilia Amber-May	For being a writing wizard! For being a maths magician. For being a Handwriting Hero!
Y3 Pankhurst	Fox and Oakleigh	Super descriptive writing.
Y4 Mandela	Tommy	For making an exceptional Cherry Tree sign at Forest School!
Y5 Darwin	Ethan and Oscar	Super descriptive writing.
Y5 Seacole	Orin	For being a maths magician!
Y6 Yousafzai	Oakley Bertie	Excellent biographical writing about Malala Yousafzai An excellent start to his maths learning



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Y5 Seacole (17th September)**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 15th September – Year 6 Yousafzai AM

Tuesday 15th September – Year 2 Seacole PM

Wednesday 16th September – Year 2 Attenborough AM

Wednesday 16th September – Year 4 Mandela PM

Thursday 17th September – Year 5 Darwin AM



Classroom Connect Sessions

14 th September	Classroom Connect: Year 2 at 2:45pm (in usual classroom)
15 th September	Classroom Connect: Year 1 at 2:45pm (in usual classroom)
16 th September	Classroom Connect: Year 4 at 2:45pm (in usual classroom)
17 th September	Classroom Connect: Year 6 at 2:45pm (in usual classroom)
21 st September	Classroom Connect: Year 5 at 2:45pm (in usual classroom)
22 nd September	Classroom Connect: Year 3 at 2:45pm (in usual classroom)

Main gate will open at 2:40pm.

Secondary School Open Evenings

Blatchington Mill – Wednesday 16th September, 5pm-7:30pm

Varndean – Thursday 17th September, 16:15pm 19:15pm,

Lewes Priory - 17th September, 5pm-8pm

Patcham – Wednesday 23rd September, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Dorothy Stringer – Thursday 24th September, 4pm-7pm

BACA – Thursday 1st October, 6pm – 8pm

Longhill – Thursday 8th October, 5pm-7pm

Reception Shout Out!



Can you help?
We're looking for...

12 inch or 14 inch wheel pedal bikes

Reception would love some new pedal bikes, and we are hoping you might be able to donate one, or know someone who is selling one.

Small bikes... big adventures!

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NEW Rhythm Master & Forest School Club

Ollie's RHYTHM MASTER CLUB
"OUTSTANDING!" (OFSTED May 2026) ollieheath.com



Beatbox, Sing, Rap & Drum

What will your child experience in the club?
Learn to beatbox, learn to sing, learn to rap and make beats with everything! Each term we learn new songs, raps and rhythms. So, if you've been before, there's more to learn, much more!

Pupils will all get to make music with 'Rhythm Master Microphones' and a wide range of percussion and drums.

More than Music!
Benefits include improvement in confidence, creativity, cooperation and concentration.

About Ollie:
Ollie is a qualified Teacher, guest lecturer, professional musician and YouTuber.
He has been running workshops and training Teachers across the UK and beyond for 25 years.

Day: Friday
Times: 8 - 8.40am

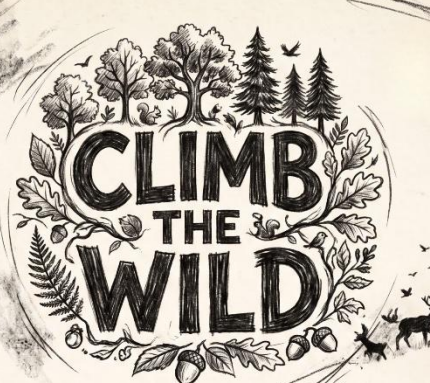
Open to: Yr 1 - Yr 6

Dates:
25/9, 2/11, 9/10, 16/10
23/10, 6/11, 13/11,
20/11, 27/11 & 4/12

Cost: £6 per class
Total: £60 (10 classes)

Don't want your child to miss out?
Rhythm Masters usually books up fast. So, do not delay, sign your child up today. [LINK BELOW.](#)

Purchase a Space for Rhythm Masters
ollieheath.com/rudyard



Forest school afterschool club

Tuesdays starting 15th September
Places are limited
Please contact the school office to register

Attendance at RKPS – Every Day Matters

Attendance at RKPS

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.

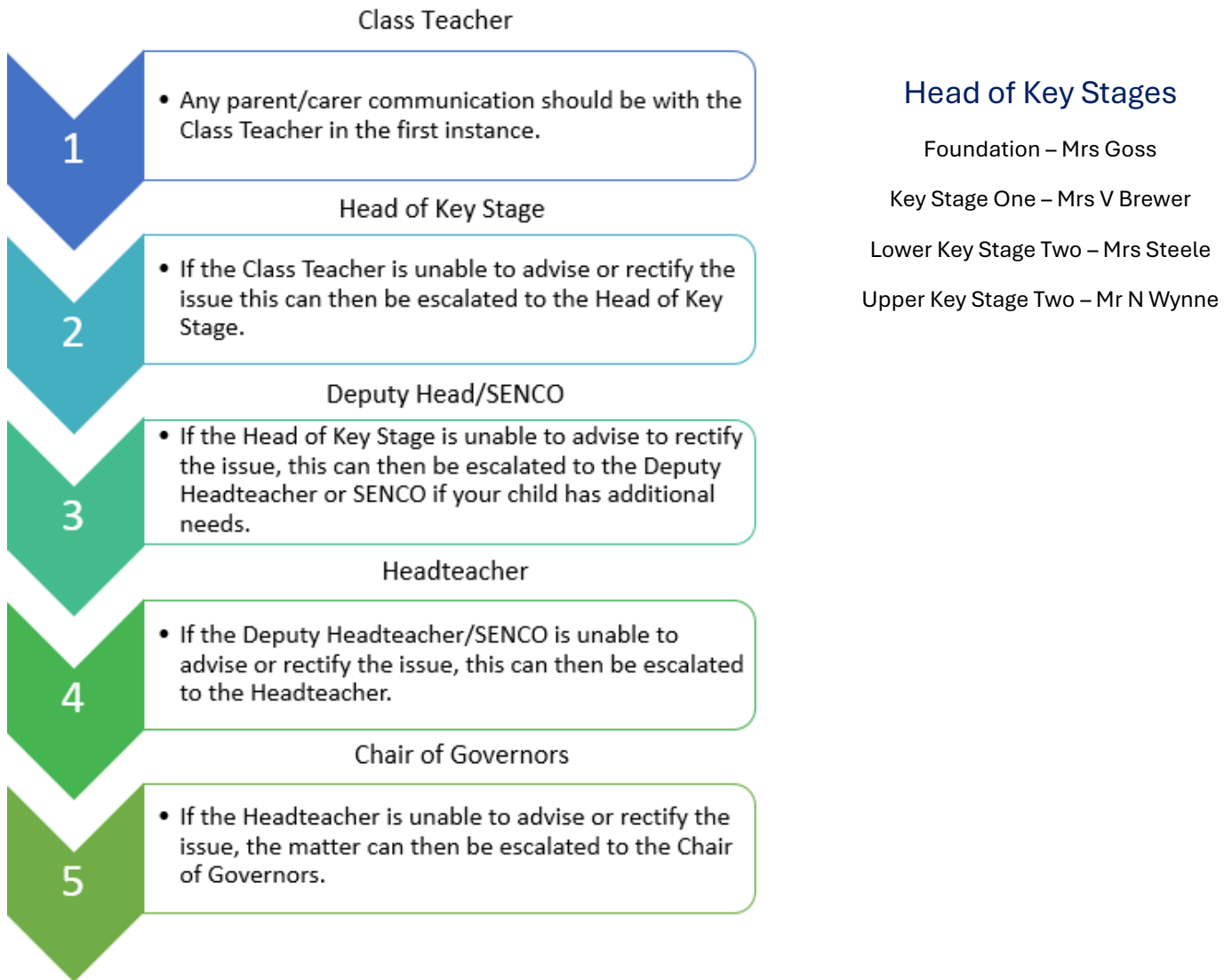
Reporting absences. we have to record a reason for every absence from school so it is important that we have contact from an adult on each day of absence. If your child is too unwell to come to school please telephone the school office on 01273 303328 before 9.00am to let us know the reason,

Medical/ Dental Appointments Please try to avoid making appointments during school time where possible. Parents/carers must let the school office know in advance of any planned appointments during school time and must provide a copy of a letter / card or a text message confirming the appointment. If this is not provided school will be unable to authorise these appointments.

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.



And finally...



Dates for the Diary

September 26	
14 th September	Classroom Connect: Year 2
15 th September	Classroom Connect: Year 1
16 th September	Classroom Connect: Year 4
17 th September	Classroom Connect: Year 6
18 th September	The Tiger That Came to Tea – Tea Party (Reception)
21 st September	Classroom Connect: Year 5
22 nd September	Classroom Connect: Year 3
October 26	
13 th October	Parents Evening: DAY 1
14 th October	Parents Evening: DAY 2

Notice Board

Family Hubs



Caterpillars



A free, active drop-in play group for children
aged 0 - 5 years

- Outside play
- Singing
- Art activities
- Messy play
- Soft play area toys
- Library visits
- Active for Life

Please dress children in
clothes suitable for getting
messy!



Term time only

Restarting 21st April!

New Start Time:
Tuesdays 9.30am–11am
Woodingdean Community
Centre, Warren Road,
BN2 6BB
Phone: 01273 293545

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BASKETBALL CLUB

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ADULTS



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AND
GIRLS!



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