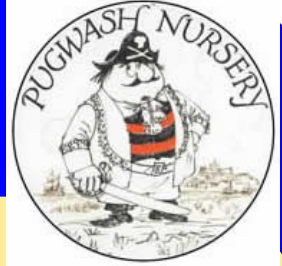




# **DECEMBER** **NEWSLETTER 2018**



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a joy it is to be able to celebrate the Christmas festivities with a school full of excited children!

I know the children have been busily learning their songs for the Christmas performances, making hats for the Christmas dinner, choosing Christmas jumpers to wear, retelling the Nativity story and just generally being busy doing Christmas things!

'Busily' seems to be a buzz word at Christmas, everyone is busy being busy, we have presents to buy and cards to write, shopping to order and food to prepare. I hope throughout this Christmas period and the festivities around you, that you are able to find a few minutes of peace and calmness in what can be a fast paced time of year! Forget about the tinsel, turkey, tree and the tea towels!

Remember the 'true reason for the season'. We celebrate Christmas because a baby was born into what was probably a noisy and chaotic stable, but we are told in the Nativity story that this wasn't just any baby, this was the Prince of Peace. I hope that this Christmas you are able to find some Peace amidst the wrapping and the unwrapping and allow yourself some time to just BE! Be Still.

Enjoy and savour this, before the busyness of the new term starts and the January sales and the New Year's resolutions and ....

With Best Wishes,

Kelly Martin

Head of School

**Don't forget that all children are back to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019**

## **Shine Star Shine - Foundation Stage Performance**

A packed audience of family and friends looked on proudly as the children sang and danced in their magical Christmas performance.

The staff would like to thank parents for their support in providing costumes and are extremely proud of the youngest members of our school, it was a fabulous kick start to the festivities this year.



## KS1 Nativity

During the term the KS1 children have worked hard to practise and learn their Christmas songs. All of their hard work paid off last week when the children performed to their parents. They sang their Christmas songs with real gusto and acted to a standard the RSC would have been proud of!

The children have been amazing in their re-telling of the Christmas story. The readers were clear and expressive. The actors, stars and angels were truly magical on the stage.

**Brilliant** is the only word to use. Thank you to the staff and children for all of their hard work and to the parents for all of their continued support.



## Jumpers Galore.....

Wow! There were so many different designs of Christmas Jumpers in school on Friday 14th December.

We are always very pleased to take part in this annual National charity event. We know that 100% of the money collected will be donated to Save the Children, a very worthwhile charity to support all year around.

A very big thank you to all of our children and staff who donated.

# Attendance News

As we reach the end of Term 2, unfortunately attendance is lower than last year and currently stands at 95.4%, This has been mainly due to illness but we have had a large amount of unauthorised absence, Unauthorised absence are absences the school does not consider reasonable and includes.....

Parents keeping children off school unnecessarily

Truancy before or during the school day

Absences which have never been properly explained

Children who arrive at school after the close of the register

Taking holidays that have not been agreed by the school in advance



## Attendance Reward

We are pleased to announce the attendance reward for Term 2!

Flip Out in Ashford have kindly donated 2 tickets, these will be awarded to the winner of the attendance draw at the beginning of Term 3.



## Green Footsteps

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

So far this term there have been 650 green journeys made to school on a Wednesday, removing an estimated 310 car journeys from our roads!



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

## Class Percentages

### Term 2

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Minnows       | 95.4% |
| Sardines      | 95.9% |
| Clownfish     | 96.1% |
| Seahorses     | 95.8% |
| Sea Turtles   | 97.4% |
| Lobsters      | 95.4% |
| Cuttlefish    | 94.9% |
| Barracudas    | 96.5% |
| Stingrays     | 95.5% |
| Killer Whales | 95.2% |
| Marlin        | 94.2% |
| Jellyfish     | 95.3% |
| Dolphins      | 94.0% |
| Sharks        | 94.8% |

## Reminder .....

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



# Pugwash News

## Storytime.....

Last week the Pugwash children had an interactive storyteller come in to the nursery. The children had a fantastic time and sat and listened so well. He used instruments and props so that the children could participate.

In between the stories they were given time to paint some pictures of the crocodiles that were in the story. Oliver said "I loved the crocodile bit, it was so fun!"



## Forest School update.....

*Sophie and Carly have now completed their Forest School training and are running sessions with the children. The sessions are currently taking place in the community garden.*

*The children have enjoyed learning in the natural outdoor environment and have been involved in outdoor painting with sticks and leaves and have also made bird feeders.*

*Next term the sessions will be on a Thursday afternoon come rain or shine, so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. The Nursery do have wet suits that the children can wear but they don't have enough pairs of spare wellies, so if you could bring some along that would be greatly appreciated.*



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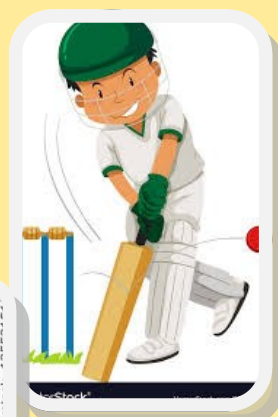
## Cricket Taster Sessions

Rye Cricket Club are offering free taster sessions at Rye Sports Centre on the following dates in the new year:

Wednesday 16th / 23rd / 30th January 2019

This is open to boys and girls, either with experience or complete beginners.

If you are interested or would like more information please e-mail Martin Blicow at [blincsfamily@aol.com](mailto:blincsfamily@aol.com)



## Panto Time!

We had a brilliant time here at Rye Primary earlier this week when we welcomed 'West End in Schools' with their performance of 'Aladdin'! There was a lot of excitement and chances for the children to participate.

'Oh yes there was!'

The children get so much enjoyment from the pantomime, just watching their faces says it all. We hope to be able to book again for next year.



## Dates for your Diary...

### January 2019

- 7th INSET Day
- 8th Term 3 Begins
- 8th Y3 + Y4 Swimming
- 10th Playing with English Parents Course 9.00 –11.00a.m.
- 11th Feel Good Friday—8.30a.m.
- 15th Y3 & Y4 Swimming
- 16th PTA AGM—2.00p.m.
- 17th Playing with English Parents Course 9.00—11.00a.m.
- 18th Feel Good Friday—8.30a.m.
- 22nd Y3 & Y4 Swimming
- 22nd Hearing & Vision Tests—Reception children
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- 24th Playing with English Parents Course 9.00—11.00a.m.
- 25th Feel Good Friday—8.30a.m.
- 29th Y3 & Y4 Swimming
- 31st Playing with English Parents Course 9.00—11.00a.m.



### February 2019

- 1st Feel Good Friday—8.30a.m.
- 5th Y3 & Y4 Swimming
- 7th Playing with English Parents Course 9.00—11.00a.m.
- 8th Yellow Day in aid of St Michael's Hospice—everyone may come to school wearing yellow
- 8th Feel Good Friday—8.30a.m.
- 11th Parents Forums 9.00 / 2.00 / 6.00
- 11th Reception & Y6 Class Photographs
- 12th Y3 & Y4 Swimming
- 12th Parent Consultations
- 14th Parent Consultations
- 15th Feel Good Friday—8.30a.m.

*We wish you all a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year*

