

A huge thank you to everyone for all your help & support with last terms activities & fundraising. It was a lot of work but by everyone doing what they can we have raised a fantastic £2,871.18!

Date of next FORPS meeting  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April ,  
9:10 in Village Hall**

**Curriculum News**

**Developing Curriculum.** This term RPS will be beginning the journey of improving our wider curriculum provision. Over the next two years we have a plan to develop the content and resources for all subjects in the wider curriculum. This includes the way we teach science, history, geography, PE, PSHE, Art, Design Technology, Computing. Current focus is on science, computing and Relationships and Sex Education. Please watch out for parent consultation sessions to share some of the developments.

**Piano Lessons:** There are currently a few places for piano lessons during and after school on a Friday for children who are Yr 3 and above. Lessons will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please contact Sarah Cobby directly via email [sarahjobby133@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjobby133@gmail.com) or 07973 858862

**Parent Taskforce Day**

Calling all superhero parents! We are hoping we can get a working party together on **Saturday 8th Feb** to make a really big difference to OUR school. If we can get enough volunteers on the day we can save the school a small fortune doing lots of easy (dare I say enjoyable) jobs, that overtime are now in desperate need of some attention. Simple jobs such as painting, weeding, jet-washing, hedge trimming, gardening etc. etc. Mr Avey and the teachers have been asked to write us a list of all the things they would love us to take a look at. You can expect tea/coffee and snacks on the day. Nobody will be bossing you around, instead there will simply be a big list of jobs and you can take your pick. If you can only spend a few hours getting involved...the more the merrier! Anything you can do will be appreciated and will make a difference. More info to follow. But please spread the word.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Book Donations**

FORPS and RPS are hoping to promote reading and continue fund-raising through a new 2<sup>nd</sup> hand book sale. There will be a book stall available alongside the Tuck Shop after school on the first Friday of each month. **If you have any 2<sup>nd</sup> hand children's books to donate, please bring them to the school office.**

**LET'S PLANT SOME TREES!**

As well as being good for the environment, Rusper could become self-supporting in Christmas trees over the next few years. We have a field, we just need someone to organise some volunteers and some saplings. If you can help, contact Nick Flint on 01293 871251.

**Pupil Absence**

Thank you to all parents who are following the required protocols for requesting term time absence. Please continue to do all you can minimise term time absence. Recommended approaches include avoiding term time holiday; being rigorous in judging whether your child is too unwell to attend school; and making appointments outside of school hours. Thank you.

**Jeremy Quin (MP)**



Mr Quin visited our school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January. He spoke to members of Hobbit and Unicorn class about his job. NA spoke to JQ about funding for small schools – which is still insufficient under new legislation. JQ promised to take it to the minister for schools.

**Diary**

- January
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> FORPS Meeting
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Gruffalo & Unicorn 'On the Go' Wheels Day
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Able Writers - Heron Way
- February
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Hobbit to Amberley Tuck Shop
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Non Uniform Day £1
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> -
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Half Term
- March
- w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> Book Week
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Book Day – Dress Up
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Tuck Shop
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dance Festival
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Silent Disco – details to follow.
- w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> Last week of clubs
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> ASSH Tag Rugby
- April
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Last Day of Term
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Summer Term Starts



**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.

**Governors**

We currently have three vacancies on our governing body, x2 Co-opted and x1 Local Authority. We were wondering whether any of you as parents may know of someone who would like to become a governor at Rusper. Ideally they would need to be someone either from the local community or perhaps someone who lives or works near Rusper. You do not need any qualifications to become a governor, just a willingness to contribute and of course time. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please could you email Emma Worskett, our Chair of Governors at [eworskett@rusper.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:eworskett@rusper.w-sussex.sch.uk) Thank you. Your views as parents are very important to us so to this end we will be carrying out our annual parent survey at parent's evening just before half term (10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February).