



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Summer Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. It was lovely to see all of the children returning to school, on Monday, with their usual enthusiasm and excitement. I hope you all managed to have a lovely Easter break with them and enjoyed just the right amount of chocolate!

It has been a very busy first week back, in a term that will be packed with all sorts of events, from residential visits and class trips, to Jubilee activities, transition days and much more. It includes the Bank Holiday on Monday (remember **school starts back on Tuesday 3rd May**) and an Inset day at the end of the first half term on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. It will be the summer holidays before we know it!!

This has been a very sporty week at Rudgwick. Mr Meaney, the PE leader at The Weald school, came in to work with Years 4 and 5 on some striking and fielding skills in their PE lessons. All classes will be getting the chance to work with Mr Meaney over the next few weeks.

We have been building on those striking and fielding skills today with coaches from Rudgwick Cricket Club, who have kindly spent the day with us. Every class has enjoyed a cricket taster session in which they have been able to practise and develop some of the key skills needed to participate in the sport. The children have clearly enjoyed the opportunity and who knows, there could be the next Ben Stokes or Stuart Broad among them. Thank you to Rebecca Lewzey, Toby Mussell and Jez Callaghan for spending the day with us.



In addition to this, our Year 2 class also went to The Weald School this week to take part in a Multi-Skills event. As we would expect, they took part brilliantly, listening to and following instructions, behaving well and putting in their best effort. Mrs Hutchings was very proud of them.



It wasn't all sports this week, we also enjoyed some lovely music concerts. Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 gave amazing performances to a live audience, here, in school! It was great to have such an event back in school and it was clear to see how much those that attended enjoyed it. Thank you to those that were able to join us and well done to all of the children who demonstrated the effort they have been putting into their music lessons with Mrs Eames each week.



Finally, returning to a sporting theme, we have been so lucky to have Mrs Davies, our specialist PE teacher, in school to help deliver our PE curriculum over the last three years, having joined the school in September 2018. Sadly for us, but excitingly for her, Mrs Davies is leaving us on Friday 13th May to take up a new teaching opportunity. We will certainly miss her expertise and enthusiasm for PE and the great teaching she provided across the school. I know you will join me in wishing her well in her new role. The good news however, is that Mrs Davies is not leaving us entirely. She will continue to work in school one day a week delivering our Woodland Learning so all classes will continue to benefit from this hugely popular part of our curriculum delivery.

### Happy Birthday



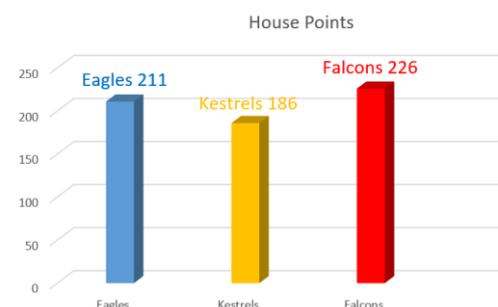
Congratulations to Alice K, Bethany, Lizzie and Mrs Kurashina, who all had their birthdays this week. Please do send a photo into the school office as we love to see how you celebrated at home. What a wonderful balloon, Fleur had for her birthday party, during the Easter break.



This term's core value is **INSPIRE** and the wider values for the half term are **Responsibility** and **Ambition**.

Well done Falcons for being the house point winners this week – well done everyone!

Well done to our times table award:  
**Silver:** Sienna F





## Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Reuben	For wowing Mrs Worth with his phonic knowledge and independent writing.
	Mika	For always being a fantastic role model, trying her best and having a positive attitude towards all that she does.
Asia (Year 1)	Barnaby	For having a brilliant and mature attitude to learning and for always showing our school values.
	Annabelle	For coming back to school with such an enthusiastic and positive attitude to learning and for being so independent!
Europe (Year 2)	Theo	For always showing dedication to his learning, believing in himself and achieving success.
	Matthew	For coming back to school keen and eager to learn, listening well and showing more effort in his writing.
Australasia (Year 3)	Shay	For excellent scientific skills and independent learning in Literacy.
	Bethany	For a fantastic attitude to learning in Literacy and being creative with her garden ideas.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Hugo S	For sharing his excellent computing skills with the class this week
	Bea L	For bee-ing our resident bee expert in class discussions

North America (Year 5)	Alice G-C	For impressing Mr Meaney from The Weald with your enthusiasm and fielding skills.
	Hugo H	For thoughtfully talking about your learning and your determination to improve.
South America (Year 6)	Savannah	For demonstrating perseverance with her learning in all lessons.
	Lily	For always being a respectful member of the school community.

### **We have been learning**

Africa (Year R)	<p>What a wonderful first week back we have had! We have started lots of new topics, the first being 'Me and My Community' where we have been thinking about what makes a community with a focus on the community of Rudgwick. We have linked this to literacy this week and have produced some fantastic writing about what we can see around our local area and the main parts of our Rudgwick community. In maths, we have been learning about double number facts to 10 and the children have blown us away with their knowledge of doubles. They produced some fantastic butterfly and ladybird doubles pictures too! Our new French topic is 'Fruit' and we have been labelling and learning all the different names for our favourite fruit with Mademoiselle Kent. A great start to the new term everyone, well done!</p>
Asia (Year 1)	<p>Welcome back Year 1, it has been lovely to see you all back at school. What a busy first week back! We have started our new topic of 'Explorers' and our core text is 'Meerkat Mail'. We have started our English by writing speech bubbles about Sunny the meerkat and whether he should stay with his family or leave them. In PE, we have been doing tennis and have even started practising for sports day! We have continued looking at measurement and have now moved on to weight and have been weighing different objects and comparing them using the language of heavier and lighter. We had our amazing music concert and the children were all superstars! I am incredibly proud of them all! In science, we have started our work on animals and the different groups they fall into. Lastly, we had cricket on Friday with a specialist PE teacher who taught us all about cricket, it was great fun!</p>
Europe (Year 2)	<p>Wow! I don't think our feet have touched the ground this week! We have had such a fun and busy first week back. We started our sessions in Woodland learning on Tuesday and we really focused on building dens and working together as a group. It was so lovely to welcome you back into school to celebrate the children's efforts in music this year. Our trip to The Weald for Multiskills was brilliant! We had a great time using all the equipment and taking part in fun activities and going on a coach was pretty awesome too! On Thursday morning, we were greeted by Captain Hutchy to kick off our new learning journey 'Ooh Arr Me Hearties', in style! We explored all things piratey and shared our ideas</p>

	about what we already know and what we want to find out. To finish this immense week, we had a cricket taster session, which was great fun!
Australasia (Year 3)	What a wonderful first week back, Mrs Hoyte was greeted with so many smiles and warm wishes. We started off our new topic on 'Sustainability' and learnt the names of many new plants, insects and flowers. This is helping us to design and plan our own 'glorious gardens' which we will write about in English. We are back in the woods this half term and the class explored team games and den building. There was fantastic collaboration and communication. The children were delighted and proud to share their music skills in our concert on Wednesday, thank you to those of you who came to watch.
Antarctica (Year 4)	It has been lovely to see everyone back together after the Easter break. We have been comparing and ordering decimals in Maths. In English, we have started reading <i>The Explorer</i> , a book based in the Amazon rainforest. We have inferred clues from the text to make predictions and have started to gather information about Brazil to make a persuasive leaflet about why we should visit there. We have done lots of P.E. this week: a throwing and fielding lesson with Mr Meaney from the Weald, a taster cricket session, a dance lesson based on the weather in the rainforest and our regular P.E. lesson based on the skills used in tennis. Mr Meaney was impressed with our skills overall. We also sketched rainforest animals, wrote some code using loops and classified and presented data, identifying common appliances that run on electricity. A very busy week!
North America (Year 5)	We've been very lucky to have not one, not two but three PE masterclasses this week! Mr Meaney joined us from The Weald to work on our fielding skills, we took part in a cricket taster session, and in our regular PE lesson we were learning more about striking and fielding skills, this time in baseball. In English, we have started our new class book – 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear' by Kieran Larwood – and the children have already impressed us with their enthusiasm for this wonderful story and their creativity in planning and drafting a part of the story that goes untold. Our adventures in maths have led us to short division, and we have been understanding the concepts behind the procedure, including looking at grouping and place value counters to help us. Children are now learning about how to represent remainders using proper fractions and decimal fractions. We have also been understanding different ways in which letters make sounds in French with Mme Kent, and spelling words with the '-cious' letter string in English. A great start to the Summer Term – keep it up Year 5!
South America (Year 6)	This week we started our new topic – The Wonderful World of Weird. We looked at what this might mean and how the genre of our book <i>Coraline</i> linked to the topic title. We then started to read the book and we have been making speech sandwiches and analysing dialogue within the text ready for our first piece of writing next week. We have been looking at the Black Death in history and seeing the impact this had on Britain and compared it to today. In science, we have started an investigation all about the flexibility of feet and in RE we were locating places of worship in the local community and in the county we live in. We have been consolidated some key areas in maths. We

	have looked at rounding, calculating with fractions, percentages of amounts, sequencing and finding the mean average. It has been a very busy but enjoyable first week back in the sun.
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### **Change to Friday Fish Option**

Please see the following communication from Chartwells:

“Due to ongoing supply challenges, we are not currently able to provide fish again on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. This will be automatically switched to Quorn Dippers. From 13<sup>th</sup> May and each Friday onwards until further notice, we have

successfully sourced fish goujons as an alternative replacement. Sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.”



### **Parking**

Please can we ask for all to take care as you park near school, in order to keep all of our families and local residents safe. Please can we politely ask that you only use Tates Way if your family needs to for mobility reasons.

### **Mud Kitchen & Garden Area**

We would like to improve our mud kitchen in the playground and would really like some more soil (the ground is now too hard to dig!) We would also love some plastic watering cans to allow the pupils to water the plants in the garden areas. If anyone has any spare soil or watering cans that they would like to donate we would be most grateful. Thank you!

### **PTA News**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Rudgwick Cake Raffle**

Well done William, in Year R, who was the very happy winner of Mrs Goundry's delicious looking Easter cakes today. Thank you everyone who bought a ticket.

### **Summer Scramble**

The Scramble is back! The children had such fun last year so we are delighted to introduce the Summertime Scramble for 2022. The children will be completing laps around the school field during the school day on **Friday 20th May**. This fun obstacle course style event is being held as a sponsored fundraising event by the Parent Teacher Association on behalf of the school. You should have now received a letter with more details and your sponsorship form in your child's book bag, additional copies are attached to this email if needed.

### **Next Event Planning Meeting**

The PTA are back in planning mode ready to make this a fun packed summer term for the children. We are meeting again on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May** at **The Fox pub** at **8pm**, with a focus on coming up with fun and exciting ideas for the summer fair. Please do join us for a drink, any offer of support would be hugely appreciated.

### **Congratulations to our latest lottery winners:**

09/04/2022

Mrs. Weatherly  
£17.40

16/04/2022  
Mrs Thomas  
£17.40

23/04/2022  
Ms. Crossland  
£16.50

Thank you all for your continued support!

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**We are a NUT AWARE school due to the allergies that some of our pupils have, with every effort being made to ensure that no nuts, or products containing nuts, are brought in to the school.**

### **Diary Dates**

Please use the new school website for all diary dates. There is a link to the school calendar with to all pupil events. <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend.



Mr Terry Ryan, Headteacher

More photos of events are available on our website <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

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