



Rudgwick Primary School

News

Friday 9th September 2022

Autumn Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to you all for the start of a new term and a new year. It was lovely to see all of the children again this week, looking very smart in pristine uniform and having grown a few inches I'm sure! They came in with their usual big smiles and enthusiasm, ready to take on the challenges of their new year groups.

In assembly on Monday I asked them to remind me, having been away for six weeks, about some of the things that are important to us here at Rudgwick. Some of their suggestions included the following:

- Be kind.
- Have a positive mindset (growth) mindset – just keep going even if things are hard.
- Persevere and never give up – achieve your goals.
- Work hard.
- Have fun!
- Respect our school environment. Move quietly and calmly around the school. Walk inside.
- Listen to adults and each other.
- Be respectful of everyone and everything.
- Be honest.
- We are readers – enjoy reading!

I thought they came up with some relevant and important ideas and if we can all try to do these things I am sure the children will have a great year.

Our new Reception class joined us this week for their first *ever* days at school. It was lovely to see how confident they were as they bravely said bye-bye to their adults and joined Mrs Worth and Mrs Knight on the march up to their classroom. They have begun making friends with each other and their teachers were really impressed with how polite, friendly and sensible they were. It is such a big week when you first start school and I am sure they will be tired today. We look forward to seeing them all in every day next week – well done to all of them and to all the brave parents as well!

Finally, we are all of course, saddened by yesterday's news about the passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth. I am sure that I speak for all of us in expressing our deepest sympathy to the Royal Family for both their and the nation's loss.

I spoke about this with the children in assembly this morning and acknowledged the range of feelings there may be and the fact that we all had the chance, in the

summer term, to celebrate her life and reign. We also reflected on how The Queen embodied the Rudgwick values of 'Inspire, Believe and Achieve' that we hold dear.

Whilst details will emerge of the funeral arrangements over the coming days, we will await further information from government and the Palace on arrangements for schools at that time. We will ensure that we keep you fully informed.

In response to this sad news, Holy Trinity Church will be:

Open 8am - 7pm with a book of condolence which you may like to sign, and as a space to sit and reflect.

Flying the Church flag at half-mast as a mark of respect and prayers will be said at 7pm on Friday 9 September.

Holding a special service to give thanks for the life of the Queen at 6pm on Sunday 18 September.

Happy Birthday



Congratulations to Liam, Archie B, Martha H, Mika S, Eddie A, Alex L, Leo B, Oscar C and Mrs Parkin 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.

Knysna celebrated her birthday recently by being a zookeeper for the day and hanging out with some meerkats! What an experience! George celebrated with this amazing football themed birthday cake! It looks very yummy.



This term's core value is **ACHIEVE** and the wider values for the half term are **Celebration** and **Happiness**.

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Whole Class	For settling in to school so well and for amazing Mrs Worth with your fantastic listening skills.
Asia (Year 1)	Chloe	For being a kind and caring friend.
	Ronnie	For being super helpful, following the class rules and being an inspiration to others.
Europe (Year 2)	Barnaby	For showing a great attitude to being in Year 2 and being a good role model to others.
	Bree	For being curious, asking questions and embracing her first week in Year 2.
Australasia (Year 3)	Ewan	For making an excellent start to year 3 and demonstrating a fantastic attitude to his learning.
	Abbie	For being a kind and caring friend to the class.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Lewis S	For settling in beautifully to Year 4
	Henry B	For making a brilliant start to the new school year

North America (Year 5)	Rosey	For making a great start back at school and always smiling.
	Duncan	For having a great attitude to learning and showing curiosity in all subjects.
South America (Year 6)	Max T	For being really motivated to learn and already pushing and challenging himself in lessons. A fantastic start to Year 6!
	Katie	For being curious and motivated in all lessons and demonstrating all the qualities of a great learner.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	What a wonderful first week we have had in Africa class! We are so proud of how well the children have settled in and how lovely it has been to see so many smiley faces. The class have begun to get to know each other and have had lots of time to explore their new classroom and equipment. The children have particularly enjoyed playing with the playdough, trains, puzzles and cooking in the home corner. Next week we are looking forward to the class staying for their first school lunch. Well done Africa class, you have all been amazing!
Asia (Year 1)	What a fantastic start to a brand new school year! Asia class have settled in marvellously to their new classroom and are wowing their new teachers with how well they are doing. We have thought about our own set of class rules and have taken on various monitor roles which the children are fulfilling beautifully! In English we have been focussing on books about feelings and have read 'The Colour Monster' and 'The Worrysaurus'. We have been thinking about different emotions and how we express them as well as different synonyms. Also what things we can do to make us feel better. In maths we have revisited different concepts to refresh our memory ready for our new learning in Year 1. We had our first computing lesson this week where we practised our mouse and keyboard skills as well as learnt how to login to the laptop. What a great week, well done everyone!

Europe (Year 2)	What a delightful first week we have had in Year 2! It has been so lovely getting to know all the children and for them to get reacquainted with each other. We have listened to and enjoyed lots of lovely stories to help us remember to have a growth mind-set, be kind and try hard. We played 'get to know you' games including a snowball fight – which the children loved and helped me to learn about them. We have written an A-Z of me and tried to fly to Europe to learn more about our continent but we didn't have a passport! Luckily Mrs. Hutchings had an application form, so we filled these out and await our adventures next week! In maths we have been recapping number bonds and counting forwards and backwards to 100. Bring on next week!
Australasia (Year 3)	What a wonderful first week back we've had in Year 3! On Monday Captain Lee flew us all the way to Australia (it was a very speedy flight!) where we met some very interesting and unusual animals. We will spend the next few weeks learning all we can about these new creatures. Excitingly, every Tuesday this term we will be going to the woods with Mrs Davies. This week we spent our time familiarising ourselves with the space and discussing how to keep ourselves safe during the sessions. In Science we have started our topic on rocks and soils, and in Art this week we have created dot pictures in the style of Aboriginal art.
Antarctica (Year 4)	We have had an excellent first week back-there has been a lot of new routines to remember and everyone has coped brilliantly! We have been learning about Antarctica, in preparation for writing a fact page filled with our new found knowledge. We looked at the exciting life of Ernest Shackleton and found out about his various expeditions. In Maths, we have looked at some mathematical vocabulary and revised place value. In Science, we have started to classify living things and in P.E. we have brushed up on our tennis skills. We used atlases to locate Antarctica and the other continents and we researched the main capital cities of Europe.
North America (Year 5)	We have had what feels like a fast start to the school year in North America class. Our focus has been on the class continent and the children have been locating North American countries and recapping lines of latitude and longitude. In art, we have developed our drawing skills by sketching bald eagles. The children have continued with the bald eagle theme, a bird native to North America, by starting to form ideas to create their own poems based on The Recipe of a Wold by Pie Corbett. Basketball will be our focus in PE this half term and the children have impressed be already with their knowledge and dribbling skills. Let's do it again next week!
South America (Year 6)	An amazing first week back in South America class. I have been so impressed by the mature attitude shown in lessons and the motivation of all children to learn. We have kick started our maths learning by looking at large numbers and place value and also in English we have been analysing poetry written by Gabriela Mistral – a South American author. The children have also completed some beautiful art work inspired by Torres Garcia and been learning all about our continent in geography. Keep up the amazing work year 6!

Chartwells Hot Lunches

Chartwells are still having difficulty in sourcing fish, so next Friday 9th September they will be serving Quorn burgers as an alternative.

PTA News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you've all had a wonderfully relaxing summer holiday and are now ready to kick off a new school year!

For those who missed the final round up at the end of last term, the PTA raised a grand total of £14,000! All profits go directly back to help support the school and to all of our children. Funds so far have gone towards music lessons & resources, EYFS equipment, playground repairs, swimming lessons and lots lots more.

We'd love the next year to be even more successful and therefore, we're here to ask for your help. None of the fundraising activity and events are possible without dedicated time and effort from the wonderful parents, careers and the Rudgwick community. Whether it's joining our committee, helping organise events or simply volunteering to help out during them, every little really does help!

Join us now, please email rpspta@hotmail.com for more info!

We'll be back next week with some exciting fundraising ideas that I'm sure you can get behind.

Rudgwick Cake Raffle

The winner this week was Fleur in Year 1.

Congratulations!

Thanks for your support,

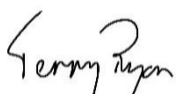
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We are a NUT AWARE school due to the allergies that some of our pupils have, with every effort being made to ensure that no nuts, or products containing nuts, are brought in to the school.

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/>

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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