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**KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**NOVEMBER**

- 18 Flu Vaccinations
- 19 Children in Need Day

**DECEMBER**

- Class Christmas Assemblies:**
- 6 Ruby 9.15am, Coral 2.15pm
  - 7 Topaz 9.15am, Emerald 2.15pm
  - 8 Amethyst 9.15am, and Amber 2.15pm
  - 9 Jade 9.15am, Sapphire 2.15pm
  - 10 Turquoise 9.15am

- 15 Christmas Dinner for those children that have pre-ordered.
- 16 Class Christmas parties.
- 17 Ronald MacDonald House-Charity Pyjama day.
- 17 No After School Club.
- 17 Last day of Term for School and Nursery.

**JANUARY**

- 4 Inset Day.
- 5 Return to School/Nursery. Breakfast club opens 8am.

## INSIDE WEST RISE



Dear Parents/Carers—It was so good to see so many of you during recent Parent Consultations and to be able to report that children are very settled, happy, making progress and loving school life. We hope that our November newsletter and our beautiful website are helping to give you an ongoing picture of just how special it is to be with your amazing children each day.

### WONDERFUL LEARNING IN RECEPTION!

The children have settled back amazingly after half term and what an exciting time in Reception... with a whizz, pop, bang... the children have been busy exploring lots of fun ways to make marks, engage in fun monster phonics and investigate the 'dark role play cave' which is sparking lots of lovely learning. The children are leading their learning with questions they would like to know, such as - Who lives in the cave? What animals live in a cave? Why is it dark in the cave? The children have been very excited learning about light and dark and exploring with torches. They have also been looking at their shadows! The wonderful colours of Autumn have inspired lots of amazing art work and we have enjoyed walks to our Honey Bee Garden to explore nature and number hunts. We are simply having so much fun!

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR ONE?

This term Year One are enjoying putting on their wellies and heading out into our Honey Bee garden to be inspired by the beautiful Autumn. They are carefully looking at and appreciating the beauty of different leaves, trees and the changing season around us. These experiences are inspiring their writing and art work as well as showing children how much we have to be grateful for. They are also learning all about nocturnal animals, finding out about their habitats and what they eat! We are delighted with how settled the children are and the progress that they are making.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR TWO?



We are now on an exciting adventure to find out about 'Dragons and Mythical Beasts!' We have already looked at some

Our Learning Journey afternoons will be focussed on our topic of Dragons and Mythical beasts with lots of creative opportunities to make and create as well as to explore ideas from other countries. Next week we also hope to make some Dragon Juice smoothies and try some Dragon Fruit!

mythical beasts and have created our own including a habitat for them. We will be finding out about some of the myths and legends from around the world and will even be writing some of our own about our own Mythical beast!



The *wider* the range  
 of *possibilities*  
 we offer *children*,  
 the more *INTENSE* will be  
 their *MOTIVATIONS*  
 and the *RICHER* their  
*EXPERIENCES*

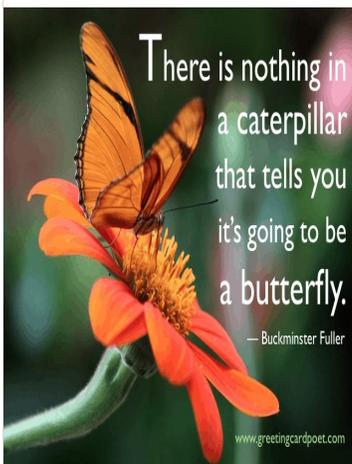
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## 100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all those children who gained 100% attendance for Term 1. They have all received a special certificate!

The class with the highest attendance last term was **AMBER at 96.4%**

The overall attendance for the whole school in **Term 1 was 94.3%** Which is less than we would like so please let's do our best this term.



Please take care when driving in and around school and please be considerate to our neighbours when parking. Thank you!



# CHRISTMAS AT WEST RISE



One thing for sure, Christmas in school will be made very special for the children this year. So far the following events are planned:

**Class Christmas Assemblies for parents/carers to attend will be held on the following days:**

**Monday 6th Dec** Ruby class 9.15am, Coral class 2.15pm

**Tuesday 7th Dec** Topaz class 9.15am, Emerald class 2.15pm

**Wednesday 8th Dec** Amethyst class 9.15am, Amber class 2.15pm

**Thursday 9th Dec** Jade class 9.15am, Sapphire class 2.15pm

**Friday 10th Dec** Turquoise class 9.15am

**Wednesday 15th Dec** Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 16th Dec** Christmas Class Parties

**Friday 17th Dec** Pyjama Day to raise funds for Ronald Mac-Donald House Charity—Donations very much appreciated.



## COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Please keep reading PING as this is our number one means of communication.
- ◆ If you have a personal query or one related to learning, please email Mrs Muller at: [lmuller@westriseinf.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:lmuller@westriseinf.e-sussex.sch.uk) or Lynne Weir at: [lweir@westriseinf.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:lweir@westriseinf.e-sussex.sch.uk)
- ◆ If it is urgent and you need to speak to us, please call the office on 01323-764062.
- ◆ If your query is not urgent please email the school office at: [office@westriseinf.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@westriseinf.e-sussex.sch.uk)

## THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our families for supporting your children so well through their transition period into school last term. Thank also for all your kind comments via email and during consultations...we are proud of our partnership with you.

And lastly, as COVID cases remain high and we do ask that children stay at home if they have the symptoms we all know so well or indeed if they are poorly.

We are working hard to ensure best attendance but equally please do keep your child at home if they are too ill to be here. Please report your child's absence to the school office before 9am on the morning of each absence.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to keep us all safe and well.