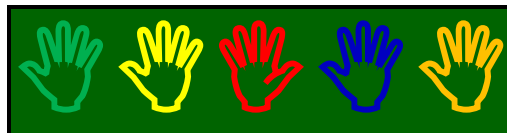


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Head teacher's note

Happy New Year to one and all! May I start by saying a huge thank you for the wonderful support and generosity shown by so many of you in the run up to Christmas. The Christmas Bazaar and the Nativity were well attended and very successful; but also there were so many contributions, donations and gifts from you. The Rusper primary community pulled together brilliantly to the benefit of many.

With your continued support, the Spring term promises to be equally exciting and successful. This term, there are several new initiatives for our pupils. Among other things, there will be revised approaches to Phonics and Spelling for all year groups, increased parental involvement opportunities, inter-school sports fixtures and a new school behaviour policy to keep our pupils safe and happy. In the first few days of term there will be several important communications to be aware of:

- The Learning Journey letter for your child's class will now have more detail about the themes and topics being covered across the curriculum, plus dates and events relevant to that class.
- A report card with summary information about your child's performance across the autumn term; there will be an accompanying letter providing explanation.

Key Dates

Monday 16th January	3:40pm	<i>Clubs Start</i>
Tuesday 17th January	7:00pm	<i>Rusper Primary PTA meeting</i>
Thursday 19th January	3:40pm	<i>Behaviour Policy Workshop for parents</i>
Tuesday 24th January	1 – 3pm	<i>Tag Rugby Tournament - Collyers</i>
Tuesday 14th February	3:45pm	<i>Song of Sounds Phonics workshop for parents</i>
Monday 20th – Friday 24th February		<i>Half term</i>

Notices

Governance: Congratulations to Mrs. K. Wickens on her appointment as a staff governor at Rusper Primary School

Reminders

Lateness: Schools are accountable for taking steps to reduce lateness. Where possible, please help your child to arrive at school punctually – the gate will close at 9:00 am. Arrivals after 9:00 are late and pupils should enter through the office, where they can be signed in. Thank you.

Earrings: School policy currently specifies that earrings are not to be worn to school. If ears have been recently pierced and thus still healing, then studs may be worn and should be taped once in school. It is a parental responsibility to ensure that earrings are not worn to school once the piercings are healed. Thank you.

Swimming: Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 starts on Wednesday. If you haven't already done so, please drop your payment into the school office. Also if you are able to volunteer to help with swimming please let the office know. Thank you.

Tesco Voting: If you are in any of the Crawley or Gatwick Tesco stores please put a token in for Rusper! Thank you.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

Best wishes, Mr. A