



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 21st July 2023

Summer Term Week 13

Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are again, that last day of term. The children are very excited to be starting their summer holidays...I'm sure you share their excitement! May I start by saying thank you to you all for the ongoing support and care you show both your children and the school. Rudgwick Primary School continues to be a place of strong community where our children have the best possible opportunities because of the relationship between our friends, families, staff, governors and all associated with the school. I remain so very proud to call myself the Headteacher of this amazing school.

I was lucky enough last Saturday to attend the Ellens Green and Rudgwick Gardeners Association Summer Show, where I could see how the local community comes together. It was great to see some of our children in attendance *and* there were some prize winners among them. Well done to those successful children!



Back in school and we have enjoyed the class book awards this week, thank you to everyone that has managed to come along to watch. It has been so atmospheric in the woodland watching the children receive their books and hearing about all of their achievements. They, and you, should be very proud.



Competition this year has been fierce between the houses and it was Eagle House that came out on top for the whole year. They enjoyed their prize of extra playtime with a nice refreshing ice lolly! Well done to them and in September we start again so Falcons and Kestrels, let's see if you can knock Eagles off their perch!

And of course, today sees the end of an era as the children in Year 6 leave us for the very last time before they move on to pastures new. They really finished the term, the year and their time at Rudgwick in style as they enjoyed a special evening at their Prom on Thursday followed by their last book awards and leavers' assembly on Friday. Friday was, as would be expected, an emotional occasion as we bid farewell to an amazing group of children. Year 6, you came through one of the most difficult periods in both education and recent social history when you were in Years 3 and 4, and even Year 5 was disrupted a little. However, you were strong, resilient, and positive and have taken on your time at primary school with such a fantastic attitude. Everyone at Rudgwick will miss you incredibly and we wish you all well for September. Enjoy your summer holiday and we know you will be ready for what the next year brings.



As well as Year 6 we have some members of staff leaving us today. Mrs Barnett is moving on from Year 4 having spent two terms with us and Mrs Parkin leaves us from Year 1. Both will begin September in their new schools and we wish them luck with all that the future holds. Mrs Hyde also leaves us from Year 1, temporarily on maternity leave and we wish her the very best with such an exciting few weeks and months ahead. And finally, after many years here at Rudgwick, Mrs Thompson is retiring and is also leaving us. We hope life post-Rudgwick will be full of interesting new adventures, you are well deserving of the break! To all of my staff, those leaving and those that remain, thank you so much for your efforts over the last year. I know your dedication and hard work is appreciated by everyone.

So, to all of our families, on behalf of my incredible staff and I, we wish you a very happy summer and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th September for the new academic year.

Birthdays



Celebrating their birthdays over the summer: Isla, Riria, Halle, Knysna, Ned, Sophie J, Duncan, Bonnie, Aidan, Ben N, Zachary, Liam, Thomas S, Samuel T, Payton, Rebecca, Daisy and Eli

We hope you have a lovely time celebrating.

We have been learning

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| Africa (Year R) | Well what an emotional last week it has been for us all! We have spent our last week in Africa class wallowing in messy play, expressing ourselves through dance and song and taking part in our favourite activities during Learner Explorer time. We had a wonderful book awards ceremony, which was a lovely way to celebrate our achievements this year. Mrs Worth, Mrs Knight and Mrs Hutchings all got very emotional when they watched our amazing goodbye video, they thought it was so special! Our last day was spent dancing, eating ice pops and popping popcorn. Our teachers have loved being with us on our journey this year and hope we have a wonderful summer holiday. |
| Asia (Year 1) | I can't believe it's the end!! And what a wonderful last week of term we have had. We have enjoyed playing games and reminiscing about the wonderful year we have had together. Our book awards were a real highlight this week and it was lovely to have so many parents with us to share the special event. On our last day as Year 1 we enjoyed a party, dancing to some of our favourite songs as well as returning to Africa class for a play in the home corner and to look at how small the toilets are! Well done to all of Asia class! Mrs Hyde, Mrs Norman and I are so proud of you all and everything that you have achieved this year. I will miss you all SO much but promise to come and visit. Have a wonderful summer everyone! |
| Europe (Year 2) | The last week of term is done and our time in Year 2 has come to an end. We have gone out with a bang and enjoyed a fun-filled final week. We have spent time playing team games, sharing our memories of the year, recapping on a few bits and bobs and simply celebrating our time together. The book awards was definitely the highlight of this week. It is such a special moment to be able to share a specific, individual reason to each and every child I have been lucky enough to teach this year. Mrs Rose & I are exceptionally proud of you all and wish you a restful, fun and sunny summer holiday! Watch out Year 3 – these children are awesome! |
| Australasia (Year 3) | Wow, we have made it to the summer holiday at last! The Autumn term feels like such a long distant memory, and the Summer term seems to have flown by – a sign of being really busy. We have had a wonderful year with Australasia class and we are really proud of all of the children and their achievements. Thank you very much for all of your support during the year, and our very generous end of year gifts – thank you to everyone! All that is left is for us to wish you all a very restful and super summer holiday! Thank you from the Year 3 team x |

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| Antarctica (Year 4) | We have really embraced the final week of the school year in Year 4 this week. We confidently used the iPads to research the effects of deforestation before using our findings to create a 'Save the Rainforest' poster, using bright colours, illustrations, facts and clear headings. We concluded our Rainforest topic by exploring tribes that call the rainforest their home, including the Tupi, the Awa, the Korubo and the Kayapo tribes. We learnt that the Amazon is home to more than 400 tribal people and indigenous groups, and we constructed a table to highlight the similarities and differences between life for us and life for these indigenous people of the Amazon. We summarised our areas of learning in Science this year by creating a quiz to reflect the knowledge we had gained across all our topics. There was also some time for more relaxed summer themed activities including mathematical mosaics, coordinates and code breaking, not forgetting rounders! Well done Antarctica Class, you all deserve a good break and a wonderful summer ☺ |
| North America (Year 5) | Wow – what an incredible year in North America! It has absolutely flown by and the children have worked hard until the very end. In maths, we have finished by looking at the link between fractions, decimals and percentages. We looked at modal verbs and how they relate to present or future possibility. Our PE this term ended with a final session on tag rugby, mastering the skills we have learnt this term as well as the introduction of defenders. Volcanoes have also been a theme through this week with the children identifying the differences in how they are formed and creating a small fact page based on research. The children enjoyed their final day with Mrs Hutchings and we presented a card of class self-portraits which came out amazingly. |
| South America (Year 6) | <p>What an amazing last week we have had in Year 6! I think the children showed you all this morning just how amazing they are and the hard work they put into things. It was great to take a break and go to the Milk Churn on Thursday. Everyone enjoyed their drinks and the walk up with each other.</p> <p>All it takes is for me to say good luck to you all! You will be missed by everyone here at Rudgwick. Enjoy your time at secondary school and continue to believe in yourselves and achieve those goals. HAPPY SUMMER!!!</p> |

Message from the governors.

Please see the attached annual governor's report. The Governors would like to thank everyone involved in making this a very successful year and wish you an enjoyable summer holiday.

Upcoming Events

1st Sept – Inset Day

4th Sept – Start 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.



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