



JUNE NEWSLETTER 2018



Message from Lynda Doel, Executive Headteacher.

Following the announcement last week that Mr Blakelock will be Executive Headteacher across the Primary School and the College from September, a wonderful opportunity has arisen whereby he can take on that role immediately. This means that he can really get to know all of the staff and children and can begin working with the Senior Leadership Team on strategic actions before the end of the academic year. I will be moving to my new school tomorrow and was able to say goodbye and thank you to all the children in assembly this morning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during my time at the school and I move on knowing that the school is in a very safe pair of hands. You have wonderful children and I wish you all best for the future.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I was interested to read recently that when you see geese flying along in V formation, scientists have discovered why they fly that way:

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in V formation the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

This is a great analogy for life at Rye Community Primary school and in general. We know that we are more effective and productive if we help each other. Sometimes we might be the goose that needs the uplift of the other geese. Sometimes we might be the goose who is able to support the others. This fits in with our growth mindset that we are always learning, always striving to know more, do more, see more. We would like to thank you as part of our school community for being with us on the journey and being part of our V formation helping us to fly and to be the best that we can be!

As you will see above, Mrs Doel is starting her new venture and we wish her every success. Mr Blakelock is officially joining our Primary Community and we have also welcomed Ria Cruttenden two days per week to join our office team.

It has been quite a year of changes and we thank you for your support in making new staff feel welcome and for thanking staff over the past year, who have now moved on, for their dedication and positive impact in your child's life.

Kelly Martin
Acting Headteacher

Lost Property

We have had to re-locate our Lost Property Bin. In future it will be at the bottom of the stairs and can be accessed via the front entrance.

Please ensure you sign in at Reception before entering the main school building.



Staff Car Park

There are an increasing number of parents parking in the staff car park to drop off or pick up their children. This is causing huge problems as staff cannot park to come in to work! Staff are also concerned that there will be an accident as some parents and children are walking through the staff car park instead of on the path.

Attendance News



At the end of last term attendance at Rye Primary stood at 95.2% although we are still trying to reach our target of 96% this is an improvement on the same period last year when attendance stood at 94.4%.

As we start to near the end of this academic year we will be notifying all parents of their child's attendance, please see the attendance ladder below to see how your child compares.

Health and Wellbeing

Illness is the main reason for absence at Rye Primary. Along with good hygiene, a healthy lifestyle will help your family stay fit and well. Here are five simple ways to help your family to lead a healthier lifestyle.

Get active each day

Regular physical activity is important for the healthy growth, development and well-being of children and young people.

Drink Water

Water is the best way to quench your thirst and it doesn't come with the added sugar found in fruit juices, soft drinks and other sweetened drinks.

Eat more fruit and vegetables

Eating fruit and vegetables every day helps children grow and develop, boosts their vitality and can reduce the risk of many chronic diseases.

Switch off the screen and get active

Sedentary or 'still' time spent watching TV, surfing online or playing computer games is linked to children becoming overweight or obese. Children and young people should spend no more than two hours a day on 'small screen' entertainment. Break up long periods of use as often as possible. Plan a range of active indoor and outdoor games or activities for your children as alternatives to watching TV or playing on the computer.

Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives

Healthy snacks help children and young people meet their daily nutritional needs. Snacks based on fruit and vegetables, reduced fat dairy products and whole grains are the healthiest choices. Avoid snacks that are high in sugar or saturated fats – such as chips, cakes and chocolate – which can cause children to put on excess weight.

You can find more information at www.nhs.uk/



Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?



Class Percentages

4th September until 25th May 2018

Minnows	96.2%
Sardines	94.7%
Clownfish	97.1%
Seahorses	96.1%
Sea Turtles	96.0%
Lobsters	95.3%
Cuttlefish	94.8%
Barracudas	96.2%
Stingrays	94.4%
Killer Whales	96.3%
Marlin	94.3%
Jellyfish	94.4%
Dolphins	93.8%
Sharks	93.7%

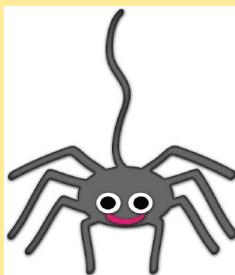
Whole school attendance stands at 95.2%

Pugwash News

Nature Area

The Nursery have been very fortunate to receive another physical activity grant. This is enabling them to develop their natural areas in the outdoor space and they have started to plant lots of seeds including flowers, lettuces, cucumbers and kale.

The children used the garden tools to plant the seeds and have been watering them and observing the change as they grow. They have also got a bug house that they are hoping lots of creepy crawlies will be attracted to so they can learn more about insects as well!



New Team Member

We are sure you will have noticed that we now have a new member of staff within the nursery, her name is Lena Robinson, do say hello when you are next in school. Lena has recently moved to the area and has lots of experience of working within nurseries and we are very excited to have her as part of the team.



Nursery Leavers Party

We would like to invite all school leaver children to a party to celebrate their time that they have had at Pugwash. This will be held on Thursday 19th July at 1pm.



Parent's Evening

Pugwash will holding a parent's evening for the school leavers within the nursery on Monday 9th July from 3.15-5.30. Please could parents make an appointment with their child's key person.



Aspirations Week

We were very pleased to welcome Elise Lovell, a British Heptathlete, to launch our Aspirations Week last Monday. Elise explained that she was a pupil at Freda Gardham School and was just like all the children in the hall today. She found she loved sports and thought she would like to take it further. She started gymnastics then later when she was at secondary school progressed and was encouraged by her teacher to join an athletics club. Elise was also encouraged by her family, who many of you will know are also very sporty!

Elise explained her timeline which included progressing from winning sports day at Freda Gardham in 2003 to taking part in the Sussex County Championships in 2008, then the British University Championships in 2011. In 2015 Elise was chosen to represent England then Great Britain in the Heptathlon Championships. 2016 saw her achieve her first international medal for long jump as well as her incredible record of jumping 6.02m! Amazing!

On Tuesday we held our Annual Careers Fair for Year 5 and Year 6.

The hall was brimming with professionals from all walks of life including a Consulting Editor, Train Drivers, Secondary School Teacher, Dance Teacher, Nurse, Nursery Manager, Firefighters, Florist, a Representative from ASL Recruitment as well as Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.

The children loved going around finding out more about the different careers and went away full of ideas about their futures.

Wednesday we welcomed Olly from World of Legend who 'Wowed' the Year 6 children. The children were completely captivated by the passion and enthusiasm he displayed. They also enjoyed a wonderful insight into the world of photography, theatre design and the world of theatre. Olly also spoke and advised all the children on their possible career paths and how they could achieve their goals.

On Thursday the Year 6 children had two visitors, the first was Emma from Mallydams who told the children all about the brilliant work that the RSPCA does in caring and rescuing animals in need. She also told the children all about RSPCA Mallydams which is based in Fairlight.

In the afternoon we welcomed Lauren, Jenny and Polo from Badger's Oak Vets in Northiam. Lauren and Jenny demonstrated how to do a complete health check on Polo the dog, who was just so adorable and well behaved, the children all loved him! They also explained to the children what it was like to be a vet and veterinary nurse and it definitely gave the Year 6's something to think about!

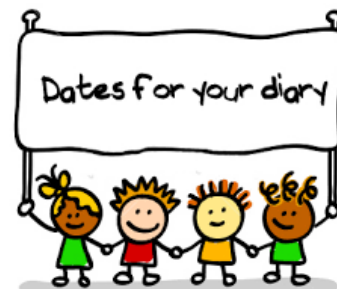
Friday saw our Aspirations Week close with a visit by the Careers Champions from Robertsbridge Community College. This group of selected pupils came along and spoke to our children in small groups and helped them to find out more about different professions.

Our thanks to everyone who has made this week so successful, we certainly couldn't have done it without you!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18-22nd June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Hindleap Warren
22nd June	Feel Good Friday 8.30-9.30
22nd June	Big Cook Little Cook—Family Learning Session 3.30—6.00
29th June	Feel Good Friday 8.30—9.30
29th June	Big Cook Little Cook—Family Learning Session 3.30—6.00
3rd July	Year 1 Jamaican Storytelling + Music Session
4th & 5th July	Transition days for children moving to secondary school
4th & 5th July	Transition afternoons for YR—Y5
6th July	Feel Good Friday 8.30—9.30
6th July	Big Cook Little Cook—Family Learning Session 3.30—6.00
9th July	Year 1 Transition session for parents
11th July	Sports Day—KS1 a.m. / KS2 p.m.
11th July	Open Evening
13th July	Feel Good Friday 8.30—9.30
13th July	Big Cook Little Cook Family Learning Session 3.30—6.00
16-20th July	Bikeability for Y6 Children
17th July	Year 6 Leavers Afternoon and Ceremony
18th July	Summer Fair
19th July	Pugwash End of Year Party—p.m.
20th July	Feel Good Friday 8.30—9.30
20th July	Break up for Summer Holiday



Term Dates—2018 / 2019

Term 1	4th September—19th October
Term 2	29th October—19 December
Term 3	8th January—15th February
Term 4	25th February—5th April
Term 5	24th April—24th May (Monday 6th May school closed—May Day)
Term 6	3rd June—24th July

INSET DAYS—School Closed:

3rd September 2018

1st October 2018

7th January 2019

23rd April 2019

25th July 2019



TERM DATES

STOP PRESS..... WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE MANAGED TO SECURE SWIMMING LESSONS FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS IN 2018 / 19 INCLUDING AN EXTRA TERM FOR YEAR 6 WHEN THEY WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN LIFESAVING!!