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## **NEWSLETTER – February 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that it is almost half term! Your children have been working hard and learning so much. It is a delight to see what the children are doing and the progress that they are making when I visit the classes or teach them. Everyone seems to be enjoying their topics, so please do ask them what they are learning about at school and come to Welcome Wednesday if you can.

With regards Mrs Sally Dreckmann

## Parent Consultations

Sign-up sheets have been put outside each classroom for you to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher. There will be a tenminute slot for each appointment.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
We have just been notified that we collected £132.36 for the British Legion back in November. Thank you for your support.



## The 'Pantosaurus'

As part of our safeguarding curriculum, the children have been taught about the 'pants rule' through the advice from the NSPCC. Please look at the following link to find out more and share the song with your children.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-childrensafe/support-for-parents/underwear-rule/

# Book Week (3rd - 7th March)

onwards. We do hope that

We have lots of exciting things planned during Book Week. On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we have a book fair coming to school. It will be in the hall from 3.00 p.m.

you and your child will be able to come along and support this. The Broadway Boogie after school dance club will be held in Sycamore Class on this day.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, to celebrate World Book Day, we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (or in their pyjamas) and to bring in their favourite bedtime story to share with the rest of the class. Children are very welcome to bring in slippers to wear at school but will also need appropriate footwear for outside play (and a warm coat!). A world book day token will be sent out after half term.

On Friday 7th March, we will be having a used 'book



swap' in school. Children can bring any unwanted books to school which they then can swap with another child. We are hoping to get lots of books, so that everyone can take a book home with them.

And finally, we are so excited to be taking part in BookFest this year. On 4<sup>th</sup> February, the author Stephanie Taylor visited the children in Years 1 and 2 to talk about being an author and to share her book 'I'm Going to be a Princess'. We are hoping this will inspire some of our aspiring writers!

All classes will also be visiting Willowhale Library during March - further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Can you, or someone you know, spare some time to come into school and read to the children during Book Week? Mrs Bennett would love to hear from you at <a href="mailto:abennett@rosegreeninfant.school">abennett@rosegreeninfant.school</a>

# PTA Quiz Night

Please see attached details of a
PTA Quiz Night for adults on
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. We have
held this event for a number of
years now and it is a great fun
night. A copy of the entry
form is also available from the
school office. Please could they be returned by
no later than 5<sup>th</sup> March.

## Easyfundraising

Do you shop online? Please see the attached sheet about an easy way to raise funds for the school.

## PE Kit for Outside PE

Please can you make sure your child has a full PE kit in school every day. This should include leggings or joggers and plimsolls or trainers, as we will be going outside for PE as the weather improves. Please make sure that everything is clearly NAMED!

## School Website

Have you looked at our website recently? It's a great way of keeping up to date on what is happening at the school. Visit <a href="https://www.rosegreeninfant.school">www.rosegreeninfant.school</a> to have a look.

## Nuts in School

Please can we remind parents not to include nuts or products containing nuts in lunchboxes e.g. Nutella or generic hazelnut chocolate spreads, as we have children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you.

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals Funding Eligibility
Just a reminder that families who receive
certain benefits or who are on a low income may
be eligible to free school meals funding which
the school receives an allocated amount for. We
use this additional funding to subsidise school
trips and after school clubs for the eligible
pupils. Even though your child is already entitled

to receive a universal infant free school meal, if you think your child may be eligible, please go to the following link from the West Sussex County Council:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/educationchildren-and-families/schools-and-colleges/freeschool-meals/

## New Attendance Rules

We have attached again, for your information, a copy of the new attendance guidance issued by the Department for Education. Schools can issue fixed penalty notices if a pupil of statutory school age misses 10 sessions (half days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 consecutive week period. Schools can also issue fines for parents taking their child out of school for 9 sessions to go on holiday (i.e. if a child is collected at lunchtime on a Monday and then off for the rest of the week).

Finally, a few reminders and pleas:-

- Please can we remind parents / carers to let your class teacher or the school office know if someone else is collecting your child at the end of the day;
- Parking in the disabled parking bays at the front and side of the school is for blue badge holders and those with prior agreement only;
- Please can we ask parents not to park across residents' driveways at the start and end of the school day and to remind your children of road safety especially with the high volume of traffic around the school.
- Please do not park in the residents' car park
- We are short of spare tights if anyone is having a sort out.
- Does anyone have any unwanted garden ornaments, bird feeders or bird baths that could be donated for our Year 2 area? Thank you.

# <u>Dates for your Diary - more details to follow</u> (New dates in <u>Red</u>)

Event	Date	Time
Stephanie Taylor, Author visiting	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	
Years 1 & 2	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
Parent Consultation Week	w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> February and 24 <sup>th</sup> February (sign	
	up sheets are outside each classroom)	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	
Inset Day	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	
Half Term	17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February	
Book Week	w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	
Book Fair	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	3.00 pm
Reception classes visiting Willowhale	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	am
Library	March a marcay o march	G.11
World Book Day (children may come to	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	
school dressed as their favourite book	······································	
character or in their pyjamas)		
Used 'book swap' - please bring in a	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	
used book to swap with a friend		
Maths Week	w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> March	
Year 1 classes visiting Willowhale	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	am
Library	March	
PTA Quiz Night	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm
Year 2 classes visiting Willowhale	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March & Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	am
Library	,	
Red Nose Day (non-uniform)	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	2.30 pm
Easter holidays	7 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> April	'
Start of Summer Term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	
Class Photos	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	
Chartwells 5 senses workshop for Year	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	am
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Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	
Creative Week	w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> May	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	
Walk to School Week	w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> May	
Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Half Term	26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> May	
Inset Day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	
Phonics Testing Week	w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> June	
Chartwells Healthy Eating workshop	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	am
for Year 2		
Sports Week	w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> June	
Reserve Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Reserve Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Reserve Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Transition Day	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	All day
School Reports to go home	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	
Summer Fair	tbc	
Welcome Wednesday/Open Afternoon	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15 - 3.15 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents (no babies	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15 am
or pre-school children)		

Year 2 Leaver's Disco	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	4.00 - 5.15 pm
Outside Playday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	All day
Year 2 Leaver's Assembly (for parents)	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.00 am
Last day of Term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	



# Do you shop online? Yes? PLEASE HELP. ITS FREE AND WILL HELP TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL!!

Please can you look at the Easyfundraising website as the potential is huge! As an example, if you wanted to buy a book from Amazon for £10, first log onto the Easyfundraising website and then click on the link for Amazon. You will be directed to the usual Amazon website (including all their discounts etc.). You can then purchase the book as usual. The benefit for you / the school is that the school gets 2.5% of the purchase value. That only equates to 25p, but if all parents sign up and order items throughout the year it will soon mount up. There are over 2,700 retailers linked from this website including ...







**WANT TO HELP?** It's so easy. Simply go to <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk">www.easyfundraising.org.uk</a> and click on "Sign up now"





Click "Support a good cause" and then type Rose Green Infant School into the search and then click "Support this cause", fill in your details and then shop!

Any commission you earn will automatically be sent to our account every 3 months .

And that's it! Once you have registered you just log on every time you shop online. You can even see how much you have raised and the total raised so far.

# P.T.A. QUIZ NIGHT Including food

Friday 14th March - 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Make up your own team of 4 - 6 people, of family & friends. They don't have to have a connection with the school. However, sorry no children though. This is a fun night for adults!

Price £10.00 per head, which includes Jacket Potato with choice of toppings, supplied by Mrs T's Catering

Bring your own alcohol or soft drinks and glasses, and some loose change for a fun game of BINGO!

Questions are fun and are not too serious, or taxing!!!

Please complete and return the enclosed slip to the school office together wit
the cash, or a cheque made payable to Rose Green Infants PTA
Last date for entry is 5 <sup>th</sup> March

I/We would like to enter a team of ...... people and enclose a cheque / cash for £ ......

Contact Name ......E-mail Address.....E-mail Address....

Our jacket potato topping choice is as follows:		
Number of Cheese	Number of Cheese & Beans	
Number of Chilli	Number of Tuna Mayo	
Number of Cheese & Coleslaw	Number of Plain Butter	

Please include us in (name's) TEAM NAME .....

#### New Attendance Rules Parents Need to Know - September 2024

In the Felpham and Bognor (FAB) locality of schools, we believe we offer a supportive approach to attendance and encourage our families to contact us should there be any barriers to your child arriving at school on time every day. Attendance at school is very important and long periods of absence from school is known to negatively affect children's learning development and well-being. The Department for Education have issued new attendance guidance for schools which will be implemented across the country from August 2024. Please ensure you read the following information.

This new guidance has been issued because prior to Covid, school absence had been on the decline, but since the pandemic, it appears attitudes towards attendance have changed and schools are seeing a steep increase in children being absent from school. The Government want to improve attendance figures in schools and Ministers have now published new guidance on managing school attendance that will become mandatory from September 2024.

Here's what you need to know.

#### **National Fixed Penalty Thresholds**

From September, schools will have to consider issuing a fixed penalty notice if a pupil misses 10 sessions (half days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. They should "not have a blanket position of issuing or not issuing penalty notices". The threshold can be met with "any combination of unauthorised absence". For example, four sessions in term time plus six instances of arriving late.

### £80 Fines and Improvement Notices

Absence fixed penalty notices charged to parents will rise from £60 to £80, or £160 if not paid within 21 days. From Autumn term 2024, only two fixed penalty notices can be issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year rolling period. Any notice thereafter will automatically be charged at £160. Parents will also receive "improvement notices", where they are informed that this is their last opportunity to engage with education and improve their child's attendance before a fixed penalty notice is issued.

The Government has also stated that fixed penalty notices can be issued for **less** than this threshold should circumstances arise, offering details of when this would occur. For example, a parent taking steps to avoid the use of a fixed penalty notice by taking their child out of school for nine sessions to go on holiday as this would mean the threshold would not be met.

## Long-Term Sickness to be Flagged with Local Authorities

Schools will have to give councils the name and address of sick pupils who they believe will miss 15 consecutive or cumulative days. Schools will also be "expected to inform a pupil's social worker if there are unexplained absences from school".

#### Mental Health Awareness

All schools should now be particularly mindful of pupils absent from school due to mental or physical ill health or their special educational needs and/or disabilities and provide them with additional support.



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT ROSE GREEN INFANT SCHOOL



We are looking for new Parent and Coopted Governors to join our governing body. Governors support and professionally challenge our school leaders, to make sure Rose Green Infant School is the best it can be for ALL PUPILS.

Governors come from all walks of life. There's no need to have a professional background in education, just a desire to give back to your community.

Governors are volunteers; they meet monthly for formal meetings and also spend time in school to support monitoring.

Please contact the clerk Denise Jenner on <u>djenner@rosegreeninfant.school</u> or call the school office on 01243 262318 for more information.