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## **NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2021**

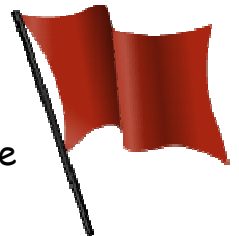
**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope that you all had a fantastic summer with the children. I am very impressed that they have returned to school with a positive attitude and they all look smart in their school uniforms.

At Rose Green Infant School, we love to celebrate successes and achievements from both in and outside of school. I know several children did the Library Service 'Wild World Heroes' Reading Challenge over the summer. If your child completed the challenge, we would love to celebrate it. Please can they bring their certificate into school on Friday 24 September, and we will get everyone to stand up together so we can give them a big 'well done' clap in assembly.

**A few bullet points for the benefit of our new parents, and as a reminder to all ...**

- We send a newsletter home once a month. Letters go home by email to all parents registered on Parentmail. If you do not wish to use this system, you will get a paper copy of letters in your child's book bag. We will put a red flag out at the main gate to let you know a newsletter has gone home, to remind you to check bags and inboxes!
- *Parking* - We ask all parents to please avoid driving into Hawkins Close. Parents are not permitted to park in the Residents' parking area or the school's tennis court. Spaces are available outside the school for holders of a disabled blue badge - please speak to the office about this.
- *Milk* is only delivered for children who are registered with Coolmilk (it is free for children under the age of five). Please ask at the office for a form if you would like your child to have milk or register online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)
- *Pupil Premium (free school meals)* - please ask for details at the office if you think you may be entitled. If you are entitled, we will cover the cost of any school trips, pay for them to have free milk in school once they have turned five and also fund one after-school club for your child (once they are running again).



- **Sickness** - If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please phone the school office before 9.00 a.m. and leave a message on the answerphone. Alternatively, those who have successfully registered on Parentmail can now report absence using this. Any child suffering from sickness or diahorrea must be kept off school for 48 hours from the last incidence of vomiting or diahorrea.
  - **Lateness** - The school gates open at 8.45am. Children need to be on site before 9.00am when the learning day starts. Any child arriving after 9.00 a.m. will be marked in the register as late and may miss key information for the first learning session. Arrival after 9.30 a.m. will be marked as an unauthorised absence. Please try and ensure that your child is here on time. Thank you.
  - **Please name everything!** - Please can you ensure that everything your child brings to school, especially coats, hats, scarves and gloves, jumpers/cardigans, shoes, lunch boxes, water bottles and PE kits are named. We always have a huge pile of lost property which would not happen if we could return everything to its owner!
  - **Snacks and Lunchboxes** The Government provide fruit and vegetable snacks for all the children. If your child brings in their own fruit or vegetable snack, please put this in a separate container, clearly named, to put in their drawer ready for snack time. If your child is having packed lunches, we ask that you do not put any sweets or bars of chocolate in lunchboxes (chocolate coated biscuits are fine).
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- We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL.** This is because we have children in school with severe nut allergies. We recognise some parents may be disappointed that they cannot include nuts or products containing nuts in lunchboxes, but I am sure you understand that health and safety always comes first.
- **Health and Safety**
    1. Earrings must be small studs. During PE they must be removed or covered with tape. Please provide a reel of micropore tape to be kept in your child's drawer.
    2. Long hair must be tied back for school.
  - **Pick-Up Time** - Please let the office know by email or phone if someone different to usual will be collecting your child. We will not let your child go home with someone else unless we have spoken to you personally to get permission.
  - **Before and After School** - Please do not let your children or toddlers play on or with any equipment before or after school for health and safety reasons, and remind them not to scoot or cycle on the playground or anywhere in the school grounds - all bikes and scooters must be left in the racks as soon as they arrive at school, and should be collected on your way out of the gate.

- *Requests for Absence from Learning* - Absence from learning will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. It is the school's policy to refer to the Local Authority for consideration of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for children who have unauthorised absence from school, where a pupil has a minimum of 10 school sessions (5 days) off in a 10 school week period. This includes any absence marked in the register as unauthorised, persistent late arrival at school after the register has been taken that is recorded as an unauthorised absence, or a holiday in term time which has not been authorised. The FPN is issued with an invoice for £120 and 28 days are given for you to settle the penalty. If the FPN is paid within the first 21 days, the amount payable is reduced to £60. We would particularly ask that Year 1 and Year 2 children do not have any time off during May and June as this is when they are preparing for, and sitting, their phonics and SATs tests. A copy of our Attendance and Absence Policy is on our website for your information.

I look forward to working in partnership with you, to support your child's learning and to make their early experiences of school something that they will treasure for the rest of their lives.



**Mrs Sally Dreckmann**  
**Headteacher**



### Term Dates for the 2021 - 2022 Academic Year

Term	Dates
Autumn term 2021	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 6 September <b>Half term:</b> Monday 25 to Friday 29 October <b>Ends:</b> Friday 17 December
Christmas break 2021	Monday 20 December to Monday 3 January
Spring term 2022	<b>Starts:</b> Wednesday 5 January (Tuesday 4 January is an INSET day) <b>Half term:</b> Monday 21 to Friday 25 February <b>Ends:</b> Friday 8 April
Easter break 2022	Monday 11 to Friday 22 April
Summer term 2022	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 25 April <b>Half term:</b> Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June <b>Ends:</b> Thursday 21 July

### Inset Dates (Staff Training Days)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Dates for your Diary

Please see the attached sheet of dates for your diary for the Autumn Term.



### Hot Dinners

Chartwells will be providing the following special lunch menu on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October:

#### **Main**

Macaroni Cheese or Chicken Fillet Sandwich

#### **Side**

Baked Beans or Salad

#### **Dessert**

Chocolate Fudge Brownie

#### **Drink**

Blackcurrant Squash, Milk or Water

If your child usually has a packed lunch on this day but would like a hot dinner (it is week 2 on the menu), please can you let Mrs Porter in the office know by 22<sup>nd</sup>

September as we will have to order extra meals. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to try a hot lunch on this day if they don't usually.

We are encouraging the children to use a knife and fork to eat their dinner. Please try to get your children to cut up their own food at home - this will help us enormously.

Please do not send in drinks bottles for children having hot dinners - water and milk is provided (but they still need a water bottle for the classroom). Thank you for your support.

### Local Paper Photos

Our Reception Teachers will be taking photos of their new classes very soon, to send to the local paper, which is running their annual feature on children starting school. **If you do not wish your child's photograph to be taken, please let Mrs Porter in the**



**office know as soon as possible.**

### Parent Consultation Meetings

A letter will be going out later this month regarding the arrangements for this term's parent consultations.

### PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. in the school hall. We do hope you will be able to join us to find out more about the work of the PTA and how you can be involved.

We would like to thank the PTA for purchasing our amazing Forest School canopy which you may have noticed in the playing field. This has really enhanced our Forest School area and we hope the children will enjoy using it during their sessions.



### Individual Photos - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September

A photographer is coming on this day to take individual photos of the children - please remember to send them in in their school jumper or cardigan!

### Introduction to learning in Reception, Years 1 & 2

We will shortly be sending letters home about the curriculum your children will be following this term.



## Before/After School Clubs

We hope to start our before and after school clubs again after the October half term. A list of all the clubs which will be running together with details on how to enrol will be sent out later this month. In the meantime, we are able to offer one-to-one music lessons with Inclusive Music and Movement; details as follows: -

### ♪ Instrumental and Vocal lessons with Inclusive Music and Movement ♪

Inclusive Music and Movement (IMM) provides opportunities for children and adults to receive music tuition, ensuring a unique and tailored learning experience for every student. As many of you will already be aware, engaging with music and learning an instrument have numerous benefits, not only educationally but physically, socially and personally too.

We are so pleased to be working alongside Rose Green Infant School to offer 1:1 and paired instrumental, and vocal lessons. Our team are able to offer a range of instruments including piano, guitar, singing, flute, violin and more.

If you would like to register your child's interest for lessons, we would love to hear from you. Lessons are

taught on either an individual basis or in a pair where numbers allow and are charged at £16 and £10.50 respectively, per 30 minutes. Flexible payment options are offered. Please do drop us an email, if you would like more information or to reserve a place [imm@inclusivemusicandmovement.com](mailto:imm@inclusivemusicandmovement.com)

## Returning to School during Covid

Please find below a link we have received from the West Sussex County Council.  
[www.westsussex.gov.uk/backtoschool](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/backtoschool)

It explains the measures in place in schools and how outbreaks will be managed as well as advice and guidance on mental health and wellbeing for young people.

## Staffing News

We would like to welcome Mrs Bates who will be covering Ladybird Class on a Monday whilst Ms Prosser is delivering Forest School. Ms Beeney will be providing PPA cover in the various classes Tuesday to Thursday, as well as continuing with Forest School on Mondays.

## Dates for your Diary - more details to follow

Event	Date	Time
PTA AGM	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00 p.m.
Individual school photos	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	all morning
Parent Consultations	Individual letters will be sent home inviting you to attend an appointment	
Inset Day (school closed for staff training)	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	
Half term	25 <sup>th</sup> October - 29 <sup>th</sup> October	
Anti-bullying week	15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> November	
Children in Need (non-uniform day)	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	all day
Flu vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 & 2	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	All morning
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	
Christmas holidays	20 <sup>th</sup> December - 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	
Inset Day	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	
Start of Spring Term for children	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	

At present we are looking at what events we can safely run in school. Once we have finalised our plans, we will update you on the dates.

Would you like to come and join the  
Rose Green Infant School Staff Team?



We have vacancies for:  
**Casual Midday Meals Supervisors**  
*Grade 2, Point 2*

Midday Meals are served in the hall  
Lunch times can vary between  
11:30 am - 1.25 pm or 11:45am to 1:10 pm  
depending on school requirements

Please contact the office  
for an Application Form

**Rose Green Infant School is committed to safeguarding and all applicants must be willing to undergo screening including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).**

