



Rusthall St Paul's CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 6th July 2018

Our Value this term is Responsibility

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Questionnaire – thank you to all the parents who took the time to fill in our questionnaires. Miss Powell and the Governors are busy analysing them and will feed back before the end of term. Well done to the parents of Alfie in York Class whose name was drawn from the hat. The family wins the £30 Sainsbury's voucher.

Behaviour Outside of School – we frequently remind our children that the behaviour we expect in school is also the behaviour we expect to see outside of school. Not only do we want our pupils to do well academically when they leave but also to be well-rounded, responsible and polite citizens who become an asset to the world they live in. We hope you agree and support us with this.

Attendance – Thank you to all the parents and children who have been supporting us with raising our attendance this year. When OFSTED visited in 2016 we were in the bottom 10% of all schools nationally for attendance and one of the action points they left us with was to improve it. Our attendance rates and registers are also monitored by the KCC attendance service and if they identify pupils whose attendance is too low they will expect us to look at ways of improving it and if that does not work they will take further action with parents such as taking parents to court or fining – as a school we would rather work with families than to let this happen. **Up until half term our attendance results were amazing and the best they have ever been.** Unfortunately children taking holidays in school time has meant our attendance has slipped and this is the lowest it has been for a long time.

**ATTENDANCE to 29th June – 206 PUPILS OUT OF 218 HAD A GOOD ATTENDANCE OF AT LEAST 95%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WAS 94.46% WELL DONE TO EVERYONE FOR GETTING OUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL**

Although, governors recognise that holiday companies are not favourable to families, as prices are at a premium in school holidays, many of them also have school age children and have asked me to remind you that **holidays during school time will not be authorised** unless there are exceptional circumstances and they will ask KCC to issue a penalty notice (fine). Thank you for your support with this. Here are some of the things we have been doing with the children to encourage them to have good attendance - Attendance Ted every Monday for the class with the best attendance, 'well done' door poster if your class has an overall weekly attendance of 95%, weekly prize draw for all pupils with 100% attendance and no lates in the previous week and termly certificates for exceptionally high attendance.

Summer Fair – the FORS Summer Fair takes place on Saturday 14th July 2018 and they need your help. If you are able to volunteer on the day please contact Alison Fagan on the FORS facebook page or see her on the playground. FORS raise vital funds for our school, recently they paid for new whiteboards and projectors in every classroom.

KS2 Production – KS2 parents should have received information on the end of term production on 11th July. Please remember to get your tickets for either the 9.30 am or 7 pm performance. Please remember no pre-school or infant school children at these performances.

GOLDEN BOOK

25th to 29th June

KS1 – Freddy, Freddie, Molly, Hollie

KS2 – Alfie, Violet, Nathan, Ollie, Reece, Lily, Jackai, Atifa, Olivia, Grace

Class with the best attendance

Week ending 29th June – Exeter Class 98.46%

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Dates for your Diary

Full details will be sent home nearer the event

16 th July	Sports Day am KS2 pm KS1
11 th July	KS2 Production 9.30 am and 7 pm
14 th July	FORS Summer Fair
18 th July	Durham Class Assembly
20 th July	School Disco
24 th July	Leavers Service 9 am Year 6 Parents are welcome to attend
24 th July	Last Day of Term
3 rd September	Inset Day for Staff only
4 th September	First Day of Term 1

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