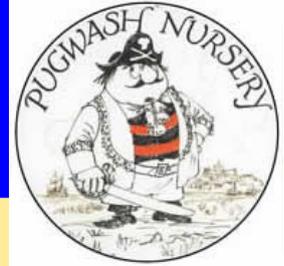




MARCH NEWSLETTER 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been said that "Change is the heartbeat of growth". Change can be uncomfortable, unwanted, difficult but also necessary, helpful and enlightening. I am always reminded that in the struggle of the moth leaving its cocoon, this actually empowers it with the strength to fly, without the struggle; the moth wouldn't have the strength to fly. In school and life we all need to learn to adapt to the changes around us and in doing so; grow. We can reflect on this in many ways, changing our habits so that we read more, this may mean we watch less TV, but our fluency and comprehension will improve and we will learn to maybe actively research ideas, different to those we thought we had. It may mean changing by walking to school, we will have to get up ten minutes earlier, but the benefits of morning exercise far outweigh the inconvenience of change.

In our assemblies we are thinking about how our acts of kindness can change the world around us. We are trying to "be the change we want to see in the world". What starts out as a small idea can turn into a monumental, life changing idea, which may have been uncomfortable at first, but well worth the climb or the struggle. Be the change!

Miss Martin

Head of School

Reminder- Please remember that we are so lucky to have Mrs Ham, an ex headteacher, running our after school singing club on a Monday. It is not too late to sign up... please see the office for further details. I can highly recommend singing as a great way to spend an hour to improve the well-being of body, mind and soul. It has been proven to have so many health benefits and most of all it is fun!

Charity Support

We have been very pleased to have been able to support charities which have directly helped our school and the children and staff within it this year. Tomorrow we will have our purple day. This is in aid of Young Epilepsy Awareness. This was brought to our attention by one of our pupils and we are hoping as many children and staff as possible will wear something purple tomorrow to mark this national day. On Friday 29th March we will be supporting Brain Tumour Awareness with our 'Wear A Hat Day'. This is a charity very close to Mrs Ruffhead's heart and we hope you will have seen her story on our Facebook page. As we have two fundraising events in one week we are suggesting a 50p donation for each of them. We try and support as many charities as we can, especially those who may have helped a member of our school community or may for various reasons hold personal significance to them. I am sure you can appreciate that we can't always hold the same charity days every year, as we realise that this could potentially mean a different cause each week, which could cause a financial burden for some families. However, please be assured that even if we are not fundraising for a particular charity on a particular awareness day, we will be trying to mark that day in some way, it could be during circle time or a story during assembly for example. We will try to support various charities throughout your child's time with us at school and this support will help our children to understand the world around them, the various needs of others and how we can all help each other.

Red Nose Day was a huge success and we will let you know how much has been raised once the donations have been counted. The day was organised by our brilliant Children's Leadership Team who suggested having a cake sale.

A HUGE thank you to you all!



Attendance News



Whole School attendance currently stands at 94.6%

Unfortunately this is lower than last year when attendance stood at 95.1%

Green Footsteps

**Thank you for all your continued support with
Walk to school Wednesday!**

So far since taking part there have been 1729 green journeys made to school on a Wednesday, removing an estimated 873 car journeys from our roads!

Well done to everyone taking part and we look forward to seeing more families joining in this term.



Class Percentages

Minnows	94.9%
Sardines	95.4%
Clownfish	94.7%
Seahorses	93.9%
Sea Turtles	94.8%
Lobsters	96.3%
Cuttlefish	94.3%
Barracudas	93.7%
Stingrays	93.9%
Killer Whales	95.4%
Marlin	94.2%
Jellyfish	94.7%
Dolphins	93.6%
Sharks	94.2%

It has been brought to our attention that not all children are wearing correct school uniform .

Please see below for the correct attire.

School Uniform

- Navy blue V-neck jumper / cardigan with school logo (available for purchase from SuperStitch)
- School tie (available for purchase at school or from SuperStitch)
- Charcoal grey pinafore dress, shorts, skirt, culottes or trousers
- In Summer- blue/white checked summer dresses or playsuits
- White collared shirts
- Socks - grey or white
- Tights - grey
- Footwear- Black sensible shoes

Games and PE Kit

For reasons of safety and hygiene, children need to be able to change for Games and PE lessons into:

- A white T-shirt, black shorts, white socks and black plimsolls

Rye Dance Centre Visit

The children at Pugwash had a brilliant time when they took part in a dance session when Rye Dance Centre visited them last week. The children were so engrossed in this and used their excellent imagination and dance skills to join in.



Spare Clothes

Please could we ask all parents to ensure your child has spare clothes in their bag when they come to Nursery as we do not have enough to go around. Thank you.

Payments online

The Nursery would like their parents to pay for school dinners online. Login details will be coming home with the children so that you are all able to access the service.

New Member of Staff

We are very pleased to confirm that Kat Zelenayova has joined the Pugwash team as a Nursery Practitioner. Many of you will already know her as she has been working in the Nursery as bank staff for quite some time. Kat has got her NVQ Level 3 and has a lot of experience and will be joining Pugwash after Easter.



IMPORTANT REQUEST

It has been drawn to our attention that parents are parking in the disabled bays in the Freedom Leisure Car Park. We don't need to remind you that those spaces are reserved for blue badge users only. Please could we ask that these valuable spaces are left available for disabled motorists in the future.

Thank you.

Ready 4 School Music Project

This term the Pugwash leavers have begun their transition to school music project. Ailsa from the project has been coming in and teaching the children new songs and activities that will then be continued in Reception when they start school. The children are making such good progress with this and really enjoying the experience, whilst developing their communication and language, as well as their listening and attention skills.



We are now able to use a great website called easyfundraising to help raise money for Rye Community Primary School - simply by shopping online.

easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use easyfundraising to shop with over 3,500 retailers such as Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Argos, NEXT and Booking.com.

Our retailers then make a small donation to say 'thank you' and easyfundraising gives those free funds to the cause.

Please register using this unique link – just search for 'Rye Community Primary School' and click 'support us' -www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/36WSV0/GCT32V/

Plus, once you've signed up and raised £5 in donations, easyfundraising will give us an extra £5 donation.

There's no catch or hidden charges and Rye Community Primary School will be really grateful for your donations.

"My First Riddle"

Last term, our Reception children; the Minnows and Sardines, entered a poetry writing competition called 'My First Riddle'. Recently, Mrs Isted was thrilled to learn that all the children entered had been selected to have their amazing work published in a book!

This is a wonderful achievement and a great way to inspire the children to love writing.

We are very proud of our soon to be published poets!

Well done Marvellous Minnows and Super Sardines!



HELP!

The PTA still need helpers for the Spring Fair. If you are able to help in any way at all, please contact them either through the school office or e-mail friends@ryeprimary.co.uk



Netball News

Last week a group of year 5 and 6 children went over to Rye College to play in a tournament of High Five Netball. The group, which included girls and boys, played against other local primary schools placing 3rd overall! This was a fantastic result considering they hadn't played together as a team before. The behaviour was impeccable from all our children and a lot of fun was had by all. Well done Rye Primary!



Ahoy! It's Pirate Day at Rye Primary!

Year 2 had an amazing day when they dressed as pirates for their recent Pirate day; as part of their topic.

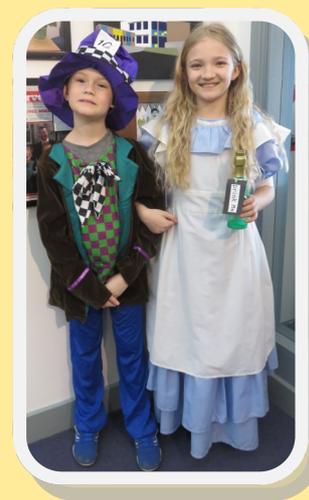
They received a letter from a pirate; complete with a map and went to search for his treasure. The children followed directions and journeyed around the school until they found the pirate gold. They also developed their own map skills by making their own treasure maps. They made them appear suitably aged, by using tea staining techniques.



World Book Fun Day

We had an amazing World Book Day here at Rye Primary. The costumes worn by children and staff were just brilliant, thank you so much to everyone for all the effort you have put into creating them.

To mark the day all classes visited The Rye Bookshop so that the children could spend their book vouchers. As well as this, everyone took part in an inter-class quiz which caused a lot of fun and laughter in the hall. Well done everyone - another brilliant day for us all to remember!



Rye Primary Rocks to the sounds of Rocksteady!

Earlier this term we welcomed Steve from Rocksteady to an assembly. He gave the whole school an amazing insight into a variety of instruments. The children were absolutely enthralled and loved every moment.

Rocksteady is a peripatetic music service which enables any child to learn an instrument whilst being a member of their very own rock band! This is something we hope Rye Primary might be able to take part in in the future, so watch this space for our budding rock stars!



Dates for your Diary...

- 26th Purple Day - in aid of Epilepsy Awareness—Children may wear purple - for 50p donation
26th Y5 & YR Swimming
29th Wear a Hat Day—in aid of Brain Tumour Research (in exchange for 50p donation)
29th Y6—Safety in Action Visit

April

- 1st Made of Money Parents Course 9.00—11.00a.m.
2nd Y5 & YR Swimming
2nd Year 3 visiting Sea Life Hastings
3rd Parents Forums 9.00a.m. / 2.00p.m. / 6.00p.m.
4th Spring Fair
5th Last Day of Term 4

23rd Inset Day

24th Children return to school

- 25th Love Your Leftovers—parents course 9.00—11.00
26th Tea & Toast—see flyer to be sent home
29th Tea & Toast

May

6th School Closed—May Day

- 7th Class Photos—Traditional Style—Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5
9th Love Your Leftovers—parents course 9.00—11.00
10th Tea & Toast
13th Tea & Toast
13th SATs—All Week
16th Love Your Leftovers—parents course 9.00—11.00
17th Tea & Toast
20th Tea & Toast
23rd Parents Forums 9.00 / 2.00 / 6.00
24th Tea & Toast
24th Funky Feet Fundraiser
24th Last Day of Term 5

