



Monday 31st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well, and that your children are rested and ready for the 2nd half of the Autumn Term. Here are some key updates from the 1st half term.

Transition

During September and the first part of October, all children have settled in back into school routines well. Our newest members of school in Gruffalo class have made a fantastic start, entering school confidently and enjoying their daily activities. We are very proud of them all.

Curriculum

Please remember that all curriculum information about current learning can be found on the school's website, under the Curriculum tab.

Pupil Voice

As part of our school development plan this year, we are keen to develop how our pupils contribute to important school decision making eg improving playtimes, resourcing lessons, promoting school events etc. To help this we have grown our school council, with two elected reps from each year group - Y1-Y6 inclusive.

Congratulations to all our new members - Tyler and Henry from Y1, Lola and William from Y2, Jude and Olive from Y3, Alfie and Charlie from Y4, Evie and Imogen from Y5 and Toby and Ivy from Y6 - on their election.

The council will meet at least fortnightly, with the oldest councillors chairing and minuting the meetings. The council have decided that their mission statement is **'Helping children work and play well'**. Their first key job is to promote 'Anti Bullying Week', and our continued emphasis on kindness at all times to all people. We will keep you posted on all their work throughout the year.

PGL Residential

The Hobbit children had a great time at PGL trying new activities and staying away from home. They were all wonderful in their bravery, their independence and their support of each other. They made the Rusper staff team very proud. There is now a display of photos just inside the door of the KS1 corridor. Please do step inside at pick up time with your child, if you would like to take a look – this will be a great opportunity to hear your child talk you through the photos and what they mean to them.

Staff News

We are looking forward to Ms Clarke's return after a period of absence prior to half term. Ms Clarke is well and looking forward to seeing her class again; her return is now set to be Wednesday 2nd November.



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We are excited to announce that Mrs Rodgers and her husband are expecting their first baby next Spring. It is expected that Mrs Rodgers will begin her maternity leave at Spring Half Term.

We are also sad to announce that Mrs Murad (Gruffalo class support) will be leaving us in mid-November to begin work in another school. We thank her for her great support work. We will miss her and we wish her very well.

Finally, we are looking forward to Mrs Matthews returning to school duties after Christmas. She will be taking on the role of SENDCo, and will be working out of class to manage and develop the school's provision for pupils with specific needs.

PE Kit days

From 1st November onwards please can the children come in PE kit on the following days.

Gruffalo	Unicorn	Pegasus	Hobbit
Tuesday	Tuesday and Thursday	Wednesday and Friday	Wednesday and Friday

Please can Pegasus pupils also remember to bring their Forest School clothes to change into on alternate Thursdays beginning with Y3 on 3rd November, then Y4 on 10th November, then Y3 on 17th November and so on.

Parental Engagement

We have been discussing options for inviting parents into the school more this year to celebrate their children's work.

- Work sharing: We would like to invite all parents into their children's class at the end of every half term at 3:00pm so each child can share their favourite work with their parent /carer. Dates will be confirmed in due course.
- Family Phonics: This will be an opportunity for parents/carers of children in Reception and Year 1 to come and be part of a weekly lesson phonics lesson; namely sharing the teacher directed activities for early language development with their child. Reception children are just beginning the basic structured phonics lessons, once these are more established we will be in touch with relevant parents with more details of how to get involved, if you would like to.

FORPS

RPS is delighted to share the confirmation that last year, Friends Of Rusper Primary School (our school PTA group) raised a whopping (just under) £10,000 for school funds. We are excited to report that it is our intention to use these funds to re-develop and re-furb a new library space in the school Hub (the first room inside school beyond the office). Thank you, thank, thank you.

Also a big thank you to all parents who supported the school, cake sale just before half term, where a further £153.41. Particular thanks to all Gruffalo and Unicorn parents for their cake contributions.



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Upcoming Dates

For all school events, please continue to refer to the calendar on the school website; this is updated regularly. Please also see the FORPS events letter on the home page of the school website.

Wellbeing Support

RPS places great emphasis on positive wellbeing for all our pupils. All staff ensure they are there to listen if pupils wish to talk about their feelings. Mrs Caplin, the school's wellbeing lead, continues to provide effective and timely self-help strategies for the pupils who most need them. Our school community involves adults too; and our vision is to support the wellbeing of staff and parents also. We hope to use our website more to provide parents with helpful information and links / contact details for accessing family support. Did you know there are regular Drop In sessions across West Sussex?

Community Drop-ins

Looking for help?

Come along and talk to an adviser in an informal and relaxed environment

- Food/Fuel Concerns
- Money Advice
- Carers Support
- Employment
- Community Safety
- Isolation
- Emotional Wellbeing

Wednesdays

10am - 12noon

17 August:	Billingshurst Centre
7 September:	Roffey Millennium Hall
21 September:	Pulborough URC
5 October:	Storrington Chanctonbury Leisure Centre
19 October:	Steyning Brotherhood Hall
2 November:	Cowfold The Allmond Centre
16 November:	Henfield Evangelical Church Hall
7 December:	Horsham Lavinia House
21 December:	Ashington Scout Hut
4 January:	Horsham Job Centre
18 January:	Broadbridge Heath The Bridge Leisure Centre

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED



For more information, please email liz.burt@horsham.gov.uk



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If you have any questions about any elements of this letter, please don't hesitate to contact us directly.

Many thanks for your support,

Nick Avey, Headteacher, Rusper Primary School