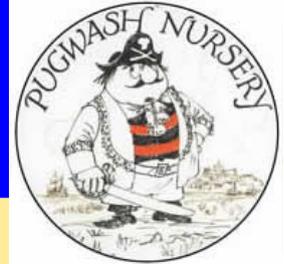




SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

September in the world of Educationalists always determines the start of a New Year. This is the world of new diaries, calendars, a new class, a new intake of children and a chance to reflect on the year gone by and make plans for the new academic year ahead.

This year we have started the school year by reminding pupils and staff that it is important to remember to “be the best that we can be”. We have discussed the importance of competing against oneself and not looking around to see how we compare with others; but focusing on whether we are striving to be better than we were yesterday. We have learnt in our assemblies to focus on the goal, the end point, and how we get there! We know that perseverance wins the race, not always speed. We are excited about the journey to the finish line because we are going to learn so much about ourselves along the way. We know that when we get to the finish line, we will know more about ourselves than we ever knew before and we can use that to beat our own personal best in the next challenge ahead! We are embracing the words ‘challenge’ and ‘problem solving’ and using our skills to become “overcomers” as we know what a great feeling one has when a problem is solved and it was our skills used to solve a problem. I am sure you will agree that these are life lessons too and can be applied in many more contexts than just the academia of school. I hope that you too, will join with us this year in embracing some of the key messages we have started our school year with.

It is with sadness that we are also saying “Goodbye” to Mrs Knowles Baker next week. Mrs KB, as she fondly known by the children, has worked at the school for a number of years, but now feels that it is time to retire. We wish her all the best and hope that she will keep us updated with all of the lovely adventures that she will now have time to enjoy during her retirement!

We would also like to say a fond farewell for now to Mrs Foster who goes on her maternity leave today. We are looking forward to meeting her new addition very soon.

Miss Martin

The new Minnows and Sardines Reception children have made a wonderful start to school life. They have been busy spending their days getting to know one another and the adults in school. They have particularly enjoyed their first PE lessons with Mr. Sayers and joining in with the rest of the school with celebration assembly.

They have had their first winners of the Golden Trophy, Rye Writer Award, and Reader of the Week. Children in Reception classes have the added bonus of being able to telephone their parents to deliver the good news that they have won the Golden Trophy! Such proud children, teachers, and parents!



School Closed Friday 4th October— Inset Day

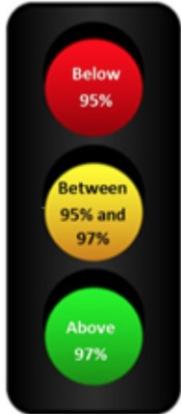
Attendance News



Whole School attendance currently stands at 94.7%

Unfortunately this is lower than last year when attendance stood at 95.7%

Traffic Lights



At the end of each term we will be sending home letters to inform you of your child's attendance percentage and the total sessions missed. These will be sent to all parents.....

If your child receives a red letter this is because their attendance has fallen to 95% or below, you may be invited to an Attendance Improvement Meeting.

If your child receives an amber letter this is because their attendance is currently between 95% and 97% and could become a cause for concern.

If your child receives a green letter this is because their attendance is 97% or higher, this is exactly where it should be— Well done.

Children with high attendance build good friendships and have a better understanding of learning in their lessons. They are able to keep up more easily with new concepts introduced; enabling them to achieve at a higher standard right into secondary education. This is exactly what we want for your child and all our children at Rye Primary.

Class Percentages

4th September until
25th September

Minnows 95.6%

Sardines 94.8%

Clownfish 96.6%

Seahorses 92.8%

Sea Turtles 97.4%

Lobsters 98.8%

Cuttlefish 96.5%

Barracudas 93.3%

Stingrays 96.0%

Orcas 97.0%

Marlin 88.3%

Jellyfish 93.7%

Dolphins 88.2%

Sharks 98.1%



ESCC Attendance Campaign

Have you seen the latest campaign from East Sussex County Council to improve attendance?

Attendance throughout East Sussex is one of the lowest in the country, please take a look at their website to see how you can help make a difference to your child's attendance.....

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/pushy-parent

Green News.....



Green Footsteps

We are delighted to announce that once again we have signed up to take part in the Walk to School initiative, this is to encourage green journeys to school and help to create a healthier and safer environment around school.

We are looking forward to launching this on Wednesday 2nd October.

Please join in helping us to remove cars from the roads, by walking, scooting, biking or coming into school using public transport.

Internet Legends

KS2 children at Rye Primary attended an amazing assembly which was run by Google and Parent Zone.

The whole assembly was based around internet safety. Children were transported to the imaginary Interland where the Internauts lived. The Internauts spend their day on the internet and taught the children to be:

Sharp	Think before you start
Alert	Check it's for real
Secure	Protect your stuff
Kind	Respect each other
Brave	When in doubt discuss.

They highlighted how quickly something which is shared on the internet can go viral, with over 36 million people using the internet daily it doesn't take long at all. How to discover if a website is real or fake. How to be secure and NOT share personal information unless certain you are doing so securely. Make sure you lock your phone as over 400,000 people had their phones stolen in the UK last year. If the phone isn't locked your personal information is open for anyone to access. Make sure you are kind when sharing or commenting on the internet, always say things aloud first, as comments can very easily be misconstrued to mean something completely different. Most importantly, children were told to be brave and to tell parents, teachers, carers, relatives if they are at all worried about something on the internet.

Our local MP Amber Rudd also came along to support the assembly and our school and reiterated the importance of keeping safe, being aware and highlighted the amazing work carried out by Parent Zone.

The whole assembly was brilliant and EVERYONE learnt something from it!

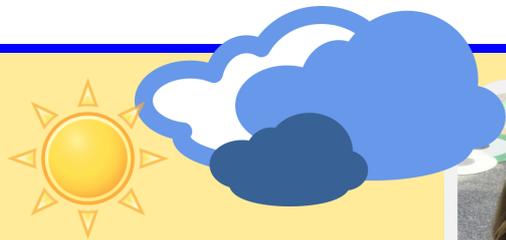


Pugwash News

The children at Pugwash have settled back in very well after the summer break and we also welcome some new children who have started with us.

We have had a busy start to the term with lots of learning going on. We picked some runner beans that had grown over the summer and have begun to learn about the Jack and the Beanstalk story. The children planted their 'magic beans' and they have already started to grow. We also followed and counted the giants footsteps that appeared overnight in the nursery and built him a castle too!

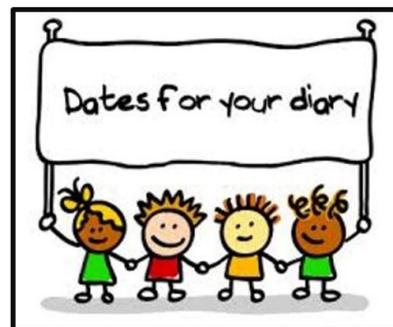
Forest school sessions have also begun again with a new group of children who are enjoying learning in the environment.



Reminder : As the weather changes please make sure that you child brings appropriate clothing as we do go outside in all weathers.

Term 1

1st Oct	Y6 & Y2 Swimming
2nd Oct	Special Visitor in Reception classes
4th Oct	Inset Day—School closed to children
7,8,9th Oct	Reception trips to Jempsons Bakery
8th Oct	Y6 & Y2 Swimming
15th Oct	Parent Consultations 3.30—5.30p.m.
15th Oct	Y6 & Y2 Swimming
17th Oct	Parent Consultations 4.30—6.30p.m.
22nd Oct	Y6 & Y2 Swimming
22nd Oct	Y1 Learning Celebration—2.15—2.45
23rd Oct	Reception Parents Phonics Workshop 2.30p.m.
24th Oct	Y2 Learning Celebration—2.15—2.45p.m.
25th Oct	Reception Learning Celebration—2.30p.m.
25th Oct	Happy Feet Day—in aid of Road Safety



28th October—1st November—Half Term

Term 2

5th Nov	Y1 Swimming & Y6 Lifesaving
7 / 8th Nov	Poppies for sale in classes
11—14th Nov	Individual / family photographs
12th Nov	Y1 Swimming & Y6 Lifesaving
15th Nov	Children in Need
19th Nov	Y1 Swimming & Y6 Lifesaving
26th Nov	Y1 Swimming & Y6 Lifesaving
29th Nov	Clubs Event
3rd Dec	Y1 Swimming & Y6 Lifesaving
10th Dec	Y1 Swimming & Y6 Lifesaving
12th Dec	Flu Vaccinations
13th Dec	Dick Whittington—Panto in school
18th Dec	Christmas dinner and class parties
20th Dec	Last day of term



23rd December—3rd January—Christmas Holiday

Term 3

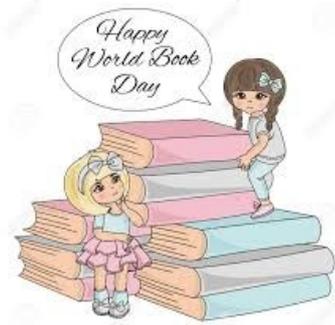
6th Jan	Inset Day—School closed to children
7th Jan	Y3 & Y4 Swimming
11th Feb	Parent Consultations 3.30—5.30p.m.
13th Feb	Parent Consultations 3.30—5.30p.m.
14th Jan	Y3 & Y4 Swimming
21st Jan	Y3 & Y4 Swimming
28th Jan	Y3 & Y4 Swimming
4th Feb	Y3 & Y4 Swimming
11th Feb	Y3 & Y4 Swimming



17th February—21st February—Half Term

Term 4

25th Feb Y5 & YR Swimming
 3rd March Y5 & YR Swimming
 5th March World Book Day
 10th March Y5 & YR Swimming
 17th March Y5 & YR Swimming
 24th March Y5 & YR Swimming
 31st March Y5 & YR Swimming



6th April—17th April—Easter Holiday

Term 5

20th April Inset Day—School closed to children
 3rd May Bank Holiday—School closed to children
 11—15th May KS2 SATs



Term 6

8-12th June Phonic Screening— Y1 (+ Y2 retakes)
 8-12th June Compulsory Times Table Checks—Y4
 15-19th June Aspirations Week
 9th July Open Evening
 13-17th July Y6 Residential Week
 21st July Last Day of Academic Year
 22nd July Inset Day



Wear Red Instead!

Thank you to everyone who donated during our 'Wear Red Instead' day last week. The Air Ambulance are an independent charity so they are grateful for every penny donated.

Last year they were called out to help over 2,000 people in life-threatening situations. Two crews operate for 18 hours every day with one crew being operational for the remaining 6 hours when it is quieter.

None of us ever know when we or one of our family will need this vital service, so thank you once again for all your support.

