



Parents, Carers,

We are now back into the swing of it! The Summer Holidays is now a distant memory and the focus now is ensuring the children are settled and working hard in their classrooms.

It has been great to welcome new members of staff to the school. They have brought experience from other locations / provisions and helped keep Rushmere fresh and forward thinking.

On a different note, huge congratulations to Mrs Aristidou who is now a proud mother of a baby boy. I am sure that at some point in the future, she will pop in to see the children and the parents.

Mr Fykin

Head teacher

Autumn Term 1
THIS HALF TERM ENDS ON THURSDAY 18th OCTOBER 2018
Staff training day on Friday 19th OCTOBER 2018 (School Closed to pupils)
SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN – Monday 29th October 2017

Don't forget parents evening!

<p>Parents Evening (Year R to 6 exc. 4B & 3M)</p> <p>Wednesday 17th October 3:40 – 8pm</p> <p>Thursday 18th October 3:40 – 6pm</p>	<p>Parents Evening (4B & 3M)</p> <p>Tuesday 16th October 3:40 – 8pm</p> <p>Thursday 18th October 3:40 – 6pm</p>
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We are now ready to make arrangements for the Autumn term parent/teacher evenings. The dates for the consultation evenings are listed above.

All bookings can now be completed by clicking the links on the front page of the school website. You will be able to browse the available slots and make an appointment.

- ✓ Click PARENTS EVENING ICON on the home screen.
- ✓ Select the **class** your child is in.
- ✓ Select the **date** you wish to attend using the calendar.
- ✓ Select the **time slot** that you would like.
- ✓ Add your **child's name** only
- ✓ When the confirmation screen comes up, make a note of the time and date of the appointment.
- ✓ If you have another child in school, select 'make another booking'.

For those reading this in an email, you can click the link below to go direct to our booking portal.
 For children in Year R, 1, 2 <http://ks1rhpsparentevening.setmore.com/>
 For children in Year 3,4,5,6 <http://ks2rhpsparentevening.setmore.com/>
Parents without internet access may visit the school office to book an appointment or phone the school during 9:30 – 1:30pm.

Specialist Teaching Hubs – Arrangements

➔ **Speech and Language (Mrs Cleave)** – Mrs Cleave will contact you by letter to give you the arrangements for Parents Evening.

➔ **Hearing (Mrs Hughes & Mrs Owens)** – Parents will need to book an appointment with their **child's class teacher** using the online booking form. Once these sessions have been booked, Mrs Hughes or Mrs Owens will look to make sure they are available for you to meet with them near to the time of the class teacher appointment.

School Dinner Money - PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE

Please ensure your child's school dinners are paid in advance. We spend a lot of time chasing up parents who have not paid for their child's school dinners. Whilst we are waiting for payment from parents, this money comes out of the school funds, money which is supposed to be used to improve the educational provision for all pupils.



Scooter / Bike Use in the playground

Please can you encourage your children to walk their scooters / bikes in and out of the playground. At the beginning and end of the school day there are lots of people around, including very young children and children steaming around on bikes / scooters makes the playground more hazardous for everyone. Older siblings will be encouraged to use the blue or green bike shed to store their bikes.

Quick Reminder



We are a no NUTS school!

Please ensure the items in your child's packed lunch box or snack item do not contain nuts or traces of nut.



Late pick up at home time

School finishes at **3:30PM**

On some occasions children have been picked up from school 45 minutes late. In some cases, there has been a genuine reason, however, on some occasions parents have failed to contact us or have been relying on us to offer free child care.

We accept that sometimes emergencies come up and those things cannot be helped and we will always ensure that your child is well looked after. On most evenings we have adults available to supervise and look after your children but some nights we have staff meetings and training which means adults are not always available. Rainbow Bright after school club may be full and you may not be registered with them and so we cannot take children and put them into this club.



Parent Forum - Friday 12th October 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Each term we run Parent Forum meetings; so far they have been very successful and therefore we are continuing them into this academic year.

The Parent forum meetings are a chance for you to raise concerns, discuss issues, give compliments and discuss key issues that are coming up. The class mixes and residential trips were discussed at the previous meetings and feedback given was taken into consideration and built into the information we provide. Sometimes there will be things you are happy with and some that you may have further questions about. In many cases, having additional information can help explain why something has come about or why we do something in a particular way. We understand that having the full understanding of a situation may still mean you are not happy but at least you understand why it is happening.

The minutes of the meeting are uploaded on the same day and so if you are unable to attend please read through the minutes to find out what we discussed.

The next parent forum meeting takes place on **Friday 12th October at 2:30pm**



Reception In-take (2019 – 2020) Open Day – Thursday 1st November 9am – 10:30am

If your child is due to start here in Reception in September 2019 please feel free to attend the Rushmere Hall Open Day for prospective parents. The morning will start with a speech from myself (Mr Fykin), a speech from Mrs Hills (EYFS Phase Leader) and then visitors will be given a tour of the building during the school day, allowing prospective parents see how the school runs every day.



NON UNIFORM DAY (Rainbow Trust) – Thursday 18th October 2018

This year, the last day of every half term will be a Non Uniform Day. Each half term we will select a charity or good cause that is relevant to the school or is currently in the news.

This year, a group of girls from 6CR have decided that we should raise money for the 'Rainbow Trust'. The Rainbow Trust supports families who have a child aged 0-18 years with a life threatening or terminal illness who benefit from the bespoke support they offer.

<https://rainbowtrust.org.uk/about/what-we-do>

Therefore, **Thursday 18th October 2018 will be a Non Uniform day** and we ask that a donation of £1 is given towards this charity.

The girls will also be organising a stall that will raise further funds for this very worthwhile cause.



Year 1 Harvest Festival Performance & FIND Food bank Wednesday 10th October 2:30 – 3:30pm

The year 1 Harvest Festival Performance will take place on Wednesday 10th October at 2:30 – 3:30pm. Parents of children in Year 1 are more than welcome to attend. Doors will open at 2:15pm. Seats are limited so please do not bring along the extended family or we won't be able to fit you all in.



Running alongside this will be a collection for a local food bank. The items brought into school will be stored on the stage in the South Hall and then will be celebrated in the Celebration Assemblies on the 12th October. After that date, the Food Bank will come and collect the items and take them back to their depot to distribute it to the people who need it.

ITEMS CAN BE BROUGHT IN FROM NOW... up to Friday 12th October.



Drinks Bottles

Pupils should only have water in their drinks bottles when coming to school. Children will be encouraged to drink water at appropriate times during the school day (e.g when coming in from break time), however, they will not be restricted from drinking at other times. A few children have been arriving at school with fizzy and juice in their bottles. Squash is acceptable within the water bottles if children are not keen on water. However, within school refilling will only be water.



Playtime Snacks

Similar to the above, there has been an increase of children coming to school with snacks that are chocolate or high in sugar. We are, as a school, trying to promote healthy lifestyles and therefore feel fruit, carrot sticks etc or light crisps or biscuits would be more suitable (not family size packs).



Returning photo permission forms AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

The deadline for returning all photo permission forms was MONDAY 1st OCTOBER. If you are still clinging on to that form, please return it to school as soon as possible.

This will be last time you will need to complete one of the photo permission forms. You will only need to complete another form, if you wish to change your preferences.



Parking at picking up time

I know parking and the road outside school can be difficult at pick-up and drop-off time. The roads outside the school get clogged and often the nearest parking space is a long way from the school. If you are picking up your children by car, please can you be mindful of local residents and the parking restrictions e.g. Please do not park on yellow zig zag lines.

We have received complaints from some residents whose drives and garages are being blocked by parents who are picking up children from this school as well as parents who are trying to cross the road outside school only to have restricted vision caused by cars parked on the zig zags.



Absence checking

Please note that since April 2017, school staff have been carrying out home visits if concerns have been raised about a child's absence.

Some of this comes about when parents report their children as sick when they are in fact on holiday. I accept that some parents do not want to pay the fines that apply to taking holidays during term time, however, giving the school incorrect information does not help to build a strong relationship between the school and yourselves and will still result in a fine. I am also keen to prevent encouraging children to maintain the lie once they return from holiday. Clearly displaying a sun tan and wearing a Disneyland hat, some of our children arrive back at school to then pretend they have been sick.

Please ensure that you register your holiday with us. We are aware it is highly likely that you will be fined. However, if you don't provide this information and we do a home visit and realise you are away you will be fined anyway.



Office Opening Times

The school office is open for **parents, children and staff** between the following times...

8:15 AM → 4:30PM



Rushmere Hall

Uniform



Blue School Jumper



Pale Blue Polo



Charcoal Grey regular fit trousers



Charcoal Grey KNEE LENGTH skirt



Summer Dress



Black shoes



Seasonal Option Wellington Boots



Rushmere Hall

P.E. Kit



School PE-Shirt White or Blue



Dark Blue or Black Shorts



Swim shorts (above knee) / trunks or fitted shorts ANY COLOUR



Sports Trainers for P.E. or black plimsolls



Seasonal Options

Dark coloured tracksuit Outside sessions only



Swimming hat ANY COLOUR



1-piece swimming costume ANY COLOUR



P.E. Bag (including your child's name)

Rushmere Hall Primary School

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Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
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Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Thursday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Friday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
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Parents Evenings

Meet The Teacher Presentations 10th Sept **18** 2:50 - 3:30pm* (Class 5C,5CL & Year 6)
11th Sept **18** 2:50 - 3:30pm* (Years 1 & 2)
13th Sept **18** 2:50 - 3:30pm* (Year R)
14th Sept **18** 2:50 - 3:30pm* (Year 3 & 4 and Class 5H)
*Time adjustments from previous year

Meet The Headteacher & Deputy Heads

An opportunity to find out more about Mr Fykin, Mrs Rogers and Mr Smith. A chance to identify things the school is doing well and to tell us things that things that still need improvement. 12th Sept **18** 2:50 - 3:30pm

Parent Consultation Evenings

Autumn Term **18** (Years R to 6) 17th Oct & 18th Oct **18** 3:30 - 8:00 / 6:00pm
(3M & 4B - 16th & 18th)
Spring Term **19** (Years R to 6) 13th Feb & 14th Feb **19** 3:30 - 8:00 / 6:00pm

Open Night

(A chance to come in a look at your child's work over the year and a chance to say hello to your child's new class teacher for September -

NOTE:- this is not a Parents Evening.)

Release date for new classes... Monday 15th July - via newsletter

Summer Term Tuesday 16th July **19** 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Parent Forum

Autumn Term 1 Friday 12th October **18** 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Spring Term 1 Wednesday 6th February **19** 9:00am - 10:00am
Summer Term 1 Tuesday 7th May **19** 9:00am - 10:00am

Regular PTA events...

NEON Disco Friday 2nd November **18** Yr1-3 3:30pm - 5pm Yr4-6 5:30-6:45pm
Christmas Fete Friday 7th December **18** 3:45pm - 5:30pm
Surf Disco Friday 17th May **19** Yr1-3 3:30pm - 5pm Yr4-6 5:30-6:45pm
Summer Fete *REPLACED BY RushFEST2019* Friday 12th July **19** 3:45pm - 5:15pm

Sports Days

Nursery Friday 21nd June **19**
Reception Friday 28th June **19**
KS1 & Year 3 Thursday 4th July **19** 1:15 - 3:30pm @ Rushmere Hall
KS2 Thursday 4th July **19** 9:30 - 12:00pm @ Northgate Sports Centre

Reserve day in the event of bad weather for KS1 and KS2 will be set if needed. This will not take place at Northgate Sports Centre.

Productions

Year 1 Harvest Festival	Wednesday 10th Oct 18	2:30 - 3:30pm	
Year N Nativity	tbc		
Year R Christmas Concert	Friday 14th Dec 18	2:30 - 3:30pm	
Year 2 Christmas Production	Wednesday 12th Dec 18	10:00 - 11:00am <i>(performance for parents with toddlers)</i> Thursday 13th Dec 18	2:30 - 3:30pm <i>(No toddlers allowed)</i>
Music Concert	Monday 17th December 18	6:30pm - 8:00pm	
Year R Easter Production	Wednesday 3rd April 19	2:30pm - 3:30pm	
Spring Term Concert	Tuesday 2nd April 19	6:30pm - 8:00pm	
RushFEST2019	Friday 12th July 19	3:45pm - 5:15pm	
		<i>Outdoor 'music festival style' concert on the school field with food, drinks and performances from multiple year groups.</i>	
Year 6 End of Year Production	Thursday 11th July 19	2:00pm - 3:30pm (P.M perf.) 6:30pm - 8:00pm (Eve perf.)	
Year 6 Graduation Ceremony	Tuesday 23rd July 19	2:15pm - 3:15pm	

Christmas Events

Christmas Fete	Friday 7th December 18	3:30 - 5:30pm
'Carols In The Classroom' Year 1	Tuesday 18th December 18	2:45 - 3:30pm
Christmas Craft Making afternoon	Friday 23rd November 18	2:00pm - 3:00pm

2:30 - 3:30pm RECEPTION CLASS
