



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

This morning, Mr McGauley and I delivered your harvest donations to the Woodingdean Food Hub. Because of your generosity, we had to make several trips from the car to the hall, such were the number of bags.

Many thanks to everyone who donated something, the Food Hub were extremely grateful. This half term ended with a special Harvest Assembly, kindly led by Rev Helen from the Holy Cross Church. Many thanks to her for making it in, despite the stormy weather.

There are so many fantastic spooky costumes in school today: hats off to all parents and carers for all your efforts. Later this afternoon, the PTFA Halloween discos take place which our children are very excited about. All money raised goes towards new resources and special experiences for our pupils. The PTFA this week agreed to fund new maths apparatus for all our children to use in their classrooms across the school. This will help support all children with their mathematical understanding and our Head of Maths, Miss Steele, is delighted.

Starting after half term, our staff car park will be for **staff only** (as the name implies). This is to help keep all of our school community safe, including our most precious commodity: our children.

Wishing all families a wonderful half term. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday November 2nd.

Euan Hannington

Headteacher



PTFA Spooky Dress Up Day



Headteacher Awards

YR Rashford	Matilda and Noah Dutch	Super phonics! For being a superstar learner!
YR Thunberg	Morley	Writing super sentences!
Y3 Pankhurst	Lola	For delivering a superb Japanese lesson on languages day!
Y4 Mandela	Ben	A first class topic book.
Y5 Darwin	Tiffany Oscar	A super presentation to her class. For being a kind, loyal friend.
Y5 Seacole	Louis	Excellent generalisations maths understanding.
Y6 Yousafzai	Keira	For being a maths magician!
Y6 Turing	Isaac Grace	Super sentence writing For always being polite and respectful.

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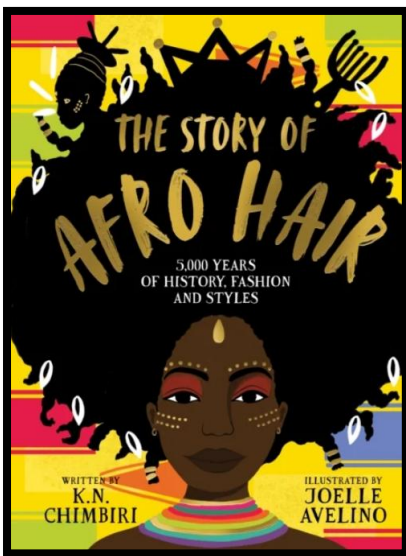


Black History Month

Reading Recommendations

Dr Seuss: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"

The Story of Afro Hair by K.N. Chimbiri illustrated by Joelle Avelino

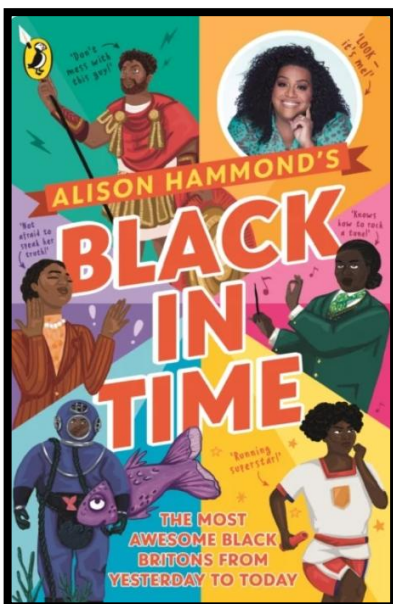


Explore the incredible history of Afro hair. The Story of Afro Hair celebrates the fashion and styles of Afro hair over the last 5,000 years. From plaits to the Gibson Girl, cornrows to locks, the hi-top fade to funky dreds, The Story of Afro Hair is the ultimate book of Afro hairstories.

Kicking off with an explanation of how Afro hair type grows and why, The Story of Afro Hair then takes us right back to the politics and fashion of Ancient Egypt. Speeding forwards to modern times we experience the Kingdom of Benin, Henry VIII's court, the enslavement of African peoples, the Harlem Renaissance, the beginnings of Rastafarianism, Britain in the 1980s - and much more. With vibrant full colour illustrations by Joelle Avelino.

A sparkling gold foil hardback cover - the perfect gift for anyone interested in culture, fashion and history.

Black in Time : The Most Awesome Black Britons from Yesterday to Today by Alison Hammond



Hiya! Alison Hammond here! I love getting to know all about different people and I'll tell you a secret . . .sometimes people we don't know much about are the most interesting of all! Which is really what this book is all about.

Let me ask you a question: How many Black people can you name from our history? Mary Seacole? Ira Aldridge? George Bridgetower? Pablo Fanque? Walter Tull? Have you heard of these people?Yes? That's great! But if you haven't, don't worry, you're not alone, which is why I'm so excited to tell you all about them. Because the people in this book should be totally famous given the AMAZING things they've done! And we're not going to stop in the past, I'll introduce you to people making waves right here and now!From sportspeople to scientists, activists to musicians, politicians to writers, we're going to meet a whole bunch of AWESOME people who have helped shape the world we live in.

So, are ready for you a journey Black in time?? Course you are, let's go!

Black History Month

October is Black History Month and across school we'll be taking opportunities to celebrate black voices, histories, cultures and achievements. This will look different across the year groups, from learning about inspiring individuals and important events to exploring music, books, art and the ways black culture has shaped our world.

We also want to emphasise that black history is not just for October. We are committed to including black voices, stories and experiences throughout our curriculum and across the school year.

We have some fantastic books across school featuring black characters, authors and stories and we'll be sharing these with the children throughout the month. We'd also love to hear about any books, music, films or other resources that your family enjoys and would recommend to others.

We hope October will be a great opportunity for our children to discover new people, stories and perspectives and to celebrate the richness and diversity of the world around them.



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Y5 Seacole (5th November)**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 3rd November – Year 6 Turing AM

Tuesday 3rd November – Year 4 Franklin PM

Wednesday 4th November – Year 5 Seacole AM

Wednesday 4th November – Year 2 Attenborough PM

Thursday 5th November – Year 1 Obama AM



Does your child have any allergies?

Allergies and Anaphylaxis

If your child has any allergies, please ensure that the school office is informed as soon as possible so that appropriate support and safety measures can be put in place. For further information or to update your child's medical records, please contact the school office or visit reception.

The school keeps its own Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (AAIs) on site. These may be used in an emergency if a child is experiencing anaphylaxis or showing symptoms of a severe allergic reaction while waiting for emergency medical assistance.

Unsafe Parking

We have been informed of continued unsafe parking on Downs Valley Road. Should you see an example of this, you are encouraged to contact Operation Crackdown at

<https://operationcrackdown.org/>

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who always park safely and with consideration for others.

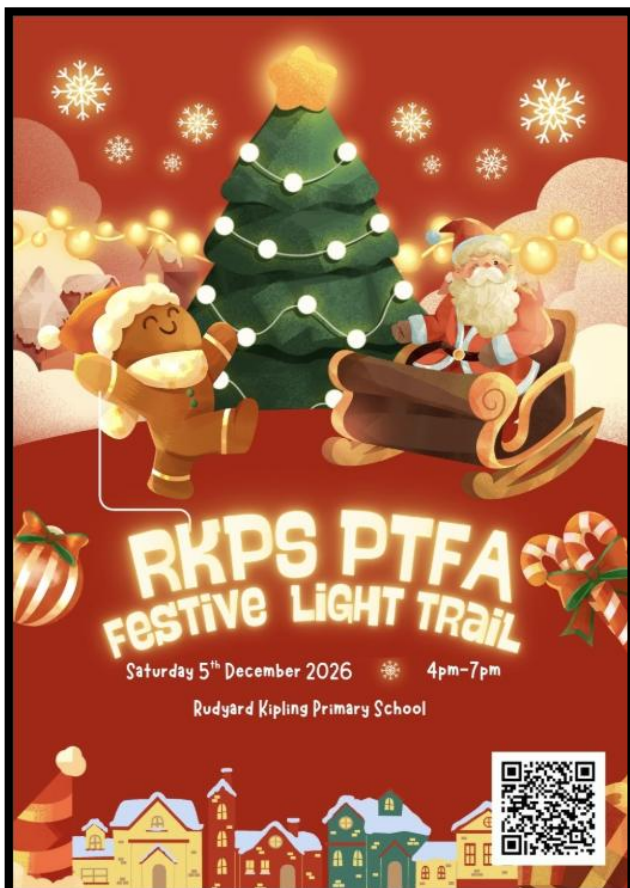
PTFA News

Diwali Celebration Event

Mini Makers Christmas Market



RKPS Light Trail



Dick Whittington



SEND Parent/Carer Information Session

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The Woodingdean SEND Group invites anyone living with someone with Special Educational Needs to a relaxed information session.

* Date & Time: November 10th at 9:30 AM (hall open from 9:00 AM)

* Location: Church of the Holy Cross

A guest speaker from Amaze, a local disability charity, will offer guidance on navigating the system and answer your questions. Because Amaze supports families of young people with disabilities, this session is especially tailored for those family members, though everyone is warmly welcome to attend!

Attendance at RKPS – Every Day Matters

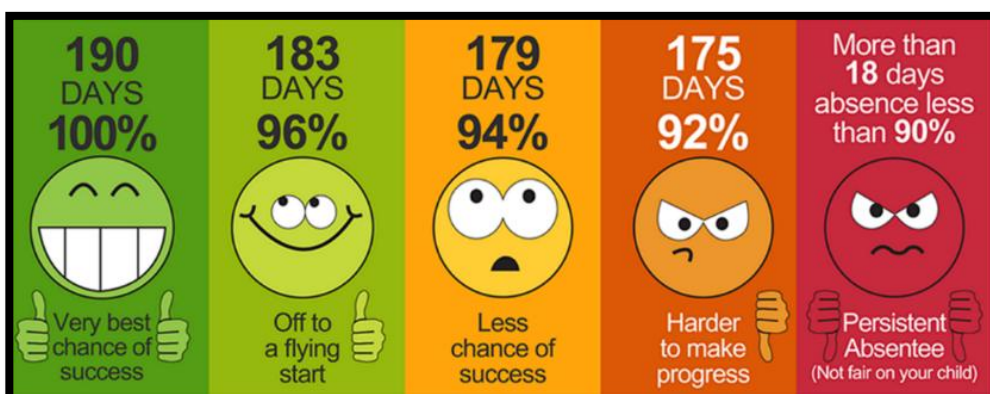
Attendance at RKPS

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.

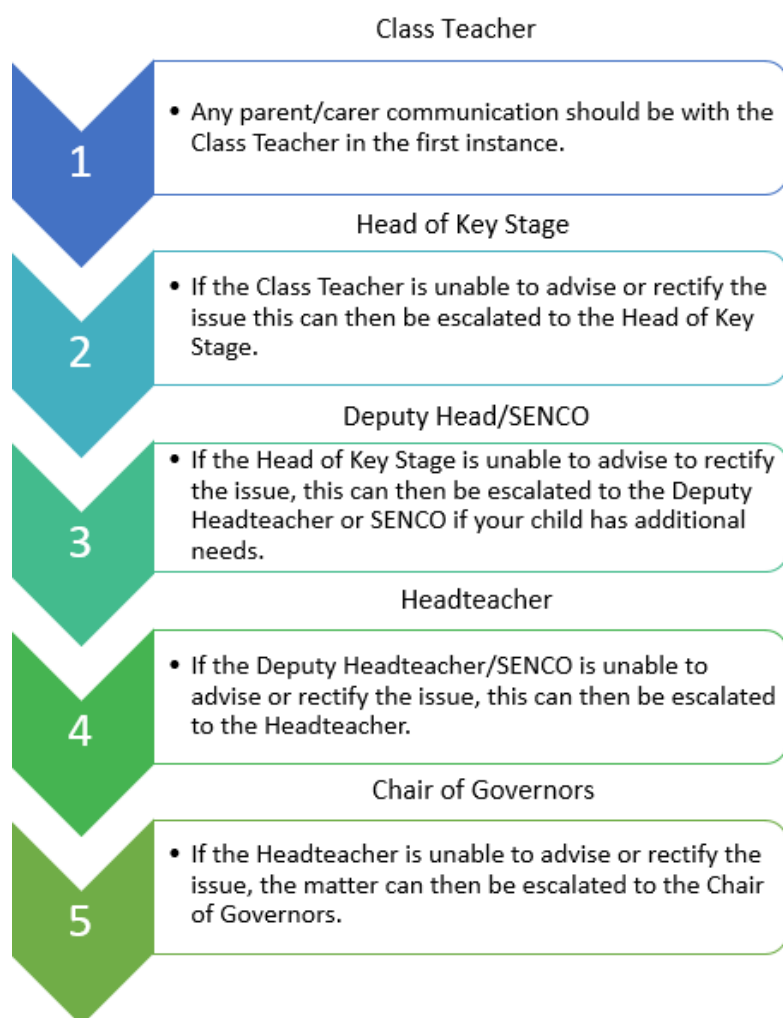
Reporting absences. we have to record a reason for every absence from school so it is important that we have contact from an adult on each day of absence. If your child is too unwell to come to school please telephone the school office on 01273 303328 before 9.00am to let us know the reason,

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...



Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher – Mr Hanington

Deputy Headteacher – Miss Vaughan

SENCO – Ms Nazarko

Business Manager: Mr Stanley

Senior Leadership and Heads of Key Stage

EYFS – Mrs Goss

Key Stage One – Mrs V Brewer

Lower Key Stage Two – Mrs Steele

Upper Key Stage Two – Mr N Wynne

Dates for the Diary

November 26	
4 th November	Individual photos, Reception 2027 Open Event (9:30am)
6 th November	PTFA Diwali Event (3:30pm)
13 th November	Children in Need Kindness Day, Whole School Flu Vaccinations
19 th November	Chef John visiting Y6
December 26	
2 nd December	KS2 Choir at Brighton Dome
5 th December	PTFA Christmas Light Trail
7 th December	KS1 Christmas show (dress rehearsal) 9:15am
8 th December	KS1 Christmas show 9:15am
9 th December	KS1 Christmas show 9:15am, KS2 Christmas Show (Dress rehearsal) 13:45PM
10 th December	KS2 Christmas Shows, 14:00 and 17:30pm
15 th December	PTFA Christmas Panto
16 th December	Armstrong 'Sing-a-long and Create' 9:15am
17 th December	Reception Christmas Sing-a-long and Create' 9:00am

Notice Board



RAINBOW FOX
Facepainting

WhatsApp: 07544 192573
Instagram: @rainbowfoxfacepainting

Open Events

Is your child starting Reception in September 2027?



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Dates

Wednesday 4th November at 9:30

Wednesday 6th January 9:30



Book your place by
calling us now on:
(01273) 303328

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OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMPS



BOYS & GIRLS | AGES 5-12

📍 HOVE PARK 3G BNS 7BF

📅 26TH - 29TH OCTOBER

£20
PER DAY



9AM EARLY DROP OFF-£3 | 10% SIBLING DISCOUNT | £15 FOR RMA ACADEMY MEMBERS

Hove Park 3G - BNS 7BF russellmartinfoundation.co.uk info@rmfFoundation.co.uk



HALLOWEEN PARTY
AT WHITEHAWK FOOTBALL CLUB
31ST OCTOBER!
COMPETITION FOR
BEST DRESSED FAN
🕒 6.30 - 11.30PM 👤 KIDS WELCOME WITH ADULT

SPOOKY DRINKS & TREATS

DJ
PLAYING ALL NIGHT