

Welcome Back...

School Starts...
Thursday 6th September 8:55am



Welcome back everyone!

I hope you had a wonderful summer holiday. With one day to go we felt it would be useful to give you some key information before the children come back to school.

Reception Intake

In order to support the transition from Nursery into full time reception please remember that during the first week of term reception classes have slightly different timings:

- **WEEK 1**
- Wednesday 5th September PD Day School closed to pupils
- Thursday 6th September 9am-12pm (Morning only)
- Friday 7th September 9am-12pm (Morning only)
- **WEEK 2**
- Monday 10th September 9am-1.30pm (Morning and lunch)
- Tuesday 11th September 9am-1.30pm (Morning and lunch)
- **Wednesday 12th September onwards**
- Children in full time, school times are 8.55am-3.30pm

FAQ – Why don't the children in Reception start full time from day 1?

A – All children find it challenging coming back to school in September (after a six week break) and many find full days tiring at the beginning. In order to ensure a smooth start to Reception, our tried and tested approach starts with shorter days which increase gradually. From experience, this leads to a more successful 'pain-free' start to your child's schooling.

Changes, events, anything to report from the Summer Holidays

Six and a half weeks is a long time! Lots of things can change over the summer break. Please let us know if there is anything we need to know about before the new term starts. Teachers will meet the children in the playground as normal and will be out in the playground before the bell. Please use this opportunity to pass over any useful information before the start of the school day.

Congratulations Mrs Garland

Congratulations to Mrs Garland who had a baby boy during the Summer Holidays.

Recruiting Fundraisers

Last year, our school Fundraising team raised valuable funds for our school to spend on very worthwhile projects. If you would like to offer to support some of our school fundraising events then please send an email to Hazel using the following email address.

fundraiser@rushmerehall.org.uk

Please do not worry if you cannot commit to every event... even if you are able to help with one of the events across the course of the year it would be very much appreciated.

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Green Cards

Last term, Green cards were issued to those children whose parents had given them permission to leave the school by themselves to make their way home. Within the first week these will be reissued. If your child already had a green card they will be given a fresh new one (in case the other one ended up in the washing machine!). As your child has now moved into a higher year group, you may be considering allowing them to walk home by themselves. If that is the case, please complete the attached form and hand in at the office or to your child's class teacher.

Meet The Teacher & Meet The Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher Meetings

See the information in the latter part of the newsletter about the Meet The Teacher Meetings.

Meet The Heads & Deputies – is an opportunity to find out more about Mr Fykin, Mrs Rogers and Mr Smith. It will also be a chance to identify things, you feel, the school is doing well and to tell us things that you believe still need improvement. 12th Sept 18 2:50 - 3:30pm

FAQ – Why doesn't the school run meetings later for working parents?

Across the course of the year, we aim to organise meetings at times that suit our parents.

Our two main parents evenings run up to 8pm, on two evenings, to enable all parents to attend. Music Concerts, Productions, Fayres and events organised for the children e.g Discos all run during the evening to enable parents to attend. For those events we rely on the goodwill of the staff to make these work. Same too can be said for the after school clubs, which our staff run in order to make them free of charge for the children.

Over the last few years, we have experimented running events at later times but the turnout for these events has been poor. Having staff members waiting at school until late for a small number of parents can be unproductive. Therefore a large amount of the school events are organised at times which will capture the most parents. E.g. the Christmas Fete runs directly after school to capture the most amount of parents around pick up times.

Organising events that run into the evening can prove difficult for staff with regards to their own child care arrangements and the school leadership need to take this into consideration when mapping out events across the year.

We want parents to have strong links with the school and so if you are a working parent or have difficulty attending some of the meetings (e.g Meet The Teacher) arranged by the school, please make contact with your child's class teacher. They will be more than happy to accommodate and arrange a time to meet up. It may be possible to arrange a time to meet with the teacher before work as a number of staff members are early starters.

EYFS Resources

Thank you to the parents who responded to Miss Barnard's request in a recent newsletter for play kitchen resources.

If you have been having a sort out over the holidays, our Nursery and Reception Classes would be grateful for any of the following items -

- (1) Small cars
- (2) BRIO construction sets (tools etc)
- (3) Baby dolls
- (4) Dolls prams / buggies
- (5) Small world toys e.g. wooden fairy sets / minibeasts / animals
- (6) Barbies / action figure dolls and clothes
- (7) Spare underwear (nursery size)
- (8) Multicultural toys and books
- (9) Puppets
- (10) Small tables (plastic / wooden)
- (11) Role Play Items e.g shops, homes
- (12) Dolls houses / furniture & dolls
- (13) Dolls Clothes
- (14) Storage baskets (small)

Please pass these directly to the Nursery / Reception teacher or for bigger item please bring to the school office.

Thank you....



Classes for 2018 - 2019



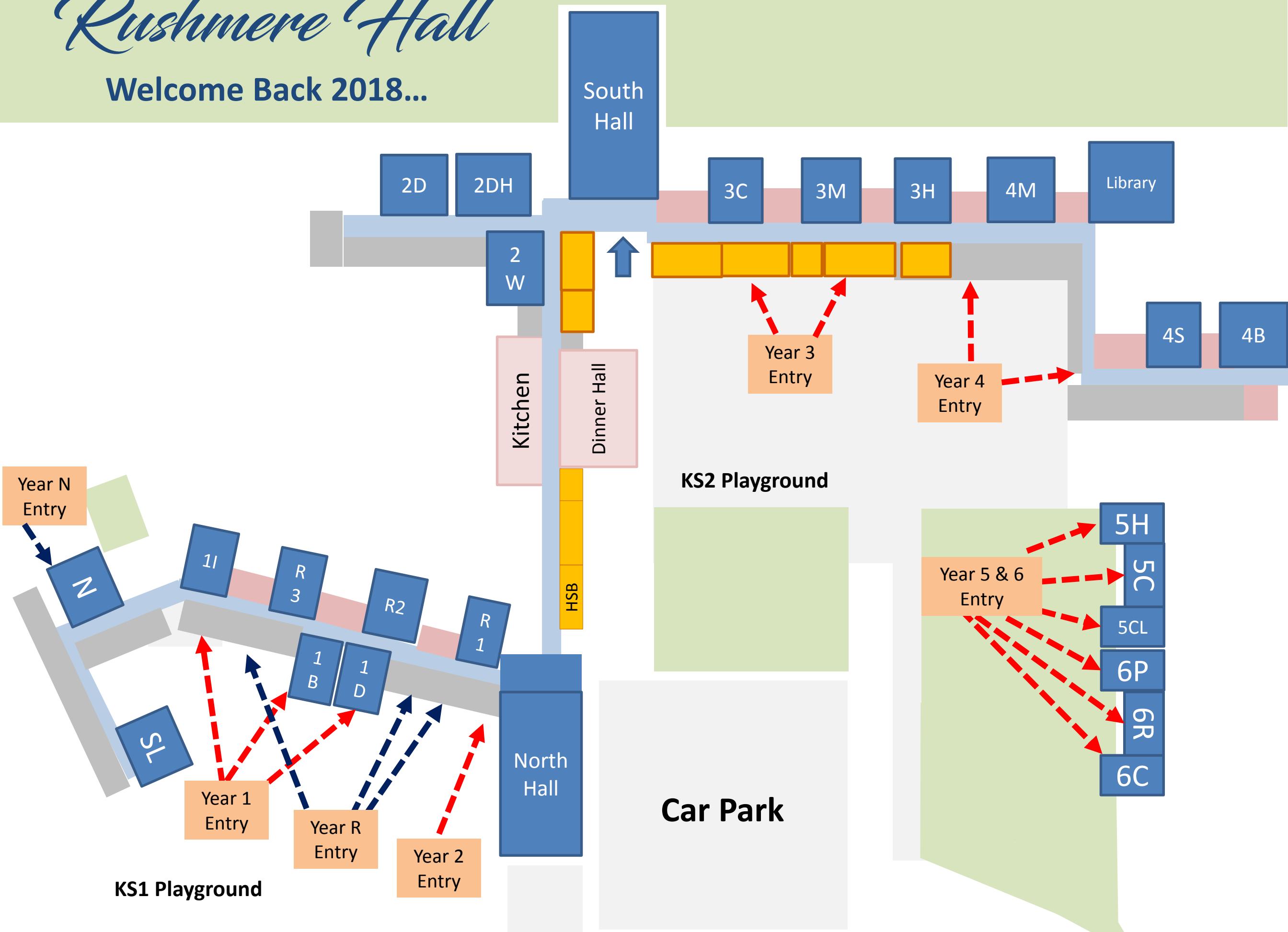
Classes & Teachers

2017 - 2018		2018 - 2019
Current class		Becomes...
		N - Mrs Buckles & Mrs Cooke
N - Mrs Buckles & Mr Horne	→	R1 - Miss Barnard NQT
	→	R2 - Miss Phillips
	→	R3 - Mrs Hills
R1 - Miss Rush	→	1D - Mrs Darroch
R2 - Mrs Ingram	→	1I - Mrs Ingram
R3 - Mrs Hills	→	1B - Miss Bullock (NEW)
1P - Miss Phillips	→	2W - Miss Ward
1G - Mrs Garland	→	2HD - Mrs Hoey and Mrs Delellis
1A - Mrs Aristidou	→	2D - Mrs Dunne
2W - Miss Ward	M	3C - Mrs Chrin
2D - Mrs Dunne	I	3H - Mrs Humphrey
2H - Mrs Humphrey	X	3M - Mrs MacKay (NQT)
3C - Mrs Chrin	→	4M - Miss Markham
3R - Miss Redgrave	→	4S - Mrs Steward
3D - Mrs Darroch	→	4B - Mr Bentley (NQT)
4M - Miss Markham	→	5H - Mrs Harries & Mr Smith
4DH - Mrs Hoey / Mrs Delellis	→	5CL - Mrs Ching & Mrs Lees
4S - Mrs Steward	→	5C - Miss Clarke (NEW)
5H - Mrs Harries & Mrs Rogers	→	6R - Mr Rix
5R - Mr Rix	→	6CR - Mrs Casburn & Mrs Rogers
5CL - Mrs Cooke & Mrs Lees	→	6P - Mr Plowman
6P - Mr Plowman	→	
6S - Mrs Yates	→	YEAR 7
6C - Mrs Ching & Mrs Casburn	→	

New class
blogs will be
available
soon...

Rushmere Hall

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Pick Up Arrangements (KS2)



If you have already given permission for your child to leave school by themselves, **you do not** have to complete this form again.

- Please provide us with confirmation if you are allowing your child to leave school by themselves.
- The default arrangement is that children are **NOT allowed** to leave school by themselves.
- Complete and return the form to your child's class teacher. Copies of this form are available from reception.
- Children will be provided with a GREEN card to show they have permission to leave school by themselves at the end of the school day.

Childs name:					
Which class? (Tick ✓)					
5H <input type="checkbox"/>	5CL <input type="checkbox"/>	5C <input type="checkbox"/>	6P <input type="checkbox"/>	6R <input type="checkbox"/>	6CR <input type="checkbox"/>
3M <input type="checkbox"/>	3C <input type="checkbox"/>	3H <input type="checkbox"/>	4M <input type="checkbox"/>	4S <input type="checkbox"/>	4B <input type="checkbox"/>

KS2 pupils	
My child is allowed to go home by themselves... (Tick ✓)	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	 Signed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please note - if you tick this box, you are accepting that once your child has left the school site, the school is no longer responsible for your child.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> These children will be released before the other children and will be encouraged to move out of the playground and not hang around on the school site.	

The meeting content has been designed to deliver a consistent message. Therefore, if you have more than one child at the school, you'll probably benefit from just attending one meeting (perhaps with the teacher who you haven't met before!) You can then arrange a quick 'catch-up' with the other teachers at a different time.

Meet the Teacher

What is it?

'Meet the teacher' is a chance for you to meet your child's new class teacher. The teacher will clarify the expectations in the year group, PE days, homework days, the new curriculum, collect names of parents who are free to come in and help out and answer any questions you may have. **This is an important meeting and would be very useful for you to attend.** All of the queries, that you may have, can be answered at these meetings. This should mean that right from the start, you are clear about how the new class works.

If you are unable to attend please contact your child's class teacher who can arrange for a copy of the slides to be sent home the following day.

2:50 – 3:30pm

Meet The Teacher Presentations

10th Sept **18** (Years 5C, 5CL & 6)

11th Sept **18** (Years 1 & 2)

13th Sept **18** (Year R)

14th Sept **18** (Year 3 & 4 & 5H)

What is it NOT?

'Meet the teacher' is not a traditional Parents Evening. All parents will be with the class teacher at the same time whilst the teacher introduces themselves and talks about the year ahead. If you have a concern about your child, please arrange a separate time to discuss your child in detail.



School Term and Holiday Dates - September 2018 to July 2019

2018	September					October					November					December							
Monday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31			
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25				
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		
2019	January					February					March					April							
Monday			7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		
Tuesday		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		
Wednesday		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24			
Thursday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25			
Friday		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26			
Saturday		5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
Sunday		6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	
2019	May					June					July					August							
Monday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		
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School holidays



PD / Teacher Training Days (School Closed)





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