

# Rudham Church of England Primary Academy Newsletter January 2024

Enabling children to flourish through the field of life.

# **Calendar Dates**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Half term holiday.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day activities in school (details to follow).

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April: Easter holiday.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Year 3 & 4 residential trip to Hilltop.

## **Maths Cafes**

Parents/Carers are invited to attend our class Maths Cafes on the following dates:

Tawny Owls: Wednesday 31st January at 2:00pm

Barn Owls: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2:15pm

Snowy Owls: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2:00pm Eagle Owls: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 2:00pm

#### **School Communications**

We are in the process of changing our school communications system. School emails will still be sent to your email account inbox. SMS messages will be sent as a text message and not via the MYEd app. The MYEd app will no longer be available to send messages to school. To contact school, please reply to a school email/text message or email <a href="mailto:office@rudham.dneat.org">office@rudham.dneat.org</a> We are currently still using Iris Pluspay/ParentMail for school payments and dinner orders.

The children have started the 'Rudham running mile' this week. All pupils will participate in at least 2 running sessions per week (non-PE days), running the perimeter of the field and challenging themselves on how many laps they can complete in 15 minutes. This event is very popular among many primary schools as it develops increased fitness, mental health and general wellbeing. The children have really

enjoyed it so far. Please could the children keep/bring suitable training shoes in school, to participate fully in this.

To read more about the benefits, please head to www.thedailymile.co.uk

## **Snowy Owls**

So far this year in Snowy Owls, the class have been thoroughly enjoying the story of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"!

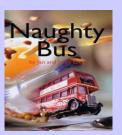
Which has included writing diaries as characters, and are currently working towards writing a newspaper report about the golden tickets being found.

This has also transferred to our topic work, looking at the illustrations of Quentin Blake in art, as well as how quickly chocolate can change from a solid to a liquid in warm temperatures in science. In maths we have been working with place value and our understanding around how numbers are put together or partitioned.

#### **Barn Owls**

A Happy New Year to all our Barn Owl children and families. In maths we have been thinking lots about number - bonds to 10 and representing numbers using equipment. I have been really impressed with the children's skills in group work - we have been solving problems in RSHE and working together to label parts of the body. The children have been celebrating the festival of Eid by making Eid-Al-Fitr cards.

Our book in English this term is Naughty Bus by Jan and Jerry Oke and the children have absolutely loved joining in with this







We look forward to catching up with Tawny and Eagle Owls classes in our February newsletter.

### **PTA Update**

We are currently accepting applications for our 100 club, which restarts on the 1st April and costs just £12 for the year and enters you into 12 draws. The prizes for each draw are £25, £15 and £10 and all proceeds raised go back into our school. Application forms can be collected from the school office reception or from one of our PTA members. Last year we are proud to have subsidised the school panto trip, Year 6 leavers' trip, provided radios to aid the staff during break times and carried out a tidy up of the EYFS area with some great help from our parent community. Our plan this year is to purchase an outdoor classroom, some new play equipment, as well as panto tickets again and help towards the current Year 6 end of year trip. That's just to start, but to do this we need your help! We meet regularly (keep an eye on our Facebook page for the next date) and are always on the lookout for new members!

If you would like to be involved drop us an email rudhampta@gmail.com

## **Jewellery Reminder**

Necklaces and bracelets should not be worn in school, except items of religious significance. Watches are worn at your child's own risk and, to prevent injury to themselves and others must be removed during P.E. activities. Where children have their ears pierced, studs should be worn but be removed/covered during all P.E. activities. Make up and nail varnish are not permitted.