



Rushey Greenpaper

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Issue 01

Keeping you up to date

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and wider Rushey Green community,

When I had the opportunity to take over at the helm of Rushey Green, I immediately knew what a fantastic school this would be. It has everything in place. I think that Rushey Green will be the very best school in the whole local authority in a short period of time. I would like to first of all state how welcoming you have all been since I have started here. I am truly very pleased that you have all taken the time to introduce yourselves.

We have been working very hard on ensuring that behaviour systems are well understood and every student understands them. Making behaviour better is my number one priority in every school I have led and Rushey Green is no different. I must admit that I have been very impressed by how quickly the children have picked up the calm school code and how quickly the school has started to improve.

I also wish to state that being prepared and ready to start the new year in such a positive fashion is also down to the hard work and professionalism of all our staff here. All of them have been equally as welcoming and I am looking forward to getting to know them better as time progresses. I am looking forward to a great year.

Attention Year 6 Parents

As your child is in Year 6, you will need to apply for a secondary school by **31st October 2018**.

Applications are to be done online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. To get more information about applying for schools as well as to sign up for open day reminders and tips, you can visit www.lewisham.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

If your child has any special educational needs or disabilities, please visit www.lewisham.gov.uk/SENadmissions for more information about the application process.

Should you need any help with your application, please speak with either Ms Purkiss or Mr Grocock.

Theme for September - Responsibility

**IF YOU CAN'T
THINK OF ANY-
THING
NICE TO SAY,
STOP
NOT THINKING
HARD ENOUGH**
Kid President

Penerley Gate Arrangements

We have changed the exit arrangements for the Penerley Road gate, to help ensure the safety and well being of the children in our care. To stop unknown visitors entering the site without going to Reception and to ensure our children don't use the exit button during the day the only access to the school after 9.05 will be through the Culverley Road entrance. Many thanks for your support.

Year 6 Transition Meeting

There will be a secondary school transition meeting for Year 6 parents, hosted by the Local Authority on **Monday 17th September** at 6pm in the Main Hall. This will be a good opportunity to gain insight about the admissions process and answer any queries you may have about transition.

Catford 1968 Project

Outburst Theatre and the Age Exchange are offering a free, after-school research project and drama training for Years 5 & 6. It will be based on life in Catford in 1968. You are still able to register and we'd love to see as many students as possible on board. The project will be running between 15th September and 3rd November.

Students will be able to perform in a live, immersive show at St Laurence Church, Catford. They will also have the chance to appear in docu-film for the big screen and Lewisham Archives.

For more information please visit:
www.outbursttheatre.com/1968-catford/

Dinner Money

A special "thank you" to those parents who are keeping their child/children's dinner accounts up to date.

Cost of dinners for Autumn 1 will be £70.40.

This breaks down as £2.20 per day. This payment should be made through Parentpay. If you do not currently have a login for Parentpay, please contact the school office.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that school dinners should be paid in advance. If your child has recently entered into Year 3, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents you are now required to pay for school dinners.

Coffee Mornings

All are welcome to join us at our first RGSA coffee morning of the academic year on Tuesday, 9th September at 9am in the Main Hall. If you are interested in joining the RGSA, finding out what events are upcoming in the school or just want to meet new people, this is a great opportunity.

On Friday, 14th September there will be a coffee morning hosted by the inclusion team. Ms Purkiss (SENCO) and Miss Handley (Learning Mentor) will be on hand to make themselves known and to answer any queries you may have. The coffee morning will be held at 9am in the Main Hall. We hope to see you there.

Absences During School Hours

Last term, there was an increasing number of students who were collected from school early or being brought to school late due to a variety of reasons including dental and GP appointments. It is essential that pupils form good attendance habits at school from the earliest age and such absences impact the continuity of their education.

We kindly ask that you arrange appointments for your children outside of school hours or during school holiday. If the timing is unavoidable, such as hospital appointments, please provide the office with the appointment letter.

If your child is absent from school, you will need to call the school on each day of their absence. When calling, please select option 1 to report the absence. For sickness or diarrhoea, your child must be absent for 48 hours from the last occurrence of illness. Following guidance from the LA we advise that if your child is unwell and away from school for more than two days you will be required to provide medical proof to support their absence.

Clubs

We kindly remind all parents that club payments are due by the 14th September. If your child does not wish to take part in any club they were offered, please inform the office by this date also.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that payments for Care Club are required in advance. Please make any payment through Parentpay.

Scooters and Bikes

We ask that pupils don't scoot or ride bicycles in the playground please at the beginning and end of the day. If a child is to ride their bike or scooter to school, please ensure that they lock it at the bike racks. Many thanks.



Meet the Teacher

Meet the teacher coffee mornings are a great opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher.

Tuesday 11th	Year 4	9am
Tuesday 11th	Year 3	3pm
Wednesday 12th	Year 5	9am
Wednesday 12th	Year 2	9:40am
Wednesday 12th	Year 6	3pm
Friday 14th	Year 1	9am
Monday 17th	Reception	9am

Contact Details

It is important that we are kept up to date of parents contact details. If your address or numbers should change, please contact the office straight away. The same applies for any additional contacts, we require a minimum of 2. We want to send more by email to help you keep up to date. Please provide the office with your email during Parent Consultation.

Parking

To help address issues of dangerous parking the local police have been recording drivers who park dangerously outside the school. Those who have repeatedly parked inconsiderately will be fined. There have also been parking enforcement cars in the area scanning cars and instantly producing fines of £120. If driving, please arrive to school in plenty of time to find a parking space and be prepared to walk part of the way.

Care Plans

If you have not already done so, please update your care plans and give them to Ms Purkiss.