



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Spring Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you are aware of a growing number of positive Covid cases within the school over the last couple of weeks. I have spoken with the UK Health Security Agency on a daily basis as well as contacting the local Public Health Team and Local Authority. I have ensured they have the latest, exact figures for the number of cases we have and taken advice accordingly. Advice includes not having to close classes whilst we are able to maintain the necessary staffing, which we have been able to do. We continue to work to our Outbreak Management Plan, maintaining class 'bubbles' throughout and avoiding large gatherings (lunches and assemblies) as well as continuing to encourage good hand hygiene, thorough cleaning and kept a well ventilated environment. We continue to follow the guidance on testing and self-isolation and I know you are all being as vigilant as possible yourselves. Even where numbers have risen in specific year groups (Year 2 and Year 6 currently have the highest number) we are told that members of the class are not necessarily considered 'close contacts'. It might be advisable, however, if you have children in these classes, for them to take daily LFD tests for the next 7 days. This is not mandatory and is just additional advice from UKHSA. We will continue to take the precautions necessary to keep children in school and safe.

In other news, we were lucky enough this week to have an author visit our KS2 classes. David Fuller, author of the *Alfie Jones* series of books, as well as others, spent the day talking to the children about his life as an author and his journey as a writer. As someone who has mild dyspraxia and struggled with writing as a child, he had an inspirational message for the children about how to follow your dreams and never give up. He talked about the process he goes through when writing his books, read extracts from them (including a chapter when Alfie goes on a date – much to the Year 6 children's horror!) and gave advice about what it takes to be an effective writer. One of his main messages for being a successful writer was to be a reader! As far as David is concerned, the more reading the children do the better their imaginations, ideas and writing can become. He is a big fan of children getting ideas and inspiration from the authors they read. He even offered to critique some Year 3 writing if they wanted to send it to him (though one of the children in Year 3 asked *him* not to steal *their* ideas!). Thank you to Mrs Wilson for arranging this very memorable visit for the children.



As David told the children, reading is such an enjoyable thing to do and can give them new vocabulary, ideas and an opportunity to go anywhere they want. Therefore I am pleased that our development of the new library has continued this week as the IT suite is cleared in preparation for it.



Finally, Mrs. Hutchings had the privilege of taking a group of Year 5 & 6 children to attend an inter-schools Tag-Rugby session, on Wednesday. Having never experienced the game of rugby before, the group of 8 gave it their all, showed such resilience in the face of some very strong teams, and reflected on the positives of their experience. She was immensely proud to have had this group representing our school. Well done and thank you to Emily O, Emily P, Thomas W, Holly Ti, Elsie L, Alexa V-S & Alex and Ava. And thank you to Mrs Hutchings for accompanying them.



## Happy Birthday



Congratulations to Albert, Harry L and Vienna, 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.

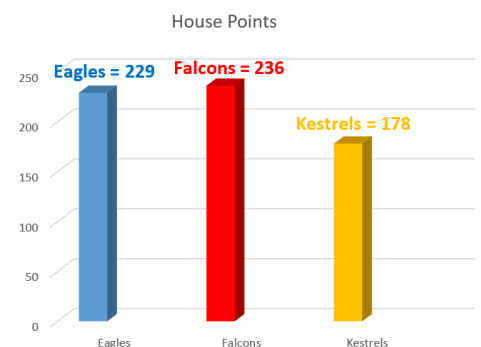
This term's core value is **BELIEVE** and the wider values for the half term are **Resilience** and **Collaboration**.

Well done Falcons for being the house point winners this week, just edging it by 7 house points – well done everyone!

Our reading raffle winners are:

**R/KS1:** Talon R

**KS2:** Max F



Well done to our times table awards:

**Bronze:** Isla S, Poppy A, Rufus, Paige

**Silver:** Martha, Duncan

**Gold:** Caoimhe, Kai

And additive number bond badges to:

**5:** Eli W

### Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Reuben and Jack	For great participation and effort in French this week. Très Bien!
Asia (Year 1)	Bree	For remembering and showing growth mindset in all of her learning and for being a fantastic learner.
	Sebastian	For having a positive attitude to his learning and for consistently producing amazing work!
Europe (Year 2)	Jack	For always exceeding my expectations within any part of his learning; he believes in himself and shows a growth mindset continually.
	Joshua	For showing determination to succeed and get better and always listening to and applying feedback he is given.
Australasia (Year 3)	Isla S	For showing that perseverance pays off when it comes to her maths work and carefully using the resources available to independently write an excellent set of instructions.
	Jamie C	For showing resilience in his learning in Literacy, taking on advice to improve his writing and for working thoughtfully and collaboratively, in Science.

Antarctica (Year 4)	Evie W	For showing a lot of perseverance and determination to make her writing the best it can be
	Rufus F	For challenging himself and working independently in Maths this week
North America (Year 5)	Ben N	For thinking deeply and using previous learning in order to find relationships in science and maths.
	Eddie A	For your enthusiasm and problem solving in woodland learning.
South America (Year 6)	Olivia	For demonstrating resilience in all lessons.
	Austin R	For demonstrating enthusiasm towards our new topic.

### **We have been learning**

Africa (Year R)	This week we have continued looking at the story of Goldilocks. We wrote apology letters on her behalf for her behaviour towards the Bears! Africa class impressed all the grown-ups with how well they used their phonic knowledge to write their sentences and how well they remembered to include finger spaces and a full stop. In maths, we have been learning about capacity and, in science, we have been leaning about making predictions during a floating and sinking experiment. In French this week, we continued our animal topic and learned how to say pig, cat and chicken. We also enjoyed singing songs in French. Although it was really cold, we still enjoyed woodland learning. We explored the area and observed what happens to the environment when it gets cold and frosty. Well done for yet another great week, Africa class!
Asia (Year 1)	What another brilliant week in Asia class! In English this week, we have continued to learn about our core text of 'Traction Man' and have made predictions about the story and have all completed some guided reading and have really noticed a difference! Well done Year 1! We are continuing with our phonics and they continually amaze me with their knowledge. In French with Madame Kent, we have been learning about our favourite animals. We have been mathematicians this week, and have been focusing on place value in numbers up to 20. We had a brilliant time in music where we continued to learn and play the ukulele. We had gymnastics with Mrs Davies and we were balancing and holding different shapes. We had another great session of Woodland Learning. In computing, we used Clicker 8 to write some sentences. Finally, we finished the week with looking at changing the shade of a colour in art and observing and describing the weather in Spring.

Europe (Year 2)	This week we have explored retelling a familiar story as part of our English sessions. We are drafting our first efforts and hope to publish these into our own little books. In maths, we have been working with arrays and continuing to learn to use the 2x, 5x and 10x tables. In science, we went out and about to find uses of materials in and around our school. In PE, we are doing amazing dance sequences and impressing Mrs. Hutchings with our pose and control. In computing, we used the ipads to learn to take photos. We had a challenge to complete from close up photos to selfies! In RE, we explored how music from different faiths made us feel and in DT we evaluated the products we made, thinking about our successes and ways to improve.
Australasia (Year 3)	In maths this week, we have been working hard on multiplication, following a series of steps to answer the questions accurately. We are getting quicker with our times table recall too! In Literacy, we have successfully completed our task to catch a dragon and have written our instructions clearly and concisely. On Monday, when we had the author, David Fuller, come to visit we asked sensible and thoughtful questions. He promised to read some of our dragon stories too – so we best get writing. In Science, we are learning about keeping our bodies healthy and we investigated the nutritional values of different snacks to work out which was the healthiest. We continue to enjoy our class book 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by Andy Sheperd, especially the bits that make us laugh out loud.
Antarctica (Year 4)	We have written lots in Antarctica class this week. We built tension in our writing using a variety of techniques and we wrote in role as Varjak Paw. We were inspired by the author, David Fuller, who visited us on Monday, to pay particular care and attention to the editing process. In Maths, we have focused on written methods of multiplication. In Art, we started to design cityscapes based on the setting on our book. In RSHE, we discussed the positive attributes needed to be a good friend. In Computing, we can now explain the types of media that can be shared on the world wide web. In Science, we described how sound waves are made and how they come from a sound source.
North America (Year 5)	It's been an exciting week in North America! On Monday, we welcomed author David Fuller, who talked engagingly about becoming and being an author and some of the most important skills he needs (including lots of checking!) In woodland learning, the children showed lots of creativity in the activities they completed – Mrs Davies was definitely impressed. The same is true of Mrs Thompson, as the class showed excellent focus in gymnastics this week. The progress from week to week is impressive! In science, we have been thinking about how to investigate the effects of air resistance and, in history, we have researched the lives of prominent figures from the Industrial Revolution. We are finding out more about biographies and how to write them in English, and in maths, we are learning about balancing multiplicative equations. Finally, well done to all who took part in the tag rugby tournament at The Weald this week. The competition was pretty stiff but the team never gave up.



South America (Year 6)	It's been a very cold but good week in South America. We were very lucky to have a visit from author David Fuller this week who shared his books with the children and his road to becoming an author. He was very entertaining and the children enjoyed hearing his story. We have been learning about area and perimeter in maths and the children have been challenging themselves by looking at compound shapes and applying their knowledge to a range of problems. In English, we have continued to read our book and have met the beetle called Baxter and we have started to look at our next piece of writing, which will be persuasion. In PE we have been honing our skipping skills and continued to explore shapes in gymnastics. The children enjoyed starting our new science topic all about living things. We looked at animals this week and how Carl Linnaeus developed the system for classification. The children have worked really hard this week, have a restful weekend.
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### **David Fuller – Author visit to KS2**

A huge thank you to our visiting author, on Monday. Our KS2 children thoroughly enjoyed his visit. He has offered his signed books for sale at a reduced price. This is the last chance to order. An email was sent out yesterday to our KS2 families, with the details attached. Any orders will be delivered to the school.



### **Flu Vaccinations**

Public Health England have sent out blanket texts and letters to parents reminding them they can still visit a clinic to get their child's influenza nasal spray. The Primary & Secondary Influenza Vaccination Project Coordinator advises to ignore the texts/letters if you know your child has had the vaccine.

The [Crawley office](#) is 01273 696011 x 2048 if you need guidance on this.

### **PTA News**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Rudgwick Cake Raffle**

Congratulations to Annabelle, in Year 1, who won the magnificent brownies today. They were much admired and the children waited with bated breath to see who had the winning ticket. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the impressive £73.50 that was raised today. Should anyone be willing to help sell tickets at any point, even for just one morning, Mrs Gaynor would really welcome it. Please just let us know if the school office.

#### **Win A Forest Holiday This Term**

Who needs a holiday? This half-term you can win a Forest Holiday worth £500 in one of 11 locations throughout the UK. Support our school now for your chance to win this amazing prize. **How do you enter?** It's simple just buy one or more lottery tickets before Sat 26 February 2022. Each ticket gives you a chance to win. So more tickets mean more chances to win! To buy tickets please follow this link: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/rudgwick-primary-school>

## **School Lottery**

Congratulations to our latest lottery winners.

15/01/2022

Ms Streeter

£15.30

## **EasyFundraising**

Thank you to all of you who've been continuing to use EasyFundraising! If you're new to the concept, it's a really simple way to help raise money for Rudgwick Primary School by just shopping as you would normally online. Please use the unique link below to find our more information and sign

up: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rudgwickps/>

## **Recycling Printer Cartridges**

As you may know, we are recycling printer cartridges with [www.recycle4charity.co.uk](http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk) You'll find a box set up in the school reception for you to drop your old cartridges to us. They return almost £2 per cartridge to the PTA and this in turn supports the children with their environmental initiatives at school so please don't throw yours away.

## **PTA on Facebook**

We gained some new members to the PTA Facebook Group page this month. We share fun updates on what we are working on and friendly reminders of what is coming up. Please join us as it is an easy way to stay up to date. If you are already a member of the group and are enjoying our updates please invite other Parents & Carers to join.

Click here for more

information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/691017417718395/>

## **Events this year**

The PTA are currently in planning mode and really hope, subject to COVID regulations, to be able to host some fun events for the children and continue with our fundraising activities too. We'd love some more volunteers so if you fancy joining us, please send us an email on [rpspta@hotmail.com](mailto:rpspta@hotmail.com) for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Diane, Victoria, Anna

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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.

Terry Ryan

Mr Terry Ryan, Headteacher

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

*Please note that attachments to the Newsletter about local clubs and events are not endorsed by the school. Parents are responsible for carrying out their own safety checks.*



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