



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 6th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 3 class, Australasia, went on a geography field trip on Tuesday. They were conducting a survey on the land use around Rudgwick village, as well as conducting surveys on traffic and travel. The highlight of the walk was getting a free chocolate sweet from the Co-op! A big thank you to them and to Mrs Hewitt and Mrs Lansdale for helping on the day.

Key Stage One and Reception class have been practising hard to get ready for the upcoming Nativity. They are looking forward to the show and I am sure you will be blown away when you see the performances next week.

As I write this, the school is a hive of activity, with lots of Santa's elves busily working behind the scenes to put on an amazing Winter Fayre. The PTA are working tirelessly to put on such a memorable event and we would like to extend our thanks to all involved.

We look forward to welcoming all of our families along this evening. Check the newsletter next week to see all the wonderful photos!

## Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week is Darcey. We hope you all have a lovely day celebrating.

If you would like to share a photo with us for the newsletter, please email it to [office@rudgwick.w-sussex.org.uk](mailto:office@rudgwick.w-sussex.org.uk)

## House Points

The winning houses this week were **Falcons** and **Eagles** as it was a draw with 278 house points each!

## Awards



This term's core value is **Inspire** and the wider value for the half term is **Respect**

## Book Awards

KS1 – Lucie

KS2 – Halle

## Maths Awards

Bronze Award: Ronnie

100s badge:

Albert  
Sophie J  
Sienna

### Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Ella-Mae  Isabelle	For her beautiful singing during the Christmas Nativity rehearsals.  For being a kind and gentle friend to everyone.
Asia (Year 1)	Libby  Emily	For producing beautiful published instructions in English!  For producing beautiful published instructions in English!
Europe (Year 2)	Ryan R  Lily B	For being an excellent listener and learning partner in phonics  For being an excellent role model and always doing the right thing
Australasia (Year 3)	Mitzie  Margot	Making such an effort with her published pieces. Taking care to ensure they were polished and written to her highest standards.  Effort and care: having a growth mindset and checking her work so that she achieves against her personal targets.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Annabelle  Barnaby	For showing improved effort and perseverance in her learning.

		For showing good effort in his learning and trying to improve as well as being a good learning partner.
North America (Year 5)	Jess	For regularly being such a resilient learner and trying her best in all she does.
	Jack	For always being listening, being ready for learning and being a humble member of North America.
South America (Year 6)	Louie	For putting in a lot of effort with all his learning this week.
	Zoe	For being a really resilient and reflective learner.

### **We have been learning**

Africa (Year R)	What a busy week of rehearsals we have had! We are now looking forward to our first dress rehearsal on Monday. We have been busy preparing for Christmas, we have decorated our class Christmas tree, wrapped presents and even dressed up as a Christmas pudding and Santa. In French this week, we listened to a story about Pere Noel and sang a very catchy French song about Christmas. In Maths, we have been learning about squares and rectangles and how they can be used to make more squares and rectangles. On Friday, we learnt about St Nicholas Day and how the day is celebrated across many countries in Europe.
Asia (Year 1)	This week in year 1 it we have been doing rehearsals, rehearsals and MORE rehearsals. The children have been working extremely hard on their singing and actions ready for the grand reveal of our nativity next week! We cannot wait to show it to you (make sure to bring tissues!) In English this week we have published our instructions for how to use the magic box! The children have worked extremely hard to ensure their instructions are clear and in the correct order as well as making sure their writing is beautiful! In Maths we have been continuing to write our number stories. The children are absolutely loving creating their own stories and they are looking absolutely amazing! Well done Year 1, another brilliant week!
Europe (Year 2)	We have been busy practising and rehearsing for our nativity play-you are all in for a treat next week! The songs are very catchy and we are working on learning the actions using Makaton. We have also worked on our ten times tables in Maths. We have started to read our new book, " <i>The Rainbow Bear.</i> " We have made predictions about what will happen next and it looks good so far! We have learnt what a prefix is and how to use them, in particular the prefix –un. We used the Ipads to research the Arctic and the animals who live there. Enjoy the Christmas Fair tonight!
Australasia (Year 3)	Over the course of this week, the children learnt about column subtraction with exchanges. They enjoyed a Geography fieldtrip; conducting traffic surveys, land use surveys and carrying out questionnaires on how local people choose to travel around the community. In computing, they created storyboards for their iMotion movies and in RE they learnt about

	Christian symbols. This has all been against the backdrop of assessment week where the children all tried their very best and worked hard. You can really see their progress over the term. In PE, the children focused on their shooting skills in basketball and their ability to change direction when dribbling.
Antarctica (Year 4)	As always it has been another busy week of learning in Year 4. In maths, the children have explored how to calculate area and perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes. In English, they have continued to explore exciting vocabulary and building a bank of different sentences types and openers and how to include them in their story drafting. In Geography, they have explored a range of concepts connected to the issues, effects and concerns of flooding. In PE, they children have focused on developing their passing, control and movement skills in football and developing their sequences further in Gymnastics by incorporating small apparatus. IN RE, they have explored different groups of people who do not celebrate the Christmas festivals and why.
North America (Year 5)	Another week has flown by and we can start thinking about getting in the Christmas spirit. We have looked at new concepts in maths this week, focusing on decimal numbers, including tenths, hundredths and thousandths. In English, we discussed relative clauses and how they relate to a particular noun using a relative pronoun. We learnt how to practice a forward roll safely in gymnastics with Coach Ben and in geography, used atlases to identify how much energy different countries use. The children enjoyed making various ornaments using clay in woodland learning. In art, the children started working on their final space compositions and in history, everyone enjoyed making Maya masks, choosing one of three options: battle, event or death.
South America (Year 6)	This week we have been looking at fractions in maths. We have been learning how to use equivalence to support with ordering, adding and subtracting fractions and we have also learnt how to multiply fractions. In English we have planned and completed a piece of writing of our own choice; we have had diaries, letters, poems and stories. In PE we continued our 'dance through the decades' topic and looked at the 1960s and 70s and in history we have learnt about the Battle of Britain and the Blitz. We also started a new science investigation this week looking at how the school uses power and made suggestions of how we could be more efficient. In art we have learnt how to mix acrylic paints by completing a colour wheel and in computing we have started to add content to our webpages.

### **Chartwells updates**

Rudgwick will be on holiday return menu on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have already placed an order for these day, you will need to re-order as the change in menu will have deleted previous records – please see the attached menu.

Chartwells phone lines were disconnected last week in error, BT have managed to get them back up and running but they do have a new number. **01243 774 175**

### **The Penny Post**

The Christmas post box will be back on the 9th December ready for the children to post their friends cards. The last day of deliveries will be on 18th December so please make sure your child/ren have written and posted any cards by this date. Please make sure your child adds the recipient's full name and class on the front of the card. This helps our Year 6 children when they are distributing the cards. There will be a donation box with the post box and all money raised will go towards equipment for the school.



### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Next Week**

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nativity Matinee Performance KS1

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nativity Evening Performance KS1

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – PTA Secrets Room – Present Buying

#### **Last Week of Term**

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS2 Carol Concert

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Dance Club Christmas Performance



**We are a NUT AWARE school due to the allergies that some of our pupils have, with every effort being made to ensure that no nuts, or products containing nuts, are brought in to the school.**

### **Diary Dates**

Please use the new school website for all diary dates. There is a link to the school calendar with to all pupil events. <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend.

*H. L. Edwards*

Mrs Hayley Edwards, Deputy Headteacher

More photos of events are available on our website <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

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