



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. It was lovely to see you all and watch the children come charging into school once again – their enthusiasm and excitement to return was evident. The first week back has been great and the children have settled to their new classrooms, teachers and support staff remarkably well. Year 6 look very grown up and mature (and revelled in the privilege of sitting on the benches for assembly) and our new Reception children have started their school life with incredible confidence! There were no tears as they waved goodbye to their parents in the morning (well, not from the children anyway) and they have started making great friends and exploring their new environment with curiosity and interest. And everyone else in between has been great, I think it will be a super year.



I hope many of you will be able to attend the ‘Meet the Teacher’ meetings over the next couple of weeks where you will find out about the routines, expectations and curriculum for your children’s new class but if you are unable to make it please don’t worry, I am sure you can catch up with class teachers at a convenient time.

Do take time to see some of the key dates coming up this half term below so you can start to plan your diaries and we will add further information and additional events as the term progresses.

In our first assembly this week we reminded the children of the school rules and values which all of the children have agreed. Do take time to talk about them with your children as we all agreed if we are working to these rules and showing these qualities it will make for a happy Rudgwick!

At Rudgwick Primary School, we show:

- ▶ Kindness
- ▶ Respect and Honesty
- ▶ Perseverance

Rudgwick Primary School Values					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
INSPIRE	INSPIRE	BELIEVE	BELIEVE	ACHIEVE	ACHIEVE
Growth Mindset - Perseverance / resilience / positivity / effort					
Kindness	Respect	Independence / Collaboration	Confidence	Curiosity	Thoughtfulness

Birthdays

Celebrating their birthday this week: Jonie, Archie, Martha, Mika, Alex, Connie S and Leo.

We hope you all have a lovely day celebrating.

If you would like to share a photo with us for the newsletter, please email it to office@rudgwick.w-sussex.org.uk



Awards



This term's core value is **Inspire** and the wider value for the half term is **Kindness**.



Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Everyone in Africa Class	For coming in to school so confidently and for an amazing first week at big school!
Asia (Year 1)	James Darcy	For having great focus and attention to detail when painting his Japanese blossom tree. For settling in beautifully and working exceptionally hard in all areas of learning.
Europe (Year 2)	George	For being so attentive and listening to everything. His ideas have been great and have definitely inspired me! Thank you George!

	Molly	For applying herself so well this week, focusing on her learning and just getting on with Year 2 life! Thank you!
Australasia (Year 3)	Daniel	Daniel has made a great start with his impeccable manners and kindness.
	Chloe	Chloe has begun the year well: showing a great can-do attitude to learning and trying to achieve her very best.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Aidan M	For making a great first impression showing a great attitude to his learning with plenty of enthusiasm.
	Nelly	For showing a super attitude to her learning and working with a great effort and focus in her tasks.
North America (Year 5)	Jasper	For his attention through the week and focus during independent learning activities.
	Maddison	For being curious and contributing consistently to discussion across all lessons.
South America (Year 6)	Bethany	For a really positive and confident start to the year!
	Leo	For being a really engaged learner and working hard all week. What a start!

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	What an amazing first week we have had in Africa class! Mrs Worth and the Africa class team have been so impressed with how well we have all settled in to school this week. We have all begun to learn each other's names and have started to make new friends. We have enjoyed snack time, especially as we listened to some stories about starting school and about a robot who loses his bottom at the park! We have also enjoyed discovering our new classroom and its new toys. We are looking forward to staying for lunch next week.
Asia (Year 1)	Wow! What a fantastic start to Year 1 we've had! We have all loved getting to know each other and our new classroom and already feel at home in our new surroundings. We have had great fun exploring the continent of Asia and have looked at numbers to 10 in Japanese and went on a hunt around the school for them. We have painted beautiful blossom trees and even created our own blossom trees using sticks we collected from the woodland area and tissue paper! In geography we have explored landmarks and have been looking at aerial photographs and what they tell us about Japan. In English, we have got off to a flying start with our topic book 'Miranda the Explorer' Using the front cover to make predictions about the story, thinking in role about how Miranda would have felt at different points in the story and making lists of useful things she could have used on her adventure. We have also been thinking about our school values and how we can ensure we are using them every day throughout the year to create a happy, safe and engaging learning environment. Well done Year 1!

Europe (Year 2)	Welcome to Year 2! We have had a lovely first week as Europe Class and the children have all been so kind, friendly and helpful. We have spent most of our time settling into the rules and expectations of Year 2 this week, as well as getting to grips with where everything is! In English, we wrote an A-Z of me – to help Mrs. Hutchings learn more about us. In maths, we have recapped on counting in 1s to 100, tens and ones and finding 1 more and 1 less; as well as remembering the months of the year to create our birthday's wall! In art, we carefully drew our front covers for a little mini topic called 'What a wonderful world'. We have decided that we love Europe Class and we are going to stay! Let the fun begin!
Australasia (Year 3)	As it's the first week, the focus has been on settling and learning the new routines and expectations. Along the way, we learnt a few facts about Australasia; our class name. We learnt where Australia is, what makes its geographical position unique and a little about its climate. In art, we were introduced to a new medium (acrylic paints on wood). We created a collaborative piece of art showcasing the attributes we believe great learners demonstrate. In spelling, we looked at words containing the digraph 'ou' where the sound represented is -ow-. In reading, we were introduced to our class reader, "The Wild Way Home". In maths we used a new learning platform, "TT Rockstars" which Y3 will use extensively to build number fluency.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Welcome to Year 4 for the start of a brand new year. It has been wonderful to meet and get to know your children this week and look forward to working with them. In maths, we have started to look at place value with a focus on reading and writing 3 and 4 digit numbers and recognising their value. In English, we have begun to form our key questions for researching Antarctica using a range of resources. In Science, the children have started to explore what a living thing is. As it is the beginning of a new school year, we have spent a lot of time discussing, recognising and understanding our school values, rules and expectations for the year ahead and they form an important part of creating a safe, happy and engaged learning environment. It has been a great first week so well done all!
North America (Year 5)	It has been amazing to welcome the children into North America class - they have all contributed to an awesome first week back. We started on Monday by coming up with a set of Class Rights and discussed the responsibilities we all have to make sure these rights are honoured. We then explored the continent of North America by using atlases to locate different countries. In maths, we have been practising how to read and write numbers up to 1,000,000 and in English, have discussed the poem 'Recipe to Make a Wolf' by Pie Corbett which we will use as inspiration to write our own poem based on native to North American animals. This will be accompanied by a sketch that the children have been drafting in art. In computing, we have considered the moving parts on a bicycle to show how different parts of a computer work together to create a system.
South America (Year 6)	What a fantastic first week back in South America class. I have been really impressed by the mature and positive attitude shown in lessons and the motivation of all children to learn. We have kick started our maths learning by looking at numbers up to 10 million and place value and also in English we have been analysing poetry written by Gabriela Mistral – a South American author. The children have also been planning some art work inspired by Torres Garcia and experimenting with pastels and how to achieve different effects. In Geography we have been learning all about our continent and located countries, major cities and significant human and physical features. Keep up the amazing work year 6!

Parking near school

We encourage all families NOT to bring cars into Tates Way, there is limited parking due to the double yellow lines and the top of the cul-de-sac, nearest the school gates, is reserved for residents parking. The area beyond the school is private land, the landlords have kindly given permission for staff to park here, but parents should not be using this area.

The road around the gates is very restricted and cars turning at drop off/pick up pose a significant risk to the children. Please help us to keep your children safe.

Jeans for Genes



The children are invited to wear an item of denim with their school uniform on Friday 20th September, to support Jeans for Genes, in exchange for a £1 donation. There will be a collection bucket on the gate at drop off on the day.

Raincoats and Wellies

Please can we remember to send in raincoats every day with the children. They should all have wellies in school. This will allow them to still enjoy the outdoors at break times when the weather isn't too terrible.



Hair and Jewellery Policy

Please can any children with hair longer than collar length please remember to have it tied back for school. This helps to prevent the spread of any headlice and also keeps hair out of their face and eyes whilst learning. We also would like to remind you that earrings need to be studs and no hoops or drop earrings are permitted.

Upcoming Events

Next Week

Mon 9th Sept – Year 2 “Meet the Teacher” Meeting
Tues 10th Sept – Year 4 “Meet the Teacher” Meeting
Wed 11th Sept – Year 1 “Meet the Teacher” Meeting
Thurs 12th Sept – Year 3 “Meet the Teacher” Meeting

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Mon 16th Sept – Year 5 “Meet the Teacher” Meeting
Tues 17th Sept – Year 6 “Meet the Teacher” Meeting
Fri 20th Sept – Jeans for Genes – Wear denim and donate £1
Tues 24th Sept – Individual School Photos
Wed 2nd Oct – Flu immunisation Clinic
Thurs 10th Oct – Harvest Festival
Wed 16th Oct – Fri 18th Oct – Y5 Residential
Fri 18th Oct – Show Racism the Red Card – Wear red and donate £1
Mon 21st Oct - Parents Evening
Wed 23rd Oct – Parents Evening
Fri 25th Oct – Inset Day
Mon 28th Oct – 1st November – Half Term

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Fri 15th Nov – Children in Need – Wear spots or Pudsey items and donate £1
Tues 10th Dec – Nativity Matinee Performance KS1

Wed 11th Dec – Nativity Evening Performance KS1
Wed 18th Dec KS2 Carol Concert
Fri 20th Dec – End of Autumn Term

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.

