



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

*"Where learning is an adventure!"*

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## Headteacher Reports...

On Tuesday and Thursday of this week, we had the pleasure of welcoming parents and carers for our beginning of year teacher consultations.

For the former, it was rather special to have the Book Fair return and lovely to watch children peruse the books in our own book shop for the day. I must thank Lottie and Freddie's mum and dad for kindly staffing the Book Fair: it would not have been possible without them.

Your child's teacher will have provided you with a target or two for your child and one of these will quite likely be focussed around reading and/or times tables. An effective home/school partnership is absolutely key to a child making the best progress possible and you can really help with this.

By regularly listening to your child read, or reading with your child, you are giving them a huge head start. Similarly, by quizzing your child on their number bonds and times tables, you are giving them an advantage in mastering the essentials of mathematics. Thank you to all parents who support the school's work with additional learning at home.

After school today, in the KS2 Hall, is the PTFA Wonka Bar Event where golden tickets are waiting to be found! There are myriad prizes on offer including Lego sets, toys and books. There are also experiences to be won including a Headteacher's tea party for ten lucky golden ticket winners, with the PTFA providing lots of scrummy treats! Arguably, the star prize is one class having its own Wilfie the Wolf comedy show! For those of you new to the school, during the dark days of Covid and home learning, Wilfie was very much in the RKPS eye but not so much since the return to normal schooling. Wilfie is pleased to be coming out of retirement!

Today's Wonka Bar Event is such a great idea and just the latest in a long line of fun opportunities for our children to enjoy: our young learners are fortunate indeed to have our PTFA on hand to provide them with these lovely experiences.

I end this week's newsletter on a sad note as I inform you that our receptionist Kat Mitchell will soon be leaving us to become the star receptionist at a secondary school in Sussex. Kat has been at RKPS for 7 years and has been an important part of our whole school community. One of Kat's roles has been putting together this rather splendid newsletter among many other roles: we will miss her! Kat's final day with us will be Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup> if you'd like to say goodbye.

We approach the final week of the half term with the PTFA Spooky Non-Uniform Day next Friday so costumes at the ready!

Have a wonderful, sunny weekend

*Euan Hanington*

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Headteacher



**Wilfie Wonka!**



## Miss Mitchell's Final One!

My time has sadly come, this is my last newsletter I'm writing to you today. I have been writing this letter for over seven years, an estimated 285 newsletters!

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter over the years; I wouldn't have been able to do it without you. I hope you have enjoyed reading them as much as I have enjoyed writing them.

When I look back to when I first started writing this newsletter to how it is today, it has really blossomed over the years, I'm very proud of it. I hope I've managed to keep you all informed with what's going on, in and out of school as much as possible over the years. I will miss writing this newsletter in many ways.

Take care everyone and thank you for reading!  
Miss Mitchell

## PE Specialist

We are delighted that Dan Westcott, a PE specialist who works in a number of local schools (and runs our termly ACE competitions), will be continuing with us.

Mr Westcott will continue to come in every Wednesday during the school day and work with a different year group each week.

Here are the dates for next half term and who Mr Westcott will be working with:

- Year 6** - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Year 5** - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 4** - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 3** - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- Year 2** - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 1** - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Please make a note of your child's session**, as they will need to come to school in the PE kit that day. **Children will need to wear warm outdoor sports clothing** as we will be on the field as much as possible (and a change of footwear is recommended!)

We hope this will be a great addition to our sporting calendar and encourage more and more children to get involved in sport.

## Equalities



In Year 1, we have been looking at the book 'We are Family'. We discussed how all families are different – and yet in many ways the same. We discussed and celebrated the differences and similarities between the families in the book as they eat, sleep, work and play together.

We loved the following quotes from the story *"Whoever we are and whatever we do, our families hold us together like glue. When we need them, they'll come when we call, they're ready to catch us, if ever we fall"*.



## RKPS LIONESSES BRING HOME THE TROPHY IN ESFA PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT!

Last Friday, Mr Mack, Mr Wynne and Coach Claire took our Year 5 & 6 girls' football team to play in a 7-a-side tournament at Brighton University. We were one of 21 teams to take part, and what a festival of football it was!

The first group stage saw us drawn against Goldstone Primary and Hangleton Primary. We performed brilliantly in both matches, narrowly losing to Goldstone before earning a draw against Hangleton (which we nearly won when Malaika's long-range shot hit the crossbar!)

For the second group stage, we were entered into the Trophy competition and drawn against Queen's Park and Benfield – this is when everything really clicked into place! Coached superbly as always by our wonderful parent volunteer, Claire, the girls dispatched Queen's Park thanks to two goals from our livewire striker Alex, whose interplay with Sienna up front was a delight to watch.

Following that was an equally impressive win against Benfield, with Alex taking her tally for the tournament to four with another pair of excellent finishes. While our attacking play was excellent, with Rebeca also excelling, our victories were built on a great defensive display throughout the tournament, with Ruby, Millie-Leigh, Jazzmine and Jessica particularly impressive, marshalled expertly by our captain, Malaika. Chelsea and Olivia shared goalkeeping duties and, while they didn't need to make too many saves, they both looked confident when called upon. Special mention must also go to Summer and Lottie who, while quite new to football, acquitted themselves brilliantly and were shining lights both on and off the pitch, supporting their teammates all afternoon.

As the early-evening sun lowered in the Brighton sky, we took to the field to play St Paul's in the Trophy final. It was a nail-biting contest between two evenly-matched teams, and a 0-0 final score was a fair result. While the lottery of a penalty shootout might appeal to some, we were delighted to shake hands with our St Paul's counterparts and share the trophy, a fitting end to a tournament filled with amazing team spirit, camaraderie and, most important of all, respect.

### Results:

**1<sup>st</sup> Group Stage:** RKPS 0-2 Goldstone, RKPS 0-0 Hangleton

**Trophy Group:** RKPS 2-0 Queen's Park, RKPS 2-0 Benfield

**Trophy final:** RKPS 0-0 St Paul's (Trophy shared)



## Letter from our School Meals Team



Families, Children and Learning (Education & Skills)  
Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove BN3 3BQ

Date: 11 October 2023

Our Ref: RB/SH

Phone: (01273) 293590

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Primary School Meals – Annual Price Review

In line with the annual price review, I can confirm that due to inflation and increasing food and labour costs from **Monday 30th October**, we're having to raise the price by 35p to £2.60.

We're extremely sorry to have to take this action, but without a price rise schools will face further financial pressures which could affect the amount of money schools have for delivering education. The price rise has been held back from the start of the new academic year to help support families, but unfortunately it cannot be delayed any longer.

The school meals contractor, Caterlink, will continue to provide high quality ingredients and the expected standards of food such as Red Tractor standard meat, sustainable fish and local free-range eggs meeting the Soil Associations Silver Food for Life Accreditation.

The new cost of a school meal in Brighton & Hove is lower than neighbouring areas. In East Sussex a school meal costs £2.85 and in West Sussex it's £2.71, with a review being carried out in January 2024.

I hope you will agree that this still represents good value for money.

Find out who can get free school meals and how to apply on the council's website.

[Free school meals \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk)

If you have any queries regarding this letter then please feel free to email [schoolmeals@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:schoolmeals@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

**Susie Haworth,**

### Head Teacher Awards!

**Skyla in Rashford** - Super phonics learning!

**Joshua in Kahlo** - Brilliant, detailed sentences.

**Asiyah and Louis in Kahlo** - A super group 'Mud' poem!

**Aiden in Obama** for super learning in Phonics.

**Teddy in Obama** for an amazing painting of a silhouette of a winter tree!

**Harper in Attenborough** - Amazing phonics!

**Oscar in Attenborough** for being a Writing Wizard!

**Roman in Parks** - Being a maths magician! Two pages of maths learning in one lesson!

**Henry in Parks** - Excellent reasoning in maths of a Year 3 standard!

**Rebeca, Sienna and Thea in Seacole** for being dedicated and reliable librarians.

**Ethan and Oliver in Yousafzai** an excellent mini drama based on 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom'.

**Rasia and Layla in Yousafzai** - A super mini drama, confidently acted.





## Special Mentions

**Kaho – Louie** - I am so impressed by Louie this week. He has shown fantastic resilience! He has been making the brilliant choice to persevere with his learning and will make sure he finishes all his work to the best of his ability. He is so determined that he has been using 'calm time' and any other suitable moments to complete unfinished work. Your determination is paying off as your learning is superb. Keep up the excellent work Louie!



**Obama – Laith**, what a start you have had to Year 1! When relating your learning to our 5 Rs, it was impossible for Miss Stokes to choose just one. Not only do you always show readiness for learning, but you do so with enthusiasm and a big smile! You are reflective, really listening to your targets and striving to remember them and apply them. Laith, you and your happy energy are already making good progress in year 1, and we love your love of learning! Keep it up super star.

**Attenborough – Wow, Aitor!** What an amazing start and journey you are on in Attenborough class. Your resilience has impacted so much on your independence and confidence, which have rapidly increased. This is reflected in the high standard of your learning and as a valued member of the class. Your cheery disposition and great sense of humour always lift our spirits – keep it up, buddy!



**Parks – Stanley**, what a kind and caring boy you are! Not only does Stanley endeavour to complete his learning to the best of his ability and never gives up, but he also supports his friends in doing so. When working in a group, Stanley will always encourage his friends and support the group to work as a team. Stanley your resilience is unmatched, and we are so incredibly lucky to have you in Parks Class. Keep it up, Stan!



**Gandhi – Euan** - Mr Wynne always likes to ensure children do their best. He often asks them to try things again, improve and edit their learning and respond to 'oranges'. This can become tricky if you haven't mastered the skill of resilience. If, however, you are Euan you have no problems. He is always able to take on challenges and edit his learning to show his readiness to improve.



**Mandela – Rocco** has been at the top of his game this week showing his true readiness in every situation. He is always ready to push the boundaries to new levels and accepts new challenges without a fuss, simply because he wants to. Rocco continues to show his maturity in new situations, and I know he is going to continue the year like Manchester United did in the glory days! Well done Rocco!

**Seacole - Mustafa** is the epitome of 'Readiness'. He is always focused and listening, follows instructions and tried his hardest. At the end of any task, he clears away his books and any resources he has used and waits for further instructions. This results in him always being 'ready' and raring to go with his wonderful work.



**Yousafzai – Oliver** has had an incredible start to Year 6. He is a delight to teach with all his curiosity. His writing presentation has improved immensely, and Miss Vaughan is very proud of his for this. A wow moment for Yousafzai class – bravo Oliver.



## Rudyard Reading Recommendations

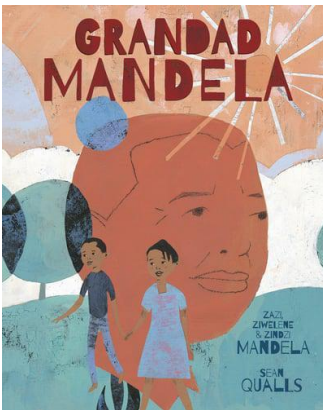
Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

### Reading Research Alert:

*“Students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little.” Sullivan and Brown 2013.*

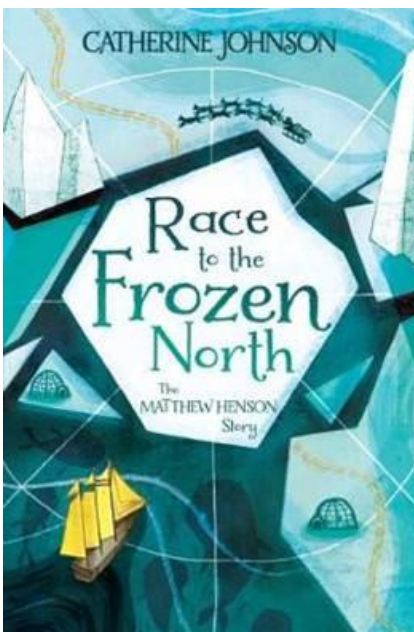


### **Grandad Mandela by Zazi, Ziwelene and Zindzi Mandela, illustrated by Sean Qualls**



This picturebook takes the form of a dialogue between Nelson Mandela’s daughter Zindzi and her grandchildren Zazi and Ziwelene during which she answers their questions about his life and the struggle against apartheid. The illustrations are by an African American artist whose work explores history, race and identity.

### **Race to the Frozen North. The Matthew Henson Story**



Penniless and shoeless, 11-year-old Matt leaves home and walks to Washington DC in search of a new life. Taken in by the kindly Janey, he helps in her café. But, entranced by a customer’s tales of adventure on the high seas, Matt starts to dream of sailing the world. As he sets off to find work on a ship, little does he know of the deep challenges he’ll face and the incredible things he’ll achieve.

Because of the colour of his skin, Matt has to work harder than everyone else to get half as far. But by the time he’s twenty, he’s travelled the world, is a master carpenter and speaks several languages. On land, though, nobody cares. Then he meets Officer Peary, a man with a great ambition: to find the North Pole. Matt’s skills and abilities will prove essential to Peary’s endeavours – but will he get the recognition he deserves?

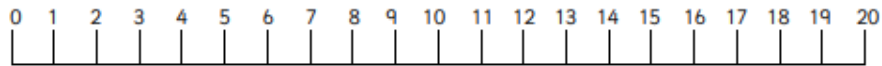
Based on the story of real-life 19th-century explorer Matthew Henson, Catherine Johnson’s light touch makes this remarkable story an exciting read and sheds important light on the way prejudice has white-washed the way we learn about the past....

### Maths Challenges from Mr Jones

This week's challenges are looking at addition and subtraction. Collect a challenge from the office and get stuck in!

**KS1**

How many ways can you make 20 by adding three numbers?



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**KS2**

Use addition and subtraction calculations to complete these pyramids. The first one has been done for you.

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## Stars of the Week

### Breakfast Club

**KS1 – Daniel and Adam in Attenborough** – always arrive with a big smile and show good manners, ready for the day!

**KS2 – Isla-Mae in Darwin** for settling in so well at Breakfast Club.

### After School Club

**KS1 – Leo in Thunberg** for settling in so well at After School Club.

**KS2 – Darcie in Mandela** for being kind to others and always having a smile on her face.



**Spooky Dress up Day!**  
**Friday 20th October**

*Please bring a £1 donation in on the day if you would like your child to take part.*

*Please no blood, gore or horror*

## Family Hubs



### HALLOWEEN HALF TERM FAMILY EVENT

Free event for children aged 0-19 years (or 25 years with SEND) at Whitehawk Family Hub

- Outside Play
- Free Food
- Graffiti Art
- Table Tennis
- Fun activities for all ages
- Treats for those in fancy dress



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
11am–2pm

Whitehawk Family Hub,  
Whitehawk Road, BN2 5FL

Tel: 01273 293545

Email: [familyhubs@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:familyhubs@brighton-hove.gov.uk)



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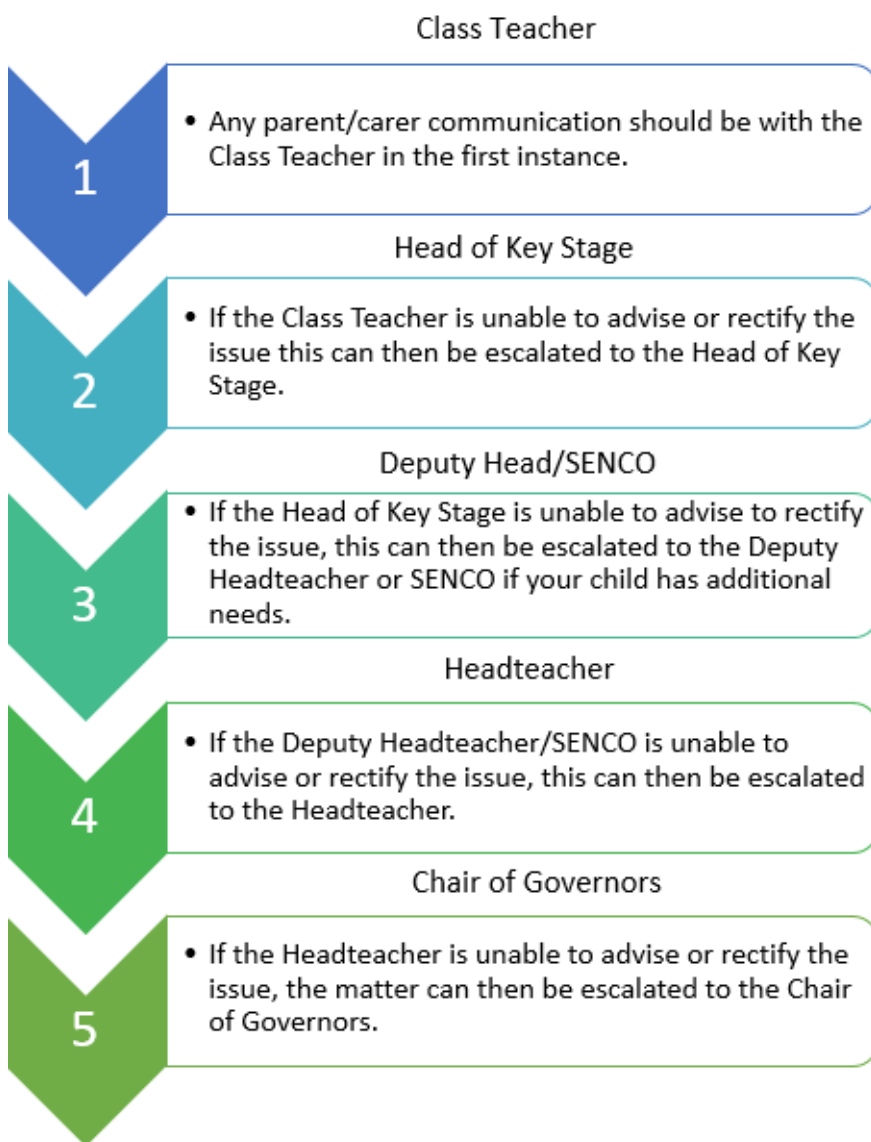
- **COMMERCIAL (6-10YRS)**  
MONDAY 4:30PM-5:30PM
- **MT JAZZ (6-10YRS)**  
SATURDAY 10AM-11AM

ADDITIONAL CLASSES FOR 6-10YRS & 11-16YRS  
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## RKPS Communication Flowchart



**Head of Key Stages**

Foundation – Ms A Smith

Key Stage One – Mrs V Brewer

Lower Key Stage Two – Mr N Wynne

Upper Key Stage Two – Miss L Vaughan

**Coats for School!**

Please can parents and carers ensure that children arrive at school wearing a coat.

The weather is now turning colder and wetter.

We like our children to be able to continue to go out at playtimes with a coat on!

Thank you.



<b>October 2023</b>		
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Spooky Day!	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	HALF TERM	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Children Return to School	
<b>November 2023</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Photographer – Individual Photos – more info to follow	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccination	
<b>December 2023</b>		
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term	
<b>January 2024</b>		
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Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children Return to School	