



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 16th December 2022

Autumn Week 14

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's arrived! The last day of the half term, the term and the school calendar year. We have had such an amazing week with so much enjoyment and fun as well as some very enjoyable occasions with our families.

Our week began on Monday with some of the children helping our assembly visitors from 'Open the Book' to retell the Nativity story. They gave us all a great portrayal of the shepherds and angels.



Then, on Tuesday, there was our Secrets Room. The children had so much pleasure choosing a gift for someone special at home. I hope they have managed to keep their choices secret, I am sure you will enjoy the special surprise on Christmas Day. Your children saw something and thought of you, which is just lovely. Thank you so much to all the parents that helped to organise, run and manage the Secrets Room. There was such a buzz around the school on Tuesday so thank you for making this happen.



Our Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day on Wednesday was a huge success. The turkey and stuffing was well received, as were the gift bags provided by the PTA. There was music, Christmas tree biscuits and an attempt at making the world's longest paper chain!



I think the highlight of the week followed on Wednesday evening with our KS2 Carol Service. This was a truly special evening with our children in fine voice singing carols with passion and pride. The children that sang solos, duets and in small groups were stunning and the readers shared the Christmas story clearly and confidently. It set a wonderful tone as the term came to an end.



On Thursday this term's winning house, Eagles, enjoyed their end of term winner's prize. A Christmas party in the hall with treats and dancing...and of course, classic Christmas hits!



Now on our final day I wish you all a very merry Christmas. I hope you have time to rest, relax and enjoy some fun-filled moments with your children. Today we say farewell to Mrs Mellors and Mrs Thwaites. Both have been such valued members of the Rudgwick team and whilst we will miss them so very much, we wish them a wonderful Christmas before their new professional adventures begin for them.

So, in the words of Shakin' Stevens '**Merry Christmas Everyone**', happy New Year and I will see you all on Tuesday 3rd January 2023!

Birthdays



Birthdays this week include: Teddy G and Caoimhe J.

Birthdays during the Christmas break include: Erin Barnett, Barnaby A, Emily A, Connor H and Freddie W.

We hope you all enjoy your special days.



This term's core value is **INSPIRE** and the wider values for the half term are **Responsibility** and **Ambition**.

Book Awards

Teddy G –YR

Tristan – Y6

Times Tables Awards

Bronze – Dylan Y3

Silver – Theo and Alex Y3

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Teddy G	For being so sociable with his friends and with all of the teachers across the school.
	Niah	For always being ready to learn and a kind friend.
Asia (Year 1)	Ned and Jack	For their focus, effort and participation in phonics.

Europe (Year 2)	Caleb	For showing concentration and pride whilst completing his sewing this week. It came very naturally to him and he enjoyed it immensely.
	Martha	For always showing outstanding behaviour, participation, concentration and determination to be the best she can be. Thank you!
Australasia (Year 3)	Molly	For having such a positive attitude to all her learning, and for having a wonder week at school.
	Jasper	For having a mature attitude to his learning, listening carefully and acting on feedback.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Immy	For showing a lot of dedication and focus when sewing this week
	Louie	For being a kind friend and supportive member of Antarctica class
North America (Year 5)	Kai	For being a great team player and performing above and beyond at the Carol Service.
	Dexter	For always wearing a smile and having a positive attitude in class.
South America (Year 6)	Hugo	For having a great attitude and working hard, right to the end!
	Flynn	For always contributing fully in lessons and having a really positive attitude.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	What another busy Christmas week we have had in Africa class this week. On Monday we were excited to see the KS2 Christmas Carol performance and on Wednesday we enjoyed our first school Christmas dinner. As there are now only 9 days left until Christmas we have been practising counting backwards and forwards and using the advent calendar to help us identify numerals. We have been reading lots of Christmas stories, we all particularly enjoyed listening to Mog's Christmas by Judith Kerr. We are ending the last day of the term with a class Christmas Party, we are all hoping to beat Mrs Worth and Mrs Knight at musical bumps! Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023!
Asia (Year 1)	It's Christmas!!! Well nearly! 9 days to go and we have had a very festive end to the term. In DT with Mrs Hyde we made some yummy polar bear peppermint creams, we also got creative and made fun hats which we all wore with our Christmas jumpers to enjoy our Christmas lunch. We had a lovely time singing Christmas songs and enjoying our goody bags. Our maths focus this week has been 3d shapes. We learnt how to identify them and talk about their properties using the terms 'faces', 'edges' and 'vertices'. In computing we enjoyed exploring the iPads. We had a lovely end to the week with a Christmas movie and party games with some yummy treats to eat. Thank you all so much for your generous gifts, we really do appreciate

	your kindness. Have a wonderful Christmas break and we will see you in 2023!!!
Europe (Year 2)	We made it! Whooop! Merry Christmas everyone! A week filled with festive fun for us all; from hat decorating, smores making in the woods, watching the wonderful KS2 Christmas concert, Christmas sewing, writing letters to Father Christmas and cards to share with loved ones, to a good old party today! The children have worked so hard this half term and need a well-earned rest. Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful festive season! See you in 2023!
Australasia (Year 3)	Well done Year 3, we have made it to the end of term! This week we have been planning, cooking, decorating and evaluating our Christmas cupcakes, and continuing to enjoy our class text "The Christmasaurus". In maths we have calculated how many days it has been since the previous Christmas and how many days we have left until the big day this year. We have finished our hanging decorations and are now fully in the festive mood. Have a fantastic Christmas break, and thank you all so much for your generous donations to us – very much appreciated! Happy 2023!
Antarctica (Year 4)	Ho ho ho! We made it! It was a fantastic week. We sang our hearts out at the KS2 Carol Concert, sewed Christmas decorations, learnt how to calculate perimeter, wrote a book review, finished our fact pages on endangered animals and lots more besides! The Eagles also had their well-deserved treat on Thursday afternoon. Antarctica class, you have been amazing this term-have a fabulous Christmas break with your loved ones and I will see you all in 2023!
North America (Year 5)	<p>Congratulations to all of North America class for making it to the end of term in such fantastic spirit! Thank you to all those who attended the Carol Service which the children worked so hard preparing for, in particular those who sung solos and performed readings. The children had earlier enjoyed their Christmas lunch which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Away from the festivities, the children have published their narratives we have been working on and in computing, role played as travel agents to search for flights to various destinations linked to our knowledge on databases.</p> <p>Have a peaceful and relaxing rest through the Christmas period and we will see you all in 2023!</p>
South America (Year 6)	It has been an amazing final week of the term in Year 6! We have been completing our D&T project, where the children had to design and build an Anderson shelter. They came up with some ingenious ways of keeping their structure stable and the decorations were fantastic. In maths we have been looking at shape and drawing 2D shapes and building nets. In history we have finished our learning linked to our topic and thought about the end of WW2 and the consequences of the war. It was fantastic to see all the children represent the school on Wednesday at our carol concert, The readings were performed so brilliantly and the singing was beautiful. The children have been so fantastic this term and have made a great start to the year. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year! See you all in 2023!!!!

Upcoming Events

16th Dec – Last day of term

3rd Jan – First day of Spring Term 2023

13th Feb-17th Feb – Half Term

Chartwells School Lunch 3 January

Due to there being no access for the Brakes delivery, the attached menu will be offered on Tuesday 3rd January.

PTA News

Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly a huge thank you to Jane Thomas and her merry band of helpers this week, working in the secrets room, we have raised an incredible £554 for the school. And thank you to everyone to donated gifts and wrapping paper, it's so wonderful to have your support.

Additionally we were able to support the school with decorations and cracker bags for every child to enjoy for their Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Thank you as always to the fabulous Louise Platt for pulling this all together!

We are looking forward to an exciting 2023 with lots of events potentially on the cards (depending on level of help we receive). If you can be part of our planning groups to make these happen please just email on rpspta@hotmail.com

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Best wishes,

Vix & Anna

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Cake Raffle

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

A huge thank you to Mrs Goundary for baking the cup cakes.

The raffle winner this week was Harley Y4.

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/>

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