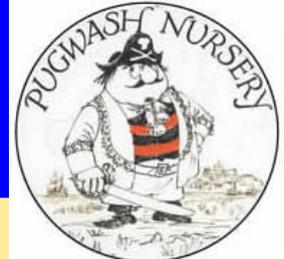




# JULY NEWSLETTER 2018



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*As the term draws to a close it is a good time to reflect on the year which has passed. Many people will do this in December, if one is an educationalist this usually happens in July!*

*When evaluating the effectiveness of the past year I like to start with the data, because it is a 'known'. It is something that is clear, evident, measurable, and comparable. The next thing I look at is impact- the "so what" factor. So, I have completed this, measured that and the result is... easier to do with statistics. However, if I apply the "so what" factor to other areas it can be trickier to measure the impact... for example that conversation in the playground, encouraging a child to try their best, that reminder to hold a door open for an adult, the time spent resolving a friendship issue. These things are not measurable in graphs or data tables... or are they? Whether they are or not is irrelevant; education is for life and I know that encouragement, manners, respect, kindness and a listening ear are qualities that are necessary for life and they may not always be easily measured.*

*However, they are key skills for success and do ultimately effect learning, if a child can listen, they can learn. If a child can respect, they can see things from different points of view and are able to process information and find truth. If a child is encouraged, confidence grows and enables them to problem solve and try new things and it allows them in turn to be an encourager. If a child is treated with kindness, they will be kind.*

*In life sometimes the things that can't be measured have the biggest impact. Sometimes we might never know the true measure of that impact, but that should not stop us from imparting those skills and qualities. This ethos is something that makes our school a very special place to learn.*

*I shall look forward to another New Year beginning in September and welcoming our newest members to the Rye Community Primary family. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy summer holiday.*

*Kelly Martin  
Acting Headteacher*

## **SEND News**

### **The East Sussex Quality Mark for Inclusion**

We received a letter from Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services to say that all schools in East Sussex have been awarded the East Sussex Quality Mark for Inclusion.

We are proudly displaying our sticker and in the new term the logo will appear on our letterhead and website to celebrate this achievement. We remain committed to improving outcomes for all children at our school.

## **Sports Stars**

Last Wednesday was Sports Day here at Rye Primary. The Nursery children kick-started the day's festivities with a quick dash down the straight followed by the Reception and KS1 children partaking in a morning of competitive races.

The KS2 children took to the field in the afternoon competing in a variety of races to be crowned 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their year groups. Each Key Stage Sports Day concluded with a nail-biting sprint to the finish line by the team-spirited adults.

The sportsmanship seen throughout the day boosted the already wonderfully enthusiastic atmosphere. The children represented the school beautifully with their fantastic supporting behaviour cheering on all their peers. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all the adults who came to cheer on our budding athletes.



# Attendance News



As we near the end of this academic year we are pleased to inform you that attendance stands at 95.1% which is an improvement on last year's attendance of 94.4% .

Thank you for all your support over the last year in helping to improve attendance, it really does matter; children with good attendance make better progress and keep up with their peers, they also find it easier to maintain good friendship groups. We are looking forward to being able to improve further when we return in September.

## Attendance Rewards

As you are aware each Friday, in our sharing assembly, we celebrate the classes achieving our attendance target of 96% and higher, this week in our final assembly of the year we are congratulating all our children who have achieved 96% and higher, we will also be saying an extra special congratulations to all children with 100% attendance.

Well Done!

We will look forward to sharing our attendance incentives with you in September, for our next academic year. If you have any thoughts or ideas regarding this then please share them with us by emailing Suzie James, our Attendance Officer at [sjames@ryeprimary.co.uk](mailto:sjames@ryeprimary.co.uk)



## Class Percentages

### 4th September until 18th July 2018

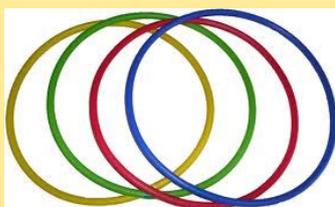
- Minnows 96.4%
- Sardines 94.1%
- Clownfish 97.0%
- Seahorses 96.0%
- Sea Turtles 96.1%
- Lobsters 94.8%
- Cuttlefish 94.6%
- Barracudas 95.9%
- Stingrays 94.1%
- Killer Whales 96.1%
- Marlin 94.5%
- Jellyfish 94.4%
- Dolphins 93.9%
- Sharks 93.6%

# Pugwash News

## Nursery Leavers

The Nursery leavers have had a fabulous time preparing for school and are well and truly ready now to start their new adventure!

They have already been experiencing so many different aspects of school life including time in the classroom, break time, assembly and they were even involved in sports day too!



## Sea Life

Pugwash children have been enjoying the warm weather by learning about sea life.

To find out more they have been exploring a beach themed tray, making sea life pictures, as well as having fun playing in the water.

## Time for Music!

The Nursery children have also taken part in the 'Ready for School Music Project' this has been running for the last few weeks and will continue in September, they have had great fun learning new songs.



## Year 6's Hindleap Warren Adventure

During the week of the 18th of June 2018, Year 6 had a wonderful visit to Hindleap Warren, in Ashdown Forest, for five days of pure fun! This trip was designed to allow the Year 6 children to experience and develop skills outside of the core curriculum and help them to grow in independence, resilience and determination, before their transition into secondary education.

The trip was an extremely rewarding experience for all of the children who visited the centre. There were activities ranging from canoeing to rock climbing and everything in between! The centre offers opportunities for all children to challenge themselves and conquer their fears, whatever they may be. For some children, the fear of staying away from home was daunting enough, however they soon forget their worries as they swung, climbed and crawled their way through every challenge Hindleap Warren threw at them. One child claimed, "It was extremely exciting. There are loads of memorable moments that I will never forget. My friends and I agree that tidying our rooms and working together to do this developed our independence, as well as helped to us to understand how we need to look after ourselves, and each other, in the future."

The adults who accompanied the children were all extremely impressed with the way every single child was enthusiastic and determined to achieve the challenges set out for them. We were also impressed with the way the children handled new challenges and grew as individuals as the week progressed. Furthermore, the instructors from Hindleap Warren also commented on how well the children behaved and treated each other with such high levels of respect, particularly during the Team Challenge event on our final day.

Overall, the children showed incredible courage, determination, resilience and independence on their trip to Hindleap Warren; we as their teachers could not be more proud of them. They are a credit to the community and the whole trip was a resounding success for every child who took part.



## A Celebration of Art

We have been celebrating our wonderful artists.

We would like to thank everyone who came along to support our gallery evening after a busy sports day and when the World Cup was about to start!

It's a shame we couldn't have had the artwork up for longer, in our very own Rye Community Primary Art Gallery. We think we could have sold all of the work! There were such a range of mediums and techniques used and such a variety of abstract, fine art, sculpture and jewellery.

We are so proud of our talented artists!



## Sensory Garden Update

Update from Sandra Sarkies and Genevieve Harris: Finally our Sensory Garden is complete. With sincere thanks to Guy Harris and Dave Shears for putting up the fabulous fence. Many thanks also go to Rye Rotary Club for their donation and special thanks to Jenny, owner of Rye Retreat for her generous donation and ongoing support. We have dedicated a bench in the garden to Jane Howard for her devotion to the children's learning and wellbeing of them and the staff. Ms. Howard, in turn, presented the garden with a wonderful apple tree.

<b>Term Dates—2018 / 2019</b>	
Term 1	4th September—19th October
Term 2	29th October—19 December
Term 3	8th January—15th February
Term 4	25th February—5th April
Term 5	24th April—24th May (Monday 6th May school closed—May Day)
Term 6	3rd June—24th July
<b>INSET DAYS—School Closed:</b>	
3rd September 2018	
1st October 2018	
7th January 2019	
23rd April 2019	
25th July 2019	

