

# RUSHWICK SCHOOL NEWS

10th September 2021

## Welcome Back!

It's lovely to see our children back in school this week and they all seem to be settling well into their new classes and routines. We look forward to being able to reinstate many of the school activities that have been put on hold over the last year, whilst still observing recommended guidance.

## Class Reception

We look forward to welcoming our new reception class into school full-time from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. School day for Reception will start at 8.55am.

## School Hours

From next week school hours will be 8.45am - 3.10pm for all classes except Reception (please see above.)

## Rushwick Reading Rainbow

To help promote reading for pleasure, we are launching the Rushwick Reading Rainbow, which is a whole school initiative for reading. This scheme will launch on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

The scheme is being launched to increase the frequency of home reading as well as the recording of reading at home in the reading journals. Every child will get a new reading journals in September with their own reading rainbow stuck in the back. The way the system will work, if children read 5 out of 7 times a week and have it signed in their diary, they will get entered into a prize draw each half term to win a book token. Alongside the book token scheme, the more books the children read, the further up their rainbow they will progress.

In order to sign your child's reading diary, we expect them to read to you for a minimum of 5 minutes a day, in the words of Dr Seuss the more they read, the more they'll know! In lower KS2, reading diaries will need to be signed by an adult but in upper KS2, we are happy for the children to read independently and then to sign 4 out of the 5 but if parents could verify these reading sessions by signing one of the 5 sessions, this would be greatly appreciated. Upper KS2 pupils will be quizzed on what they have read to validate their reading sessions.

Currently, there are three different point system for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 due to the length differences between the books in the different key stages. In order to colour in the next part of their reading rainbow, the children must check with their class teacher first who will be keeping a weekly log. If they read 5 times a week and have their reading record signed each time, then they will be entered into the half termly rainbow raffle, where they could win a book token. When they reach a new colour, the next book total is in addition to the previous, for example, a KS2 pupil would need to read 3 books to gain their violet colour, then another 5 to colour in their indigo. The KS2 reading targets are high, so if we find further on in the scheme that they are too aspirational, we will adjust them accordingly.

Thank you for your continued help and support with reading!

### Red Hen Cookery

We are happy to welcome Red Hen Cookery as our new catering providers this week. The hot meals have proved very popular and the feedback we have received has been very positive. We hope that parents are getting to grips with the ordering procedure but should there be any questions or issues, Red Hen are more than happy to deal with them and can be contacted directly on 01905 422997.

### Parent's Meeting with Chair of Governors

Further to the letter that was put on the website this week, this is a reminder that there is a meeting in school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September about the application for Rushwick school to join the Diocese of Worcester Multi Academy Trust. This is an opportunity to find out more about the process and to voice any feedback you may have.

### Autumn 2021 Family Learning courses for Parents and Carers in Worcestershire.

Please see the link below for further details.

Parents can attend any of these courses **FREE** if they are unemployed and on benefits or they earn less than £17,000 per year. Parents can also attend for **FREE** if their child receives a Free School Meal or is known to their school SENCo Professionals can also support parents in need by booking them directly onto the course on their behalf or parents can ring our team directly for support on 01905-728537. All Family Learning courses can be found at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses) and parents need to book their places **before 24<sup>th</sup> September** in order to enroll with time to start the 8 week courses.

### Dates For Your Diary

14/09/21 - Parents Meeting with Chair of Governors, 9am in school

12/10/21 - Individual School Photographs, all year groups

20/10/21 & 21/10/21 - Parent Consultation Meetings

25/10/21 - 29/10/21 - Half term week

17/12/21 - Last Day Term

