



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 27th March 2020

Spring Week 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello everyone and I hope you are getting used to being at home altogether during this very unsettling time for us all. Last week was really tricky with the news that schools would close and then re-open for the children of key workers, and brought with it all sorts of unexpected challenges. Hopefully you are finding the packs of work we sent home useful and are developing your own new family routines for each day. The newsletter takes on a different look this week with messages from staff who are missing seeing the children very much, as well as some hopefully useful links.

We would all like to wish Roxy, Alfie, Leah, Louisa and Mr Harley a very **Happy Birthday** – they have all had (or are having), their 'extra' special days this week and ones that they are likely to remember forever! Email your birthday photos to the office if you would like us to share – we would love to see your creative ways of celebrating.



This week's stars of the week are our wonderful staff team at RPS who have pulled out all the stops to put together packs of work at very short notice as coming into school to care for well as the children of critical key workers. Mrs Wilford deserves an extra special mention as she has been the consistent member of staff in school every day this week, being the point of call for everyone, doing lots of behind-the-scenes liaison and being her usual super-human self.



We are all having to adjust to our new routines, including the staff who, as well as having a long list of school jobs (planning, training, report writing etc) to do, often also have their own children to keep busy as well. We thought you might like to hear some of their ideas:

As a family we're trying to be nice to each other, so every day we're keeping a tally of kind words and gestures each of us is using to each other - the person at the end of the day with the highest score gets a chocolate bar!

In terms of ideas, the one the girls have enjoyed the most has been doing 'facetime' learning with friends. Basically, they agree a time and piece of learning in advance, and then facetime someone and they do the same thing at the same time, so that they can

chat about it and maintain social contact within the context of learning. I know it won't be for everyone, but they really look forward to it!

For some really sensible advice on the practicalities of staying safe at home, please click on the following links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

This term's core value remains **BELIEVE** and the wider values for the half term are **Positivity** and **Care** – how very appropriate at this time!

Messages for the children from the teachers

We are all missing you very much and would love to hear what you are getting up to and to see any work you are really proud of. Please ask your parents if they could email us via the school office with the title/subject : FAO followed by the adult's name.

<p>Africa (Year R)</p>		<p>Hello lovely Africa class!</p> <p>Mrs Edwards, Mrs Silk and Miss Squibb hope you are all well and spending lots of time enjoying the sunshine and keeping busy. We know that there will be lots of learning happening and that you will remember to do a reading activity every day. If you have time, keep practising your letters, words, sentences and numbers but most of all be helpful to the grown-ups and keep safe!</p>
<p>Asia (Year 1)</p>		<p>Hello my lovely Year 1!</p> <p>I hope you are having a lovely week and enjoying the sunshine as much as possible. I am very impressed to see some of you logging on and practising your times tables and other areas of maths on sumdog and TT-Rockstars - Keep it up! I wonder how many of you could log-on by the next time I check? I miss you all very much and hope you and you families are well and using our core values of positivity and care in any way you can! Stay safe and look after yourselves. Mrs Hyde.</p>

<p>Europe (Year 2)</p>		<p>Hello to all of Year 2!</p> <p>What a strange week it has been – not at school teaching you all! It has been great to see that so many of you have been logging into the different websites and completing lots of different challenges! It would be fantastic to be able to see how many of you can sign on before next week! Keep up the hard work, enjoy yourselves and stay safe!</p>
<p>Australasia (Year 3)</p>		<p>A big hello from Miss Lee, Mrs Parsons and Mr Tucker to all of you in year 3.</p> <p>It's been a very different week for us all but we hope you've all enjoyed this wonderful sunshine. Have any of you joined in with Joe Wicks' morning PE lesson? Could you challenge yourself to take part in 3 of his workouts next week? We are sure you are all reading lots of interesting books, however if you fancy a break from reading why not listen to David Walliams reading a book at 11am every week day on his website or listen to a free story at audible.com. Have a great week, stay safe and enjoy the sunshine :)</p>
<p>Antarctica (Year 4)</p>		<p>I would like to say a big hello to everyone in Antarctica class. It feels strange to not be together but I'm sure you are having lots of quality family time. Remember to keep reading lots and doing some learning as well as enjoying this glorious sunshine!</p> <p>Mrs Wilson</p>
<p>North America (Year 5)</p>		<p>Hello North America class,</p> <p>I hope you and your families are staying safe and well, and that you are finding the learning packs useful. I'm adding diagnosticquestions.com tasks every other day, so check back often to find these :) Also, if your adults sign up at thirdspacelearning.com, they can download Fluent in Five for you, for free! As I'm missing seeing you all so much, please feel free to drop an email to the office email address, telling me what you're up to. It would be wonderful to hear from you all! Look after yourselves and everyone in your household, stay in touch and make sure you are safely taking your daily exercise out in the lovely sunshine.</p> <p>Mr Collinson x</p>

<p>South America (Year 6)</p>		<p>Hello South America class,</p> <p>I hope everyone has been able to make the most of this lovely sunny week. I have enjoyed going into school and being able to take part in the Joe Wicks' PE lessons, play chess and other games outside in the sunshine, go into the woods and get creative. It is really important to take part in things you enjoy doing and fill your time with a mixture of activities to engage the brain and body!</p> <p>Mrs Burns</p>
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Coronavirus

You will be completely aware that the government has now moved to the 'delay' phase to control the outbreak. Everyone should now be staying at home unless they absolutely have to leave the house. Current advice is that anyone with a "new, continuous cough or high temperature" should self-isolate for seven days. Please be cautious and take any necessary precautions to avoid the spread of infection. Further information can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

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Supporting Children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)

In response to Coronavirus, information pages have been created to help centralise information, resources and support that may be of use to children, young people and their parent/carers in the SEND community. You can find links to the pages below:

[Government Guidance and West Sussex Guidance](#)

[Reaching Families and West Sussex Parent Carer Forum Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Resources and Advice for Educating at Home](#)

We've had requests on how to support children with dyslexia at home. Here are some top tips...

Read. A lot.

- Listen to audio books and have your child read along with them.
- Make sure they spend some time reading alone, both quietly and aloud.
- Re-read their favourite books. It may be a little boring for you, but it helps to reinforce learning.
- Take turns reading books aloud together.

- Talk about the stories you read together and ask questions like, "What do you think happens next?"
- You can also branch out into graphic novels and comic books, too. Reading things your child is interested in or excited about can be motivating. The school sent out a link to First News, a newspaper written for children.
- Most importantly....have fun and enjoy sharing books together. Your child will need patience, encouragement and you acting as a reading role model.

The British Dyslexia Association have some good ideas...

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/advice/children/how-can-i-support-my-child/reading>

As do Nessy...

<https://www.nessy.com/uk/parents/dyslexia-information/>

Please email the school office if you need any further advice. Mrs Mellors.

First News Newspaper

We subscribe to receive weekly copies of First News newspaper for Years 5 and 6. They have sent us [this link](#) in order that children can still access free copies, to use at home.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are coping OK, staying well and enjoying the sunshine.

As a PTA team, we're continuing to remotely stay in touch with each other to ensure the charity continues to function. Some "behind the scenes" actions include updating our policies and procedures to help ensure we run the PTA as smoothly as possible and also to adhere to our legal obligations. We're continuing to keep the Charity Commission updated when needed and of course to keep on top of the finances, so that we can promptly pass on monies to the school. Thanks again to everyone who attended and supported the cinema club, quiz and cake sales this term.

In the current climate, we have no forthcoming events planned. We will confirm definite dates as soon as is reasonably practicable, so thanks for your patience and understanding in these tough times.

Here is the latest school lottery result:

21/03/2020	Mrs Barber	£9.90
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Please see the attached document "PTA-EasyDonationOptions" for options to easily donate to the PTA. If you're able to, please consider supporting the PTA via one or more of the options available.

Bye for now, take care and stay safe.
Ian, Lauren and Diane

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.

Have a good weekend and stay safe over the coming weeks.

With very best wishes

Miss S Nicholls
Headteacher

More photos of events are available on our website



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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