



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

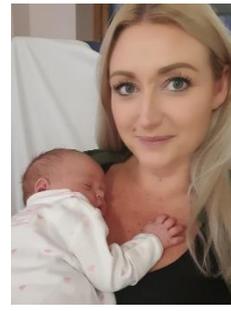
Spring Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have begun a very exciting project to re-locate our school library. This is a decision we have made following consultation with school staff as well as our Young Governors, all of whom expressed their love of and passion for reading. We want our library and our promotion of reading to have a central focus in the school and as we have improved our technology resources over the years it is apparent that an ICT suite is no longer necessary as computing is taught in the classroom. Therefore, children and adults felt this was a prime location for a new library. We hope to have it installed by the end of the Spring Term. As you can see, things are slowly underway.



Following on from our exciting news last week about Mrs Edwards and her beautiful baby girl, Darcy, she has kindly sent some photos for us to share as many of you asked her to do so as soon as she was ready. Enjoy!



Finally, from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January the self-isolation guidance will change again. People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

## Happy Birthday



Congratulations to Margot, who had her birthday 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 **INSPIRE** and the wider values for the half term are **Responsibility** and **Ambition**.

Well done Eagles for being the house point winners with a grand total of 258 over the last 2 weeks – well done everyone!

Our reading raffle winners are:

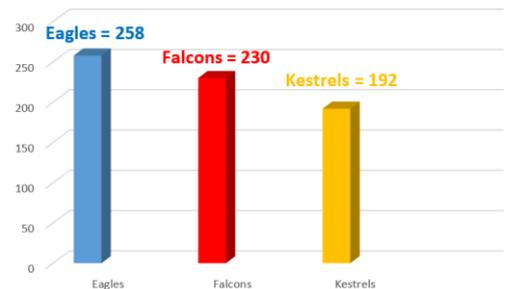
**R/KS1:** Zaine C

**KS2:** Immy S

Well done to our times table awards:

**Bronze:** Jack T

House Points



## Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Margot and River	For taking responsibility for their own work and impressing us with their independent writing.
Asia (Year 1)	Reece	For taking responsibility and being proud of his work and achievements, his writing is just amazing! Well done!
	Halle	For being so independent and confident with her learning and for just having a go! Well done!

Europe (Year 2)	Harry	For always demonstrating a growth mindset, believing in himself and just being a good all round learner!
	Molly	For impressing us so much with her confidence in maths this week, well done!
Australasia (Year 3)	Shay	For demonstrating responsibility for his behaviour, and being a good representative for the school when we went swimming at Billingshurst for the first time.
	George C	For taking responsibility for his own learning and working more independently to complete his tasks.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Sam T	For displaying excellent behaviour and attitude when we went swimming to Billingshurst
	Sammy G	For being so engaged and enthusiastic with his learning this week
North America (Year 5)	Alexa vS	For your thoughtfulness and enthusiasm when researching the Industrial Revolution.
	Arthur H	For the way you share your good ideas in detail with those around you, and listen carefully to their thoughts.
South America (Year 6)	Freddie C	For believing in his own ability and pushing himself in his writing this week.
	Megan	For demonstrating resilience in maths and always trying her very best.

### **We have been learning**

Africa (Year R)	<p>We have had a great week, in Africa class, and the children continue to wow us with their positive attitudes to learning. Our 'Far, Far Away' topic continues with Goldilocks and the Three Bears and we have enjoyed listening to and sequencing the story, creating story maps and writing captions. In maths this week, we have been ordering by size and learned how to make a pictogram to record our likes and dislikes. With Goldilocks in mind, we carried out a science experiment to see what makes a bed comfy using various materials. We recorded our findings in a table and used the results to make a pictogram. In French, we listened to the story of The little Red Hen and learned how to say pig, chicken, duck and cat. Woodland learning was super fun. We had a wonderful time sliding down the tarpaulin slide and swinging on the rope swing. A muddy but fun session with Mrs Davies! We have been focusing on red and green words in phonics and have also been working hard to write super sentences, starting with a capital</p>
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	letter, including finger spaces between words and ending with a full stop. What superstars you all are!
Asia (Year 1)	We have had a wonderful second week, in Year 1, we started the week off by thinking about what we already knew about Superheroes and then thought of what we would like to find out about them. We are continuing with our cursive handwriting and have nearly finished our 'Long Ladder letters'. Their handwriting is beautiful! In Art, we have started to learn about Wassily Kandinsky and have been changing the shade of different colours. In French, with Miss Kent, we have been learning about animals. We had a great, albeit muddy, time in Woodland Learning this week. In maths, we have learnt about the difference between two numbers and recapping on our subtraction from last week, then we moved on to 2D and 3D shapes. In science, we have been looking at change in day length from Winter to Spring and the seasonal changes. In computing, we have been learning to give commands and instructing each other to go somewhere. In music, we were continuing to learn the ukulele and PE we were making different shapes with our bodies.
Europe (Year 2)	A lovely week had by Year 2 this week: lots more discoveries and learning with our core text The Jolly Postman. This week, we have linked our writing activities with our learning in DT to help us learn to design a product (for the Wicked Witch) and write an advert to persuade her to buy it! We also discussed and debated the responses Jack should give to the Giant, comparing it to the letter received by Baby Bear from Goldilocks. In maths, we have been learning about arrays and how we can draw these to determine 'groups of'. In science, we started our learning within everyday materials, recapping the materials we know and what they are used for. Our foundation subjects have helped us learn about compass points, animals, what a ritual is and sequencing actions! A busy old week, but we love it!
Australasia (Year 3)	What an exciting week, in year 3 this week, as we went swimming at Billingshurst for the first time! We were ever so proud of the whole class and how they represented Rudgwick school. In Literacy this week, the excitement continued as we brought our dragons to life, and have now been set the challenge to create a device for dragon trapping and capture! In maths, we have continued the good work to consolidate our times table knowledge, ask us to show you our 'body tables!' We have experimented with different sketching techniques using the sketching pencils in Art and have begun to look at the different physical and human features of the 4 countries of the UK.
Antarctica (Year 4)	We have also had our first swimming lesson this week at Billingshurst Pool. Behaviour was excellent and the swimming teacher commented that our class had done really well, which was lovely to hear. In Maths, we have been focusing on multiplication and using efficient methods. In English, we have been writing multi-clause sentences and using the text of our book to infer meaning. We also did gymnastics in P.E. and learnt how to challenge stereotypes of visible differences in PSRE. In Art, we completed line drawings based on the illustrations of Varjak Paw and in Computing, we can now recognise how networked devices make up the

	internet. We have also started to plan and design how to make an animal with a moving part in Design and Technology.
North America (Year 5)	We were fortunate to enjoy another excellent gymnastics session with Mrs Thompson and Mrs Davies this week, using the shapes we had learnt about in the previous lesson and adding in a range of different apparatus. In History, we have been using secondary sources to find out about life before and during the Industrial Revolution – 10 year olds having to scuttle about underneath dangerous machines in large factories opened some eyes! We've been outdoors a lot this week, enjoying the track in the sunshine and most excitingly, beginning our woodland learning with Mrs Davies! The children found lots of different stations set up in the woods with links to our learning in science and the afternoon flew by – we're already looking forward to next week! Our science learning about forces has continued, with the focus on gravity. We have been understanding the difference between weight and mass and how these can be measured.
South America (Year 6)	A very busy but enjoyable week in Year 6. We have started out new book, 'Beetle Boy' and have been writing in role as the main character of Darkus. We have been learning about measurement in maths and been converting between different metric and imperial units. In science, the children were very excited to finish off our topic of electricity and were conducting an enquiry about how to change the brightness of a bulb in a circuit. They demonstrated our wider value of collaboration beautifully and observed some fascinating things. In PE, we have continued looking at the main shapes in gymnastics and explored how to show these with our bodies on different pieces of equipment and in geography, the children have been learning about different types of weathering and erosion.

## **PTA News**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Cake Raffle**

Thank you, everyone who entered this week and a big well done to Aidan M, who gets to enjoy the cake, this weekend.

### **EasyFundraising**

Thank you to all of you who've been using EasyFundraising whilst online shopping this Christmas, we've raised another £33.93 in the past month! 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.

### **School Lottery**

Congratulations to our latest lottery winners.

08/01/2022

Ms Pollard

£15.30

To buy tickets <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/rudgwick-primary-school>

Thank you for your continued support.

Diane, Victoria, Anna

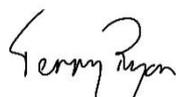
[rpspta@hotmail.com](mailto:rpspta@hotmail.com)

**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/>

*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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