

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for the support you have shown to myself and the rest of the school staff while Ms Howard has been away. Mrs Pestell would also like to say thank you for the warm welcome you have given her.

It is so good to see how quickly the children settled back in after the Christmas break and seeing the fantastic learning that is going on in the classrooms.

There are so many exciting things happening in and around school from Firefighters visits to e-safety training and of course our new reading café's.

I would like to urge the Year 6 Parents to attend the SATs talks that Mr Croft and Mrs Allen are putting on for you, this is a really key point in the children's school life and as Parents you can really help impact the results they could achieve. The Reading Focus session takes place on 1st February and the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar session will be the following week on the 8th February, both from 2.30—3.00p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

Kelly Martin

Acting Headteacher

Reading Café's

Our Reading Café's are proving to be very successful and it is lovely to see so many parents attending. The sessions are a good opportunity for parents to come in and read with their children and take part in games centred around the skills behind reading.

This coming Friday, 2nd February, is the turn of Year 3, so any Cuttlefish or Barracudas parents who would like to come along, please either pop into the office to add your name to the list or ring us on 01797 222825 or e-mail on office@ryeprimary.co.uk.





Once again I am pleased to report attendance at Rye Primary is up on this time last year, attendance currently stands at 95.4% compared to 94.1% for the same period last year. However whilst we realise this is an improvement for Rye Primary we are below our target.



Hand washing

Children are particularly at risk of picking up germs and spreading them to other people, hand washing is the simplest and most effective way to help stop the spread of germs. Washing your hands properly removes dirt, viruses and bacteria, this stops them spreading to other people and objects, which can then spread illnesses such as food poisoning, flu or diarrhoea.

It is important to wash hands:

- After using the toilet
- After handling raw foods like chicken , meat and vegetables
- Before eating or handling ready to eat food.
- After having contact with animals, including pets.



Please encourage your child to wash their hands thoroughly and together we can help minimise the spread of nasty bugs!

Please can we remind you that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they need to be kept off for school for 48 hours from their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Holidays

Its that time of year when lots of us are planning on getting away, please remember to book your holiday during the school holidays, holiday taken during term time not only has a negative impact on your child's learning but the absence will not be authorised and could result in a fixed penalty being



Class Percentages this year to date

Minnows 97%
Sardines 94.5%
Clownfish 97.7%
Seahorses 95.9%
Sea Turtles 95.7%
Lobsters 95.8%
Cuttlefish 96%
Barracudas 95.4%
Stingrays 94.7%
Killer Whales 96.3%
Marlin 93.8%

Pugwash News

Every day the children in Pugwash Nursery have so much fun while they learn how to share, take turns, work together and help one another. How lucky are we to have such clever and kind children!



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the families who have donated their pre-loved toys. The children are having a wonderful time.



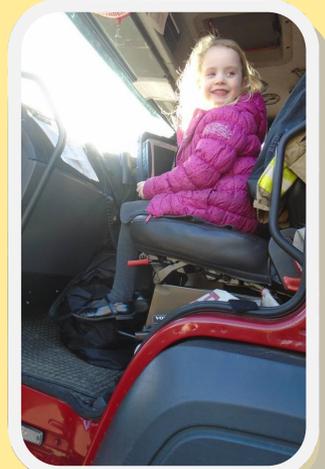
We are continuing to develop our cosy spaces within nursery so any spare soft furnishings and fabric would be most gratefully received. We are in most need of: rugs, cushions, bean bags, bed canopies and bunting.



Rare Breeds Visit

We are starting to plan our annual Nursery trip to the Rare Breeds Centre. This is one of the highlights of our year and we extend the invitation to all Pugwash children and parents. If you are interested in your child attending please let a member of staff know; so that we have an idea of numbers for booking arrangements. Look out for further details to follow.





Our Year 1 children were excited to have a real fire engine and firefighters visit them at school the other day.

They found out about the various rescues firefighters have to perform and the tools they use.

The children were told how to keep themselves safe and what they need to do in an emergency.

A big thank you to the firefighters who gave up their time



Healthy Living

Clownfish and Seahorses had an exciting healthy living lesson recently. The children learnt what they needed to eat, drink and do to keep healthy.

The children enjoyed taking part in an energetic journey around the world. They learnt where different types of food grow and where they come from.

The lessons are being delivered by the East Sussex School Health Service and we are looking forward to welcoming the team back into schools on the road for them to teach



February

- 1st Triple P—Dealing with Disobedience parents session 1.00—3.00p.m.
- 1st Y6 Parents SATs Information session—Reading Focus 2.30—3.00p.m.
- 5th Online Safety session for parents 1.30—3.00p.m.
- 6th Year 4 Swimming
- 6th Parents Evening 3.50—5.30p.m.
- 7th Term 3 Attendance Reward
- 8th Y6 Parents SATs Information session—Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar 2.30—3.00p.m.
- 8th Parents Evening 3.20—6.00p.m.
- 9th Yellow Day—children may wear yellow—50p donation St Michael's Hospice
- 9th Last Day of Term
- 12th—16th Half Term
- 19th Children return to school
- 20th Year 1 Swimming
- 22nd Triple P—Hassle Free Shopping parents session 9.30—11.30a.m.
- 26th Class Photos
- 27th Class Photos
- 27th Year 1 Swimming

March

- 6th Year 1 Swimming
- 8th Triple P—Managing Fight and Aggression parents session 9.30—11.30a.m.
- 13th Year 1 Swimming
- 14th INSET—School closed to children
- 20th Year 1 Swimming
- 26th Year 5 Trip to the Jerwood Gallery
- 27th Year 1 Swimming
- 27th Term 4 Attendance Reward
- 28th Reception Parents Writing Workshop
- 29th Spring Fair / Last Day of Term

Children return after the Easter Break on Monday 16th April

