

Rook's Nest Academy Newsletter

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Exciting start to the new school year

Everyone has had a great start to the new school year, getting to know their new teachers and classmates. So much has already happened and there is still more to come before we break up for half term.

Eden Camp

Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a very wet but fun visit to Eden Camp where they learned about the effects of World War II on ordinary citizens.



After School Clubs

We have had a lot of success with our new after school clubs. The attendance has been fantastic and the children are really enjoying the opportunity to learn new skills.

Breaking News

We are all delighted to hear that on Monday, Mr Hufton and his wife had a baby boy. We would all like to congratulate them on the good news. Mr Hufton's class will be taught by Miss Lawson until half-term.

Timetable for year and diary dates

	Start date	Finish date
Autumn 1		Fri 23 rd October 2015
Autumn 2	Mon 2 nd Nov 2015	Fri 18 th Dec 2015
Spring 1	Mon 4 th Jan 2016	Fri 5 th Feb 2016
Spring 2	Mon 15 th Feb 2016	Thu 17 th March 2016 (INSET Day 18 th March)
Summer 1	Mon 4 th April 2016	Thu 26 th May 2016 (INSET Day 27 th May)
Summer 2	Monday 6 th June 2016	Friday 15 th July

Mon 12th Oct— Robin Wood residential (Y6)

Thu 15th Oct—Pie "n" Peas 7pm

Tue 20th Oct— Halloween Disco
KS1 3:30 – 4:30 KS2 5:00 – 6:00

Thu 22nd Oct— Harvest Celebration (Outwood Parish Church) 2pm

Fri 23rd Oct— "Black History Day" Drop Down Friday (DDF) 2pm

Thu 5th Nov—Y6M Class assembly 9:10

Fri 13th Nov— Children in Need (non-uniform)

Fri 20th Nov—Anti bullying Drop-down Friday 2pm

Mon 23rd & Tue 24th Nov— Parents Evening 3:30 onwards (letters and booking forms will be sent out after the half-term break)

Fri 4th Dec—Christmas Fayre 2pm onwards

Mon 7th Dec—(on going throughout the week – details closer to the time) Christmas Performances FS & KS1

Mon 14th Dec—Foundation/KS1 Pantomime (in the academy) Christmas Parties

Tue 15th Dec—Lower KS2 Party

Wed 16th Dec—KS1 Christmas Party

KS2 Performance (Outwood Parish Church) 2:30pm **NB this date has changed**

Thu 17th Dec—Upper KS2 Party

Fri 18th Dec—Last Day Christmas Jumper Day (staff and children)

India Day

Years 3 and 4 had a very exciting trip to India using Rook's Nest Airlines with Flight Captain Hufton. They enjoyed snacks and in-flight entertainment.

Playground Furniture

The landlord at The Sun has kindly donated outdoor tables and chairs to the Academy. A small army of parents (and ex-pupils) helped to dismantle them, clean and transport them to the Academy.

One of our parents has sourced paint brushes and other equipment and we are just waiting to apply the paint to the tables, hint, hint.....

If you think you and your children might be interested in helping, please contact Mrs Hampshire.



Natural Art

Last week some of our students took part in a workshop where they learnt about the artist Andy Goldsworthy. They collected natural materials and created their own pieces of art.

Positions of Responsibility

The School Council, Defenders and Class Buddies have all had their training and have begun to carry out their duties.

Breaducation



Years 1 and 2 have been hands on learning how to make bread with very tasty results as I'm sure many parents can attest.

Harvest

The celebration of harvest is to take place at Outwood Church on Thursday 22nd 2pm for Y1 - Y6 pupils. Parents are invited to walk to church with us, leaving the Academy at 1:20. If you can't walk to church, please meet us there by 2pm. Please don't sit on pews that are marked as reserved.

Donations for the harvest celebration should be sent in to the Academy on Wednesday 21st and donations will again be shared between those most in need within the community.

Macmillan coffee morning (in the afternoon)

Thanks to all the help from friends of Rook's Nest we had a very smoothly run and successful event that raised £391.89.

Foundation art gallery

To support the Foundation Stage topic of "What do I know about me?" the Foundation team would like to invite their children's parents to an art gallery. Further details will be sent out to parents but it will be held, in the Academy, on Thursday 22nd October.

Earrings

A polite reminder that no earrings cannot be worn when we return after the half term holiday.

Black history day Friday 23rd October

Foundation—Usain Bolt

Y1B—Nelson Mandela

Y1W—Mary Seacole

Y2—Rosa Parks

Y3—Nelson Mandela

Y3/4—Harriet Tubman and the underground railway

Y4—Gandhi

Y5—Jesse Owens

Y5/6—Black American GIs

Y6—Kick Racism into Touch

Parents are invited to come in from 2pm onwards to look at what has been studied.