



Rusper Primary Newsletter	February 2020	Governors
Amberley Working Museum 7.2.20 Hobbit Class had a good time accessing lots of hands-on learning at Amberley. The focus was finding out about technological advancements of the 19 th and 20 th Century. The children looked at transport and communication. Particularly interesting was investigating the Tesla Coil. There were audible "Woohs" as the coil sent high voltage lightning through the air of the demonstration case.	Mrs Rodgers' Half Marathon After running a 10K fundraiser for the school last year, Mrs R is doubling the distance, the challenge and the pain this year. She runs the Brighton Half Marathon on 23 rd Feb and is again raising funds on behalf of the school. Please support her and us in this endeavour. Donations are accepted at the school office and online at https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/elizabeth-rodgers-1?utm_term=N2KwayQpp	Governors would like to thank all parents who filled in the questionnaire at Parent's Evening this week. We really appreciate your contributions and once the information has all been collated we will provide you with feedback. Unfortunately Belinda Kiely, one of our co-opted governors, stepped down at Christmas. Belinda contributed hugely to governance at Rusper and we are very grateful for all the work she has done. If you know of anyone who would like to become a co-opted governor at Rusper, please contact our Chair, Emma Worskett, at: eworskett@rusper.w-sussex.sch.uk for more information. Thank you.
	Big Thank You Just to say again, thank you to those parents, governors and staff who gave some or most of their Saturday (on the 8 th Feb) to be part of a working task force at school. Among the jobs done were fixing boards, door handles, painting, cleaning. In the absence of a caretaker, we are very lucky to have such a pro-active and resourceful community of helpers around the school.	Rocksteady Teacher Huw, our Rocksteady bandleader, played his last gig with Rusper pupils this week. As it stands, Rocksteady have yet to find a replacement for Huw. Parents of those children who take band lessons should have received an email from the company explaining the next steps. If parents have any questions, please contact the company directly. Thank you.
	Book Week Just a reminder that the week starting 2 nd March is Book Week at school. There will be lots of events. World Book Day is Thursday 5 th March. This will be a 'dress up day' – pupils and staff will come as their favourite book characters. RPS would like to invite parents or stakeholders to recommend their favourite children's book. Any parents who are happy to be part of a school display should bring in a photo of themselves holding a copy of or a cover picture of their favourite children's book from when they were aged somewhere between 9 to 11. There will be a further letter regarding this idea after half term. Thank you.	Photo Permissions A reminder please to all parents to complete the form regarding photo permissions. If you have not done this please access the email that was sent at your earliest convenience. This is important information for the school to ensure we uphold our duty to parental wishes. Many thanks.
Diary February Fri 14 th Non Uniform Day £1 Mon 17 th - Fri 21 st Half Term Tues 25 th No Clubs March w/c 2 nd Book Week Thurs 5 th Book Day – Dress Up Fri 6 th Tuck Shop Mon 9 th 1-3 Rehearsal for dance festival (Hawth) 7pm Dance Festival (Hawth) Fri 20 th Silent Disco w/c 23 rd Last week of clubs 30 th Smarties Challenge begins April Wed 1 st Daffodil Breakfast Wed 1 st Easter Egg Trail Thurs 2 nd 3.30 Parent SATs workshop Fri 3 rd Last Day of Term Mon 20 th INSET DAY Tues 21 st Summer Term Starts ASSH Tag Rugby	 PTA – FORPS Book Sale/Tuck Shop/Uniform Sale The February event was a great success so these will continue to take place after school on the first Friday of every month. Silent Disco – Fri 20th March There will be a silent disco in the Rusper Village Hall for children (5-6:30pm, tickets £5) and adults (7:30-11pm, tickets £15 include food). The event is open to the whole school and local community so please invite friends and family to join in the fun. Tickets will go on sale w/c 24 th Feb. Summer Fair Consultation Our past summer fairs have been a great success. To insure we put on another great event this summer we would like to ask parents to answer a quick questionnaire. Please watch out for an email with a link to a consultation form.	Wonderful Wheels Unicorn have been learning about vehicles of all kinds. Last week, they had a great time investigating this wonderful Masey-Ferguson tractor. Nick Kenward (the proud owner) drove it on to the drive for the children to look at and sit behind the wheel. Big thanks to Mr Kenward for providing this opportunity for the children. Next up, is a chance for Unicorn to meet Mr Hamnett to learn about flying passenger jet aircraft... 