

# Rusper Primary School

## Newsletter 20.03.26

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### Important Dates:

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March		Final Spring Term Art Club
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	All	Egg Hunt
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5	Final Forest School Session for Y5 (this is to make up for Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March which was cancelled due to high wind forecast.)
	Y1-Y6	Final Spring Term Tennis Club
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Last day of term.
		Easter Service 9.30am Rusper Church
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	All	Back to school
Beginning of Summer Term Date to be confirmed	All	Braiswick whole class photographs

### Cycling Safety

We have noticed that some children are cycling to school without wearing helmets. If your child cycles to school, please ensure they wear a helmet at all times, even if they are not travelling on the road. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

### Lost Property

Our lost property box is almost overflowing!

Please take a moment to check for any of your child's missing items before the end of term, as any unclaimed items will be donated to the PTA.

We will place the box by the gate at each pick-up to make this easier for you.

Thank you!

### Blossom Class – Mrs Green

Another amazing week completed! This week in Literacy our focus story is 'The Gingerbread Man'. We started the week by reading and familiarising ourselves with the new story. Then on Wednesday we made gingerbread from scratch! The children had a lovely time baking and decorating their gingerbread. We finished off the day by eating our biscuit and watching the story.

In Maths this week, we have been developing our understanding of time. First, the Blossom children explore what they can achieve in one minute. Then we sorted activities out into day and night. Finally, we finished the week with sorting and sequencing familiar activities, such as, brushing our teeth.

In Science the children have been making predictions and observing over time. We planted some flower seed and unfortunately, we haven't seen any growth yet. Finger crossed something happens soon. We have linked this learning with spring and developing our understanding of a plant's life cycle.

## Willow Class – Miss Jones

Willow Class have worked incredibly hard this week during their assessments, showing fantastic resilience and maturity. We are very proud of how sensibly and positively they approached each task.

Alongside this, we've had lots of fun in gymnastics, practising our egg, log and teddy bear rolls, and developing our control and confidence. The children also showed great teamwork during our orienteering lesson, supporting each other and working collaboratively. In English, the children have been busy writing their own versions of *Little Red*, and we have been so impressed with the creativity and quality of their writing—there has been some fantastic work produced!

Just a reminder that home learning is due in on a Tuesday. Please also continue to write in your child's reading record to show their reading at home, as this is extremely important in supporting their progress.

Thank you for your continued support

## Maple Class – Mr Snook

It has been a busy and "precise" week in Maple Class as our Year 3 and 4 mathematicians dived into the world of measurement. We have been honing our skills using rulers and meter sticks to explore the relationship between centimeters (cm) and millimetres (mm). The children have been working hard to understand that  $1\text{ cm} = 10$ , practicing how to measure objects with accuracy and even converting between the two units. From calculating the exact width of their exercise books to measuring the length of classroom glue sticks and board rubbers, their estimation skills are truly growing!

### How You Can Help at Home

To help cement these skills, we would love for the children to get "hands-on" with some measuring at home this weekend. Why not involve them in a DIY project, some weekend baking, or even just a scavenger hunt around the kitchen? You could ask them:

- "How many **mm** long is this teaspoon?"
- "Can you find something in the house that is exactly **12 cm** long?"
- "If this book is **150 mm** tall, how many **cm** is that?"
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Getting them used to seeing these units in the "real world" makes a huge difference in their confidence and mathematical fluency.

## Redwood Class – Mr Rogers

This week, 20 of our finest sportspeople travelled to Bohunt to take part in a tag rugby tournament. The children demonstrated fantastic skill and sportsmanship, especially given the short time they had to prepare, and represented the school brilliantly. Team A secured two wins, while Team B celebrated a well-earned victory of their own. Overall, this led to a fantastic fourth-place finish for Team Rusper! We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to the next opportunity to represent the school.



## And finally... Our Game Changer

Chris Packham is a true gamechanger because he uses his voice to stand up for the natural world at a time when it is under serious threat. Through his work as an environmental campaigner and broadcaster, he has helped raise awareness about the importance of protecting wildlife and preserving biodiversity. Chris challenges governments and the public to take action, inspiring people of all ages to care about nature and make changes that can protect the planet for future generations.

