



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 9th December 2022

Autumn Week 13

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has felt even more 'Christmassy' with the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 treating us to an amazing Nativity. The whole school enjoyed the dress rehearsal on Monday and it was lovely to have so many of you join us on Tuesday and Wednesday for our matinee and evening shows. The children embodied the Rudgwick values of motivation, collaboration and positivity as they put all of their hard work and preparation into very polished performances. Well done to all of the children – it is the first time that any of these children had the opportunity to perform a Nativity in front of a live audience and they rose to the occasion so, so well.



The whole school also enjoyed a Panto this week (oh no they didn't, oh yes they did... sorry, couldn't resist!). Thank you so much to the PTA and to all of you for funding this excitable Christmas time experience. The children absolutely loved it and fulfilled the role of a panto audience perfectly.



And the week has ended with even more performing as children that take part in piano and wind instrument lessons showed what they have been learning and how they are becoming more and more skilled as musicians. It was a great way to end a week that has shown what our children can achieve with hard work and dedication and how performing can bring out such admirable qualities in them.

We have even more to look forward to next week with our Secrets Room taking place on Tuesday as well as our Christmas dinner, Christmas Jumper Day and KS2 Carol Service on Wednesday.

Finally, just a reminder that we still have the hampers that Billingshurst Lions kindly donated to the school. They are intended to be given to families to help with some Christmas essentials at a time when expenses are on the rise and everyone is experiencing increased demands on their living budgets. If you think your family would benefit from this do please get in touch with us (by Tuesday 13th at the latest), confidentially, and we will be able to ensure you receive this well intended gift.

## Happy Birthday



Congratulations to Eli N, Cora Shelbourne, Oliver B who all have 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 **INSPIRE** and the wider values for the half term are **Responsibility** and **Ambition**.

## House points

**Falcons - 348**

**Eagles - 321**

**Kestrels - 286**

## Book Awards

George H and Jack T.

## Times Tables Awards

Platinum - Sienna F

## Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Tilly	For performing so enthusiastically in our Christmas show.
	William	For showing a 'can do' attitude in PE lessons.
Asia (Year 1)	Talon	Talon and River both for impressing us with their effort in English and maths and for their positive attitudes to learning.
	River	
Europe (Year 2)	Orlanda	For her amazing singing in the Christmas production – knowing all the words and actions. I could hear her loud and clear, even at the back!
	Freddie	For becoming more involved in his learning and developing his independence, especially in writing.
Australasia (Year 3)	Theo	For demonstrating perseverance as he perfected his running stitch to create his hanging Christmas decoration.
	Madison	For being a supportive learning partner to others in the class.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Sofia	For taking a lot of care and commitment over everything she does
	Christine	For having a really positive and fun attitude to school-brilliant!
North America (Year 5)	Caoimhe	For being ambitious with her writing and working hard create an exciting narrative.
	Coen	For being ambitious with his writing and working hard create an exciting narrative.
South America (Year 6)	Wills	For demonstrating a more mature attitude to his learning this half term.
	George	For being motivated this week and working really hard in all lessons.

### **We have been learning**

Africa (Year R)	What a fantastic week we have had in Africa class this week! We were so pleased to finally show you our Christmas show. Mrs Worth and Mrs Knight have told us that they are very proud of how well we all performed. We hope you all enjoyed it too. In keeping with the Christmas theme, we have watched a live panto, which was performed to the whole school. We loved 'booing' the baddie and cheering for Aladdin. This week we have also learnt about St Nicholas and the European tradition of leaving a shoe out on the 6 <sup>th</sup> December to see if he leaves any treats. We were so surprised to find he had visited us during our PE lesson. When we returned to the
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	classroom, our shoes were full of candy canes and coins. We were so excited! It really has been such a lovely week full of Christmas treats.
Asia (Year 1)	We have had a lovely week in Asia class, enjoying the run up to the festive season! In maths we have had a 2d shape focus, thing about their properties and using mathematical language such as 'vertices' to describe them. We went on a shape hunt and sorted the objects we found into groups. In English we wrote letters to Father Christmas, not asking for gifts but explaining how amazing we have been and why we are on his 'good list'. In PE we enjoyed playing Christmas games, getting our bodies moving and thinking about the effect exercise has on our bodies and why this is beneficial. We had a fantastic time watching the Panto with the whole school..."Oh no we didn't...Oh yes we did!"
Europe (Year 2)	Well, what can I say about your amazing children this week – what a show they put on for us all, not just once but three times over. They sounded like angels and truly did their parts justice. I could not be more proud of them. In amongst the nativity craziness, we have been exploring our core text in English further, learning how to use the prefix 'un' and writing the end to the story before finding out what really happened. In maths, we learnt to count money and select coins to make amounts. We have also been busy sewing and learning to use a basic running stitch to create some very festive snowflakes. One more week to go ho ho ho!!
Australasia (Year 3)	This week we have been looking at the book "The Christmasaurus" by Tom Fletcher and we have written letters to Santa, as if we were the boy William in the story. We made predictions about what we think will happen in the story, and used cross curricular links with maths to record these for the class using tally charts and bar graphs. We have been learning about the origins and main beliefs of Hinduism, again with cross curricular links, to Geography this time - using atlases to locate countries in the world where the religion is practised. We have continued to practise our running stitch skills in DT, creating our hanging Christmas decorations. These will be coming home next week, so parents please save some room on your tree for these marvellous creations!
Antarctica (Year 4)	The highlight of the week was watching the brilliant panto on Thursday afternoon. (Oh no it wasn't!) The cheers and laughter of the children certainly added to the Christmas spirit in school this week! We have published our narratives, played a game of hockey and used the distributive law to divide numbers. Our Woodland Learning session was bright and crisp-we even had a fire to warm us up! In Computing, we learnt about what information you should never share online and we continued working on our endangered animal pages. We have also been practising the songs for our Key Stage Two Carol concert next week-you are in for a treat!
North America (Year 5)	The week started watching the first performance of the KS1 nativity before they performed in front of their adults. In maths we have finished off our work on cube numbers and moved onto division, using our knowledge of sharing and exchanging to aid our learning of formal methods. We have written the first draft of our narratives which are ready to edit, proof read and publish in the final week before Christmas. North America braved the cold during PE this week, with a focus on shooting and tactics on how to attack and defend in hockey. In history, we completed our timelines on the space race and in science, the children watched segments of a wildlife

	documentary narrated by David Attenborough to consider how we can compare the life cycle of different animals and plants.
South America (Year 6)	The Christmas spirit is definitely here in school. We have watched the KS1 nativity this week and a panto... they were both very enjoyable and entertaining. In maths, we have continued looking at fractions and thinking about comparing and ordering them and where they fit in the number system. In English, we have been reading The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas. The children have been enjoying having time to read the book for themselves and discussing the text with their peers. We have completed our art projects and they are amazing. The children really tried hard to make them individual. In science we have been making circuits and drawing them and in PE we have completed our learning on hockey with some games of indoor hockey.

### **The Secrets Room**

A HUGE thank you, to all of you that donated unwanted gifts and items today for our Secrets Room. We have received an amazing amount and we are thrilled to say that we now have enough for the children to pick 2 gifts each, for their family. We are asking for a donation of £2.00 per gift. The children will be able to pick these on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



### **Upcoming Events**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – The Lions, Christmas Carolling in Rudgwick from 5pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Secrets Room shopping - £2.00 per item
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 – Carol Concert
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day – Donation of £1 to the PTA
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of term
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – First day of Spring Term 2023
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb-17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term

### **PTA News**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope the children enjoyed the opportunity to have a mufti day today and we hugely appreciate all of the wonderful gift donations we received this morning! If you've forgotten to bring a gift in for the secrets room, please feel free to drop it in on Monday or early Tuesday morning.

### **Secrets Room - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

The "shop" will be held In the Community Room at School and the kids can pay £2 for any of the items, which a volunteer will help them wrap and name. Please ensure your child(ren)

bring £2 with them to school if they want to participate in the secrets room, unfortunately we will need cash donations at the time of choosing the gifts to ensure everything runs smoothly. Thanks for your support!

### **Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Please remember that Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day! All we ask is for a donation of £1 per child in exchange for them to wear a Christmas jumper to school.

### **School Lottery**

Congratulations to our latest lottery winner.

03/12/2022

Mrs. Rowland

£16.50

Play next week and you could be a lucky

winner: <https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/rudgwick-primary-school>

### **CO-OP Local Cause**

I'm pleased to confirm that Rudgwick Primary School PTA has been selected again by the Co-op local community fund as a cause. They will donate to us every time that you buy a Co-op branded product instore, when you are a member who has selected us as your cause.

There are lots of additional benefits from joining the Co-op's membership scheme, including weekly personalised offers and cashback on purchases for you too! Please click the link below to add the PTA as your supported cause and help us beat last year's incredible £2,000 fundraising goal. Select your cause

here: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/73050>

Thank you for your continued support.

Vix & Anna

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### **Cake Raffle**

Thank you to everyone that purchased a raffle ticket this week.

A huge thank you to Mr Menzies for donating the cake.

The raffle winner this week was Annabelle!

Congratulations!



**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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