

Royal Russell Junior School

Bulletin

Autumn Term

6th September 2019



Dear Parents,

Although we have only had the children back for three days, the early patterns and rhythms of the school are establishing themselves. The start of a new school year can be a challenge, however, we know that every challenge is an opportunity. Pupils, parents and colleagues faced some exciting opportunities as we welcomed everyone back on Wednesday morning. Traffic and the elements tried to dampen the enthusiasm at the beginning of term but, given the smiles and cheery greetings we received, they were unsuccessful. We ended the day in bright sunshine and high spirits with new starters and old hands alike feeling settled and welcomed. A special mention must go to our youngest starters in Nursery who did so well on their first day.

In our first assembly for Years 1-6, I was impressed with how the children arrived looking smart and ready for our first gathering, they sang with enthusiasm and it was a fantastic start to our time together. In the assembly, I issued three challenges to the pupils: to be kind, to work hard and to be curious. I have already seen many examples of pupils rising to these challenges as I have been visiting classrooms this week. Do ask your children how they have approached these tasks and ask them to think about the week ahead and the potential opportunities to challenge themselves. I look forward to hearing about their successes in the near future.

Thursday evening was a great opportunity for parents to meet their new class and specialist teachers at our 'Meet the Teachers' event. It is always helpful to establish contact at this exciting time in the term and the information that went out has already helped to strengthen those all-important links between home and school.

We have an exciting week ahead with the departures of both our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to 'Bowles' in Tunbridge Wells and 'Kingswood' on the Isle of Wight respectively. We wish them fair weather and a wonderful time as they develop friendships, learn how to work together and have lots of fun. We will also see the start of our extensive clubs programme which I know pupils will be excited about. Please do take the time to read the newsletter from your child's class teacher which will have important updates for you.

My thanks go to the whole Royal Russell community, pupils, parents and colleagues included, for working so hard to make this a great beginning for us all. The school has come alive now the children are back. I wish you a relaxing weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Warm regards,

John Evans

Junior School Headmaster

Reporting an absence

If your child is unwell, please let the Junior School Office know before 8.30am

Email: juniorabsence@royalrussell.co.uk

Telephone: 020 8651 5884

If you call before 8am, you can leave a voice message, letting us know the nature of the illness.

Please update us daily, unless we already know the illness requires a longer period of time of recovery, for example chicken pox. Please remember to keep your child off school for 48 hours after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

If your child has a future appointment of any kind, please give as much notice as possible using our 'juniorabsence' email.

If you wish to ask permission for an absence in one-off circumstances, such as a family wedding etc. please address your request to: juniorheadmaster@royalrussell.co.uk

Thank you



We will be celebrating birthdays
on the following Fridays:



13th September: Birthdays between 1st September-15th September

20th September: Birthdays between 16th September-22nd September

27th September: Birthdays between 23rd September-29th September

4th October: Birthdays between 30th September-6th October

11th October: Birthdays between 7th October-18th October

18th October: No Celebration Assembly - Half Term begins 12.00 pm