

**Curriculum News**

Thank you to all **EYFS** parents who attended the '**6 Weeks In**' meeting. Mrs Rodgers was pleased to share some key tips for supporting early reading and phonics at home. The powerpoint has been sent to all Gruffalo parents.

In Year 1-6, RPS is developing several key areas of curriculum provision. This year, we will be adding to our collections of high-quality **Reading** texts, with the aim of deepening pupil engagement in story and character. It is commonly established in education that good teaching of reading helps to improve outcomes in **Writing**; particularly from the point of view of developing vocabulary. Please do ask your child to tell you about the book they are reading in class; and do ask about your child's writing when you come in to parent meetings.

Another focus for development will be **X Tables**. Our mission is to raise the profile of X Table practice, and improve accurate re-call. To this end we are currently using the **Times Table Rockstars** website. Watch this space for more information.

*Governors would like to let you know that we will be present at the upcoming Parent's Evenings next week. We are as ever more than happy to hear your views so feel free to come and have a chat. Whether you have a concern or would like to share some positives, please come and see us. Look forward to seeing you then.*

**Harvest**

A big thank you to all for the generous contributions to Crawley Open House. The charity collected many filled boxes of goodies to take back to their kitchens and food bank. Thank you also to those who attended our service at the church. As ever, it was good to share with you.

**Safeguarding**

Each school has staff with a designated safeguarding role. Please see the noticeboard outside the office entrance for the RPS designated staff. Child Protection is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns related to the safety and well-being of any child please speak in confidence to one of the designated staff.

**Home School Agreement**

RPS has an agreement which pupils, parents and teachers all sign up to. The charter helps to clarify the commitment to successful schooling that each stakeholder needs to make. Due to the need to stay on top of photo/video publishing permissions, we will be sending out the charters again for all to sign. Please go through the statements with your child, and encourage them to sign their part.

**NSEA Showjumping**



Congratulations to all the Rusper riders who did so well at the recent events. You made us all proud!

**Absence Request**

Thank you to all parents who are following the required protocols for requesting term time absence. Despite the systems working effectively, overall attendance at RPS is lower than the national expectation. Please continue to do all you can minimise term time absence for your children, and in turn help them to maximise their learning. Thank you.

**Horsham Road Closure**

Please be aware that from next **Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** through to the **1<sup>st</sup> November**, Horsham Road will be closed between Gardeners Green and Millfields Farm. (Just south of the Village Hall). The best access in to the village from the A264 will be along Faygate Lane.

**Diary**

**17.10.19:** NSPCC 'Speak Out & Stay Safe'  
**21 + 23.10.19:** Parent Evenings  
**25.10.19:** Non Uniform day – Halloween Costume + KS1 Cake Sale  
**28.10.19 – 1.11.19:** Half Term  
**04.11.19:** Back to school  
**11.11.19:** Open Morning for prospective parents.  
**18.11.19:** Able Maths at Heron way  
**27.11.19:** ASSH Football pm  
**9.12.19:** Rocksteady Concert 2:45pm in Village Hall  
**12.12.19:** Carols at Durrants Village  
**17.12.19:** KS1 nativity 2:30pm in Village Hall  
**18.12.19:** Chrsitmas Shop – am & Christmas Fair – 3:30pm  
**20.12.19:** Last day of term.



**Uniform**

We are noticing that some children are arriving in school not following the agreed uniform code. Please could we ensure the following:

**Earrings:** Are not permitted, unless recently pierced. In this case, children should come to school with studs taped over for safety.

**Long Hair:** should be tied back with a simple hair band. No elaborate clips or bows please.

**Footwear:** Black trainers or shoes only.

**PE Kit:** Should be in school every day, and only taken home to wash at weekends.

**PTA – FORPS**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the autumn meeting. Mr A asked that the **Fundraising Focus** this year be on collections of readers for each class. Each class will need 15 copies of 6 books. It is estimated that the cost of this project will be in the region of £3,000.

**Friday Tuck Shop** was a big hit. Watch out for the next one. Thanks Mina, Jo and Danni.



**Halloween Dress Up Day – Fri 25<sup>th</sup>**

The last day of the first half term in each term will be a non-uniform school fundraiser. This time- dress to impress – Halloween style.