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## Dates for Term 2:

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Firework Night (gates open at 6:00)

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Sir Ranulph Fiennes assembly (9:30)

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Years 3 and 4 flu vaccinations

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Weds 8<sup>th</sup>

### November

Year 3 Tesco visit

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

JK Rowling Community Lunch (11:30)

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

CS Lewis assembly (9:30)

Wear blue for Anti Bullying Day

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Year 6 Macbeth performance at the Wyvern

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Sir Ranulph Fiennes Community Lunch

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Xmas morning non-uniform day

### Weds 6<sup>th</sup> December

Friends Xmas Disco

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Friends Xmas morning

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Weds 13<sup>th</sup>

### December

Xmas production

### Weds 13<sup>th</sup> December

Xmas lunch (years 3 and 4)

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Xmas lunch (years 5 and 6)

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Sir Isaac Newton Class assembly (9:30)

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of term: finish at 1:30

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Children return to school (Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> is a TD Day)

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the beginning of another wonderful term at Ruskin Junior School. We have had a fantastic start to the school year and our new year 3s have settled in brilliantly: it has been great to see them adapt so quickly to Ruskin life and see their smiley faces as they enjoy their learning. We have lots in store for the forthcoming term: the new Big Idea curriculum maps are up and running and I know that the teachers have spent a lot of time preparing exciting lessons for the coming weeks. The next big event is the Friends' Fireworks night this Thursday. This really is something special so if you haven't got your tickets yet, hurry, time is running out!

All the best,

Mr Beadnell

*"Learning is not a spectator sport."*

- Anonymous

## Remember, Remember...

As time progresses, the real meaning of traditional festivals becomes hazier and hazier until it is almost lost altogether. This has not been the case for our Year 4s who have been studying the real reasons why we remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November as part of their 'I Wonder Why' Big Idea. Following some impressive historical detective work, the

children have been finding out about the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 and even attended a mock Jacobean court wearing 17<sup>th</sup> Century clothing and using what they know to pass judgement on the accused: none other than Guy Fawkes himself. There was, as I am sure you will have guessed, no mercy given. A special day when history was brought to life.



### All the World's a Stage

And staying on a historical note, Mary Anning Class delivered a wonderful potted biography of William Shakespeare for their class assembly. The performance pretty much covered his entire life through quotes, vignettes and soliloquies. And what's more, there's plenty more Shakespeare to come as some of our Year Sixes gear up towards their performance of Macbeth at the Wyvern later in the term: but more on that next month.

### Sports Desk



It's been a busy start to the football season for the boys' and girls' teams as both teams participated in the East Swindon Tournament and the Danone Nations Cup respectively. Both Mr Edmondson and Mr Robertson were extremely proud of the way in which the children conducted themselves displaying perseverance, talent and sportsmanship. Although the boys reached the next stage of the tournament, they narrowly missed out on progressing further. The girls gave it their all and also did brilliantly although Mr Robertson did return from the event lamenting some controversial refereeing decisions. Our very own Jose Mourinho!

Miss Sanderson's netball team has been getting some serious practice in as they prepare for the start of their season. It will be a busy couple of weeks for them as they look forward to games against Gorse Hill, Sevenfields and South Marston.

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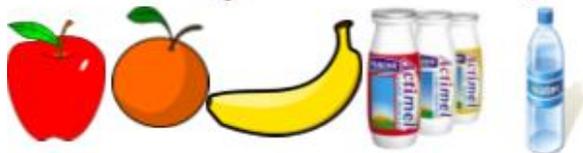
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## Healthy Tuck Shop



## Giving them a great start,

## showing them how to eat smart!

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