



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 25th November 2022

Autumn Week 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

As November draws to an end we are looking forward to various Christmas events taking place over the next few weeks. Please keep an eye out on Parent Mail for details about the KS1 Nativity (and how to get tickets) and KS2 Carol Service which are coming to you today.

This week's highlights include our Year 2 class going over to The Weald School for a multi skills tournament. They took part in a number of activities that tested their agility, movement, balance and sporting skills and I know Mrs Hutchings felt they performed brilliantly and put a great deal of effort into all of the activities.

We also enjoyed, in school, a superb guitar concert from the children that take part in Rupert Horne's guitar lessons. They performed with confidence and a real dedication to their musical development and it was lovely to see family members in the audience beaming with pride. I know the children value the opportunity to perform in front of you and show you how their hard work pays off.



## Happy Birthday

Congratulations to Jasmine M and Luca S 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

Eagles 401

Falcons 393

Kestrels 296

## Times Tables Awards

Silver – Harry P and Ivy G

## Book Awards

Michael D – Year 1

Arthur H – Year 3

## Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	George Erin	For WOWing us with your Mathematical knowledge! For making such a super start to your reading journey.
Asia (Year 1)	Oscar and Kimmy	For ALWAYS being on task, engaged in their learning and trying their best in all that they do. Such superstars!

Europe (Year 2)	Annabelle	For stepping up her game in writing, developing her letter formation and listening to and acting upon advice. Keep it up!
	Aizen	For stepping up his game in terms of behaviour expectations and learning what is appropriate and when. Keep it up!
Australasia (Year 3)	Payton	For having a positive attitude to all aspects of her learning this week.
	Freddie W	For working hard to create his beautifully written Stone Age story.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Shay G	For demonstrating more independence in his learning-super!
	Ben W	For excellent participation and sensible answers during our Book Talk sessions
North America (Year 5)	Evie W	For always being a happy member of the class and being a great learning partner.
	James F	For his creativity in developing a setting on an imaginary planet for the story we are writing.
South America (Year 6)	Joshua	For being a great learner and working really hard in all lessons.
	Teddy	For being engaged in all lessons and being confident to share his thoughts.

### We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week in Africa Class we have been reading the story Stickman by Julia Donaldson. We have even made our very own stickmen, which we have proudly displayed in our classroom. In Maths this week we have been focusing on circles, triangles and positional language. This has encouraged us to make pieces of art work, such as that by Kandinsky. In PE we used positional language to complete an obstacle course. We have also been really busy practising for our Christmas show, which we can't wait to show you.
Asia (Year 1)	We have had a great week with the lovely Asia class. They have wowed us with writing red words in phonics as well as looking at complex speed sounds. In maths we have been focussing on subtraction, specifically subtraction number stories and representing these using pictures and numerals. In science we have continued our plants theme and have been learning all about the parts of a plant and their functions as well as labelling pictures. We have also enjoyed spending time with Africa and Europe class rehearsing the Christmas play and practising the songs.
Europe (Year 2)	A full on week in Year 2! Lots of sporting fun from football to multiskills at The Weald and the children have loved every minute! In English we learnt about the life of Matthew Henson – a black American explorer. We wrote fact files to show our understanding of real events. This complimented our

	learning in history. In maths, we have been subtracting a 1 digit from a 2 digit. Our woodland learning session was dry this week – yippee! We explored using insect pooters, sheath knives and sawing! We have been spending lots of time rehearsing our Christmas play and singing together.
Australasia (Year 3)	What a lovely week we've had. We have finished publishing our Stone Age stories and enjoyed reading these to each other. We have started our new topic, Yule, entering in to the world of all things wintery! We read the poem I am Winter, King of Seasons and discussed the language and using our poetry performing voices. We then discussed our favourite season and wrote a letter back to Winter, telling him which season we thought was best. In Maths we have been investigating measuring length and using our knowledge of units of measure to estimate how long items in the classroom are.
Antarctica (Year 4)	We started the week with football mania when we watched England beat Iran on Monday which was very exciting indeed! We have loved reading our class text " <i>Leon and The Place Between.</i> " We have been learning how to use expanded noun phrases in our writing and how to use paragraphs correctly. In Maths, we have been using factors to multiply efficiently. In Science, we carried out an experiment to see if gas weighs anything. We learnt about the Muslim festival of Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr in R.E. In Art, we used paint to create an ombre effect to form the background of our collages.
North America (Year 5)	Another busy week in Year 5, unusually starting with an opportunity for the children to watch England play against Iran in the World Cup. We have started to develop a setting on an imaginary planet for our next piece of writing in English. In Maths, we have continued our work on factors and multiples which has led nicely into learning about prime and square numbers. In history, we have started to plot significant events of the space race on a timeline which is of interest given NASA's recent launch of Artemis 1. We have continued our unit on living things in Science, with a focus on recapping features of mammals and learning about their lifecycles.
South America (Year 6)	What a week! We started it in a very exciting way when we watched England beat Iran on Monday! In RSHE we have been looking at human rights and then used this learning in English to discuss a moral dilemma in the book. In maths, we have been learning all about order of operations and using BIDMAS. In science we have started our new topic of electricity and learnt all about major discoveries and the scientists and inventors behind them. We had a great PE lesson with Mrs Thompson where we got all the gym equipment out which was very exciting and in art we have been transferring our design onto paper ready for painting.

### **Christmas Pantomime**

Chaplins Gold will be visiting the school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Kindly funded by our PTA, they will be presenting Aladdin to all the children. It is scheduled to finish at 3:15pm, but there is a possibility that it may slightly over run. We aim to have the children ready to go as soon as the pantomime finishes.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

We will be having our Christmas Jumper Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, alongside our Christmas dinner day. If your child would like to wear a Christmas jumper, we ask that they

please donate £1 to the PTA. Collection buckets will be in place on the school gates in the morning on your arrival.

### **Upcoming events:**

1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Individual school photos  
5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Closing date for ordering Year 6 leavers hoodie  
6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Flu Vaccination Day in School  
6<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Nativity - Matinee Performance 2:00pm  
7<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Nativity - Evening Performance 5:30pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Pantomime – Chaplins Gold presents Aladdin  
9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Piano and Woodwind concert  
9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Mufti Day – Bring an unwanted gift for the Secrets Room  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec – The Lions, Christmas Carolling in Rudgwick from 5pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 – Carol Concert  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day  
16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of term

### **PTA News**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy Friday everyone, we have a few key updates for the diary today!

Mufti Day - Friday 9th December

We will have a mufti day on Friday 9th December, in exchange for bringing in unwanted gifts for adults, your children can wear home clothes that day. Please do raid your cupboards and drawers. We're happy with anything except no used items please 😊 ...so socks, soaps, scarves, toiletries, puzzles, you name it...one year we had a glass duck!

Secrets Room - Tuesday 13th December

The "shop" will be held In the Community Room at School and the children can pay £2 for any of the items (limited to 1 item per child), which a volunteer will help them wrap and name. The idea is you get a secret gift at Christmas - this is often the only opportunity the kids get to buy something for you themselves.

This will be during school hours so all kids can attend. However, we will need minimum 3 or 4 helpers at any time so please click on the poll and sign up for a 35 min slot.

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/dBNy6mNd> Finally - if you have any old Christmas Wrapping paper, labels or cello tape, please let Jane Thomas know on 07841427278 or on

RPS PTA Facebook page.

Supporting the PTA and our events

Firstly, thank you to those who have already stepped forward to show support for the PTA. We have scheduled our next meeting at The Fox on Wednesday 30th November at 7:45pm where we'll be discussing all of the different areas we'll need help and support with over the coming year. Please note that by joining us for a drink, there is no formal commitment to join the committee or offer lots of your precious time. We just want to split tasks and ownership

of running the PTA events over a much wider group, so it becomes manageable for everyone.

If you want to look at the roles we are hoping to fill, you can see them here:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12Z1AWCFLeHSM2Wwil1BGiT17k2ZKtsLi6dQyu4qGXtU/edit#gid=0>  
<<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12Z1AWCFLeHSM2Wwil1BGiT17k2ZKtsLi6dQyu4qGXtU/edit#gid=0>>

If you are planning to come along, please email us on [rpspta@hotmail.com](mailto:rpspta@hotmail.com) <<mailto:rpspta@hotmail.com>> , message me (Vix Read) on Classlist or Facebook. Can't wait to see you all! 😊

School Lottery

Thank you so much to this week's lottery winner, who very kindly donated their winnings to the school and PTA. Hugely appreciated!

Play next week and you could be a lucky winner:  
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/rudgwick-primary-school>

Many thanks,

Victoria & Anna

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### **Rudgwick Primary Cake Raffle**

Thank you, to all of you that purchased tickets for our cake raffle this week.

A huge thank you To Mrs Turban for baking such a beautiful cake.

The raffle winner this week was Joshua T!

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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