

Rusper Primary School



5th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Head teacher's note

So, May is here and this summer term at Rusper Primary promises further new developments, exciting events and opportunities to come together as a community. I was pleased to attend the annual Rusper May Day (photos on the school website) – I thought it was well attended and a real success. On behalf of Rusper Primary, I would like to thank the May Day committee for their incredibly generous donation of £2,145 to school funds. This is exactly the cost of one new interactive touch screen board for a classroom. We needed two, and thanks to the great efforts to raise funds by our super PTA and now the May Day committee as well, we have been able to cover the costs of more than two boards. At a time when school funding is being seriously cut back at a national level, we are very lucky to have such engaging support from our community. Both Pegasus and Hobbit classrooms now have the new boards installed and the pupil accessibility in these rooms is vastly improved.

Thank you, as always, for your time and continued support, NA

Key Dates (Please do make a note of the dates below – they will come around very fast)

8th May-12th May		<i>SATS Tests</i>
Friday 12th May		<i>KS1 Sealife Visit Payments due today Pegasus Bignor Payments due today</i>
Wednesday 17th May	6.30pm	<i>Y6 Music Festival at the Hawth Theatre</i>
Thursday 18th May	3.30-4.30pm	<i>PGL Residential Meeting</i>
Wednesday 24th May	9.30am-12.30pm	<i>Inclusive Sports Day</i>
29th May – 2nd June		<i>Half Term</i>
Thursday 8th June	2.15pm	<i>Forest School Roadshow Y5 Boys</i>
Friday 9th June		<i>Pegasus Visit Bignor Roman Villa</i>
Monday 12th June	3:45pm	<i>Sex Ed Consultation for Y6 parents</i>
Tuesday 13th June	6.30pm	<i>New Parent's Welcome Meeting</i>
Friday 16th June		<i>KS2 ASSHletics at Broadbridge Heath</i>
Monday 19th June – Friday 23rd June		<i>PGL Residential - Hobbit Class</i>
Monday 26th June – Thursday 29th June	1pm-2.30pm	<i>Bikeability Y6 Sex Education Y6</i>
Tuesday 27th June	9.30-11.30	<i>ASSH Collaboration Y6</i>
Wednesday 28th June		<i>Sealife Visit Gruffalo & Unicorn Classes</i>

Friday 30th June		<i>INSET</i>
Thursday 6th July		<i>Sports Day</i>
Friday 7th July		<i>Reserve Sports Day</i>
Tuesday 18th July		<i>ASSH Rounders</i>
Friday 21st July		<i>Rusper Ramble</i>
Tuesday 25th July		<i>Last Day of Term 12.00 Y6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 family welcome)</i>
Monday 4th September		<i>INSET</i>
Tuesday 5th September		<i>INSET</i>
Wednesday 6th September		<i>Start of Autumn Term</i>

Notices

It has come to staff attention recently that some pupils are arriving without complete school uniform or with unnecessary accessories. This has prompted an evaluation of school uniform policy. A revised Uniform Policy will be shared with all parents and carers in due course. Until that point, please can we ask all parents to support the following requirements. Thank you.

Hair Accessories

From Monday 8th May 2017 Jo-Jo Bows and elaborate hair bands eg Cat Ears will not be permitted and should not be worn to school. The primary reasons for this are that they are not part of school uniform but also for pupil safety and pupil equality. This is in line with the existing expectation that jewellery is not permitted. We also respectfully request that over shoulder-length hair should be worn tied back and/or up, with a simple, plain band.

Trainers

Trainers are not permitted as part of uniform (not including PE kit). Black shoes should be worn by all.

Pencil Cases

These can be of benefit to pupils as they help to develop independence so we welcome pupils bringing their own equipment. However, sometimes pencil cases and their contents can become a distraction for pupils during learning so we are developing a policy to regulate pencil case use. We would ask that you support the pupils in their adherence to the following guidelines. Pencil cases should be:

- Small enough to fit in a tray & not be intrusive on a working surface
- Of soft construction with a zip (no 'Hardtops')
- Containing only...
 - A black pen (not a biro)
 - A pencil
 - Sharpener
 - Eraser (not a novelty eraser)
 - An optional purple pen (not a thick line felt tip or a glitter pen)
 - A highlighter

We ask that cases do not contain rulers, felt tips, or any form of hand held toys, key chains, small figures etc we ask that toys of all kinds are not brought from home to school.

Thank you