

Rusper Primary School

Newsletter 27.03.26

Important Dates:

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 13 th April	All	Back to school
Tuesday 14 th April		Y5 Maths Competition – Bohunt, Horsham
Thursday 16 th April		National Offer Day – Reception Places
Friday 17 th April	All	Braiswick whole class photographs
W/C Monday 20 th April		Summer Term Clubs Begin

As we reach the end of what has been a wonderfully busy and rewarding term, I would like to wish all our children, families and staff a very happy, relaxing and safe Easter break. Although the weather has certainly kept us on our toes with plenty of rain, it has not dampened our spirits! Our field has held up brilliantly and even enjoyed its first real test this week during our fantastic Easter egg hunt. A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for organising such a fun and memorable event—it was a joy to see the children so engaged and excited.

This term has been filled with so many special moments. We loved celebrating World Book Day, with children fully embracing the joy of reading, and it was a real pleasure to welcome so many of you into school for parents' evenings—thank you for your continued support and partnership. One of the highlights was undoubtedly the Redwoods Gallery of Art, where families were invited in to experience and celebrate the children's wonderful creativity. It was truly inspiring to see their work displayed so proudly.

I am incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked throughout the term. Each day, they continue to live out our values of *Play, Care, Grow*, showing enthusiasm, kindness and determination in all they do.

It has also been lovely to welcome new children and staff to our school community. They have settled in so quickly and already feel like an important part of our school family.

Looking ahead to the summer term, we have so much to look forward to. From exciting science events led by Bohunt Horsham's science team, to creative art workshops linked to the new Rusper housing developments, as well as sports day, national assessments and a range of school trips—there is certainly plenty to keep us all busy!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you all in the summer term, and to officially launching our new school logo together.

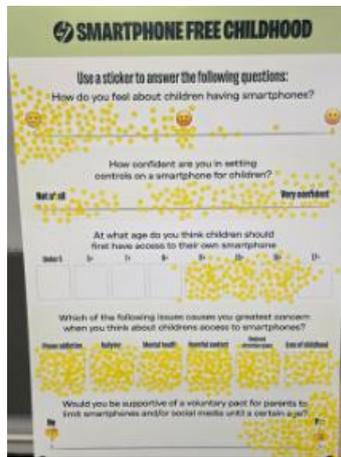
Have a wonderful Easter break!

Mrs Wright

Smartphone Free Childhood

We would like to look into this further and want to find out the views of our parents. Is this something you would appreciate hearing more about?

If you would like to complete the questionnaire please follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/zv96aQQJlm>



Summer Term Clubs

The Summer Term Club list has been emailed out. This term you will need to book and pay for all clubs directly with the provider. The school office will no longer be taking payments for these. When completing the form please could you indicate by typing your child's name which clubs you are signing up to so that we know who is staying for which club. Thank you.

Lost Property

Don't forget to have a look in our lost property box! There are lots of clothes in there which I'm sure do have an owner! Anything left on the last day will be either given to charity or FORPS.

Blossom Class – Mrs Green

What an 'egg'-cellent last week of term the Blossoms have had. The children in Blossoms have enjoyed many Easter theme activities. They were very 'egg'-cited to take part in a number egg hunt around the school and a word scavenger hunt. The children had to match the symbols and read the word and to find the matching picture.

This term in PE the children have been working on team skills abilities. This included navigating space amongst others and not crashing and bumping into one another, turn taking, parachute games, sportsmanship and of course finding out which team are the champions of the bean bag relay.

We have come to the end of the into the woods theme. The children have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves into the stories each week. The children have all developed their fairy tale and storytelling language and even made innovations to these stories to make them their own.

A big thank you to the parents who have taken the time to come in to school to read, who organised and set up the Easter egg hunt, the parents and grown-ups who came, supported, and watched the children's Easter performance at the church. Have a lovely restful half-term!

Willow Class – Miss Jones

As we reach the end of a busy spring term, we would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support – especially with reading and home learning. It really does make a difference.

The children have had a fantastic half term and worked incredibly hard across all areas of learning. They have loved exploring *Little Red* and creating their own stories, showing growing confidence in their writing. In maths, they have shown great resilience when tackling new learning.

In DT, the children demonstrated brilliant creativity and problem-solving skills when designing and making chairs for the little bears – we were so impressed with their ideas and teamwork!

We have also enjoyed gymnastics and orienteering, where the children showed excellent teamwork and determination.

A real highlight has been our learning about Easter. The children have loved learning the Easter story, as well as exploring how others celebrate this special time of year. We were incredibly proud of them at church; they represented the school beautifully.

It has been wonderful to see how much the children have grown in confidence and independence this term.

We hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you in the summer term!

Maple Class – Mr Snook

This week, our Year 3 and 4 mathematicians have been exploring **perimeter**—the total distance around the edge of a 2D shape. We've been busy using rulers to measure sides and adding them together to find the sum.

You can help reinforce this at home by grabbing a tape measure and finding the perimeter of everyday objects, like a cereal box, a rug, or even the kitchen table!

It's a fantastic way for the children to see how their classroom skills apply to the real world.

Redwood Class – Mr Rogers

What a fantastic half term we have had in Redwood! From rugby competitions to play auditions, the children have shown confidence, creativity and excellent teamwork throughout.

We have also completed a brilliant writing unit, where the children linked their history learning to their exploration of the legend of *Beowulf*. It has been fantastic to see their imagination and vocabulary choices flourish.

Our Year 5s have now completed their Forest School sessions, and I couldn't be prouder of their resilience and enthusiasm.

Wishing all of Redwood a well-deserved and restful break — we look forward to seeing everyone next term!

Looking ahead, next term brings an important milestone as our Year 6 pupils prepare for their SATs at the end of May. We will also begin our new topic on World War 2. In literacy, we will be starting a new class text, *Resist: One Girl's Fight Back Against the Nazis* by Tom Palmer. It is a fantastic book that will link closely with our topic work.

If you can support the class, we would greatly appreciate any contributions towards purchasing copies of the text via our Amazon Wishlist. These will support the children in both guided reading and writing. The link can be found below.

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful break.

<https://amzn.eu/066bCluO>

And finally... Our Game Changer

Michaela Coel – Writer & Actor

Michaela Coel is a true game changer because she has transformed television by telling bold, honest stories that reflect real life. Through her groundbreaking series *I May Destroy You*, she explored difficult topics like consent, identity and trauma with creativity, humour and emotional depth.

What makes her stand out is that she writes, creates and often stars in her own work, ensuring authentic voices are heard. By refusing to compromise her vision and challenging how stories are told on screen, Michaela Coel has opened doors for more diverse, truthful storytelling in the media.

