

Headteacher: Mrs L Slocombe

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term is now well under way and the children and staff are all working really hard. I am thrilled to see our high expectations with uniform and behaviour around the school are becoming embedded, so thank you for your continued support with this at home.

### Curriculum booklet



You will find, along with this newsletter, a curriculum information booklet, which tells you more about what your child is learning this term. Don't forget about our **informal drop-in** which will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. This will be an opportunity for you to have a look through your child's books so far and see more of what they are studying. The drop-in for Years 1 and 2 will be between 3.20pm and 3.40pm and the drop-in for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be between 3.30pm and 3.50pm. Foundation will be holding Stay and Play sessions on the same day.

### New logo



Hopefully you will have noticed our newly designed logo at the top of this newsletter. It is in line with the school jumpers and has our strapline included. To celebrate our new strapline, every pupil in the school has decorated a dragonfly which is soaring across our large display board at the back of the main school hall. It looks very impressive to see 455 dragonflies taking flight!

### Class Dojo



Your child will hopefully be bringing home their Class Dojo code today. You can download Class Dojo as an app through your mobile phone's app store, or use it directly through the website, so please log in to view how your child is behaving at school. Staff won't be using the messaging service attached to the app, so if you wish to discuss a concern, please speak to your child's teacher on the playground or via the school office. The only exception for this is during the residential visits when photos will be sent using the app directly to parents.

### Food collection



We are going to be holding an autumnal food collection for our local food bank. If you are able to support us with this, please can your child bring in a donation of tinned or dried food with plenty of time before it becomes out of date to school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you in advance.

### House and Sports Captains



I gave out the House and Sports Captain badges this morning in our assembly, as well as the badges for the Vice House and Sports Captains. The children were voted into position earlier this term and I know will be great representatives of our values, both in and out of school. The children are as follows:

**Ennis: Gioia and Harry (House and Vice-House captains); Mia and Heidi (Sports and Vice-Sports captains)**

Farah: Aleena and James (House and Vice-House captains); Tom and Aimon (Sports and Vice-Sports captains)

Weir: Jake and Oscar (House and Vice-House captains); Spencer and Ollie (Sports and Vice-Sports captains)

Simmonds: Duncan and Ayushi (House and Vice-House captains); San and Harry (Sports and Vice-Sports captains)

### Secrets of Success



We have now hosted the first two Secrets of Success assemblies, awarding pupils who are modelling learning behaviours that we value. The first two assemblies have focussed on Try New Things and Don't Give up. Well done to Bella, Krish, Ali, Jack, Mannat, Aleena, William, Abigail, Kayla, Finley, Daniel, Pearl, Jenson, Heidi, Oliver, Eatonia and Izaak.

### Y1 visit to Rushall Farm



Year 1 enjoyed their educational visit to Rushall Farm earlier this week. The pupils got to see a number of different animals, ride on different farm machinery and understand the life cycle of crops. The visit will help them with their learning in Science, Geography and English over the next few weeks.

### Year 6 residential visits



We wave goodbye to 6MH who leave us on Sunday to spend the week in Rhos y Gwaliau. I know the pupils and staff are looking forward to enjoying a week of different activities, including canoeing, rock climbing, rope work, orienteering and much, much more. I am hoping to go up to visit them on Thursday to experience some of the activities. 6MH will return on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and it will be the turn of 6GL who will be heading to Rhos on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing of their exploits when they return.

### Uniform clarifications



As part of our focus on taking pride in our appearance, please can I remind parents that "JoJo" bows and animal "Alice" bands (e.g. cat ears) are not appropriate for school. Hair longer than shoulder length should be kept up with navy blue, silver, red or black hairbands. A plain, simple "Alice" band can also be worn if in school colours.

### Road safety



We have recently received a report involving some of our older pupils behaving dangerously on their way home from school. We are currently organising some road safety workshops for our Key Stage 2 pupils (Years 3 to 6) in order to help remind them of being safe on and around our roads, but would also ask you to talk to your children about being safe.

### PTA non-uniform days



As you may have realised by the lack of notice in the first week of term, we are not holding non-uniform days on the first Friday of each month to raise funds for Friends of Radstock this year. We are still going to be having non-uniform days, as they raise valuable funds and both the children AND the staff really enjoy them, but we are not going to be having them quite so regularly. Friends of Radstock are thinking of other exciting ways to raise money for the school.

### Safety on the playground



We have had a few near misses on the playground both before and after school recently, with children excitedly zooming around on scooters and bikes. Please can I remind you that these should not be used on the school playground for the safety of all our visitors. I will also take this opportunity to remind you that dogs should not be brought onto the school site either. Thank you for your support and co-operation with these matters.

## Attendance



Geraldine, our school Giraffe, is awarded to the class with the highest attendance each week. We aim for **100%** attendance; there is a clear link between strong attendance, high achievement and helping a child's well-being. Here at Radstock, we want all of our pupils to achieve their full potential, which means they need to be in school! Well done to the following classes, who achieved 100% attendance:

Date	Class	Attendance
15.9.17	2HD 2AM 5LH 5PT	100%
22.9.17	4DB 5PT	100%

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

**Best wishes,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lou Slocombe'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Lou Slocombe**  
**Headteacher**

**Diary Dates 2017 – 2018**

Week	Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>					
	Sunday	01.10.17	6MH to Rhos	9am	
	Saturday	07.10.17	6MH return from Rhos	4pm	
	Sunday	08.10.17	6GL to Rhos	9am	
	Wednesday	11.10.17	Parents Forum	7pm	
	Saturday	14.10.17	6GL return from Rhos		
	Monday	16.10.17	Stay and Play – Foundation Parent Drop-ins		
	Wednesday	18.10.17	Open morning for prospective parents	am	
HT	Mon – Fri	23.10.17 – 27.10.17	HALF TERM!		
8	Monday	30.10.17	INSET DAY		
9	Monday	06.11.17	Y5 to Winchester		
	Tuesday	07.11.17	PARENTS EVENING		
	Thursday	09.11.17	PARENTS EVENING		
	Friday	10.11.17	FOR Disco – KS2		Hall
10	Monday	13.11.17	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK		
	Tuesday	14.11.17	Flu Vaccinations: F2 – Y4		
	Friday	17.11.17	Children in Need – Children to wear something spotty and pay £1		
	Wednesday	22.11.17	Open morning for prospective parents		
	Friday	24.11.17	FOR Christmas Pamper Evening		
	Wednesday	06.12.17	Open morning to prospective parents	am	
	Friday	08.12.17	FOR Christmas Fayre		
14	Monday	11.12.17	FS Performance to parents	Am	
	Tuesday	12.12.17	FS Performance to parents Image Theatre Y1 – Y6	Am Pm	
	Thursday	14.12.17	KS1 Performances to parents	2pm 6.30pm	
	Friday	15.12.17	Junior Carol Service	TBC	
15	Monday	18.12.17	Thank you coffee and mince pies for parents Carols by Candlelight	10.15am TBC	Hall?
	Wednesday	20.12.17	LAST DAY Christmas Jumper day Christmas Dinner Fred in the shed – Foundation	Am	