



Dates for Term 6:

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Friday 15th June

9:30 Mary Kingsley Class
Assembly

Weds 20th June

Isaac Newton Class
Community Lunch

Weds 20th and Thurs 21st June

Year 3 visits to Highclere Castle
Sir Isaac Newton Community
Lunch

Thursday 21st June

School Discos

Friday 22nd June

Non-uniform day for Summer
Fair

**Week Beginning Monday 25th
June**

Year 6 Residential to Morfa Bay

Monday 25th June

Year 3 Coding session at
Kingsdown

Tuesday 26th June

Year 4 Coding at Kingsdown

Friday 29th June

09:30 JK Rowling Class
Assembly

**Wednesday 4th July and Thurs
5th July**

Transition Days

Friday 6th July

Sports Day

Wednesday 11th July and

Thursday 12th July

18:00 Year 6 Production

Thursday 12th July

Year 5 Play in a Day at
Kingsdown

Friday 13th July

Bastille Day

Reports to parents released

Friday 20th July

Summer Fair

Tuesday 24th July

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Wednesday 25th July

Last day of term, fin at 13:30

Thursday 26th July

TD Day

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Term 5 was another busy one and term 6 promises to be just as action-packed. As soon as Sports Day appears on the horizon, we know the end of the term is in sight but we still have our Year 6 residential, end of year production and transition days to come. We're all set for another fantastic finale to the school year at Ruskin, let's hope the World cup will be as entertaining!

All the best

Mr Beadnell

This Term's Value: Humility

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less."

C.S Lewis

Water-Way to End SATs Week

We start off this month's newsletter with a massive well done and congratulations to our Year 6s who completed their SATs in May. The amount of hard work and dedication they have put in during the build up was outstanding and it's a great opportunity for them

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Term 6s Value:

Humility

to show off what they have been learning over the time they have been with us. And what better way than to end the week than with a water themed activity day. The year 6 teachers and TAs organised a series of water-based games which generally seemed to involve getting completely soaked. Great to see our Year 6 teachers and TAs joining in and getting themselves absolutely drenched. Brilliant!



A Night on the Stage

Year 4's Big Idea last term was 'From the Page to the Stage' and the culmination of all their hard work and learning was a fantastic evening in the hall where they treated us to a wonderful display of singing, dancing and acting. There was popcorn, a complimentary orange juice and the opportunity for parents and relatives to share in some of the wonderful work the children have been doing over the course of the term. Performances included a superb rendition of 'Any Dream Will Do' from Joseph and a fantastic dance to 'Be our Guest' from Beauty and the Beast. To top off a brilliant evening, the whole year group treated us to a rendition of the theme tune from Fame. A huge thanks to our parents who helped to create such an electric atmosphere. Brilliant to see them turning up in



their black ties and ball dresses! Thanks also to our teachers and TAs for their dedication and talent to make sure the evening was such a special one.

Football Excellence

For those of you who have been following us on Twitter, you will be well aware of our recent sporting successes. We are very proud to announce that not only did our girls' football team win their league, but also returned home victorious from their cup final following a 3-0 win over Holy Cross Primary. It was a brilliant day and the girls were superb: their passing, teamwork and technical ability has put them head and shoulders above all opposition they have come across over the course of the season and their victory was very much deserved.



On top of this success, our boys' football team finished top of their league as well. Another stunning achievement, never before has Ruskin celebrated such footballing success and we are all very proud. It does mean however, that we are going to need a bigger trophy cabinet...

Kew Gardens

Our Year 5s had a wonderful time at Kew Gardens where they visited the historic Palm House, saw the carnivorous plants and giant lilly pads in the Princess of Wales Conservatory and experienced the treetop walk. It was a visit that truly brought the 'Treasures of the Rainforest' Big Idea to life and to top it all, the weather was perfect too! For those of you who have never visited Kew Gardens, it's a fantastic day out, full of unique and inspirational environments. The children loved it and their only complaint was that they weren't able to stay there long enough.

Cricket Tournament

As we enter the season of summer sports, what could possibly embody the spirit of summer competitiveness more than cricket. Some of our year 5 and 6 children participated in a Swindon Schools' tournament at the County Ground and did a fantastic job. It was the first time we have competed in this type of competition and Mr Robertson and Mr Hicks did a great job of coaching the children and also transporting them to and from the venue. Mr Robertson's running commentary on Twitter was especially entertaining and is well worth checking out. A great afternoon, well done Ruskinshire!

Treasures of the Tomb

There have been more Egyptian shenanigans in year 3 as they welcomed the visit of Portals From the Past to celebrate their Ancient Egypt Big Idea. The children and staff turned up in full Egyptian regalia: everywhere I looked there were pharaohs, Cleopatras and animated mummies – some ingeniously made from toilet roll! They found out about the contents of Canopic Jars (urgh!), re-enacted an ancient funeral procession and acted out stories. Check out some of the pictures below to see what a brilliant day of learning they had.



The Tempest

Following on from the success of previous years, we have renewed our subscription to the Shakespeare for Schools Festival for next year. Mrs Musty-Jackson will take on the role of director and she is currently in the process of casting some of our Year 6s to star in The Tempest. A really exciting opportunity lies ahead for our budding young actors. All the World's a Stage...

And Finally...

Some of you may have noticed that Mr Priday has been looking slightly different recently. Rumour has it that he has been on a very rare trip to the hairdresser. Can't see the difference myself.

Rein and Shine Riding School & Hoof Club

Open for new members!

Wouldn't it be great to get kids out more enjoying the fresh air, having masses of fun, being social and indulging in an exercise they really enjoy? And it doesn't stop there. This sport is not only healthy for the body but the mind as well, it's a massive stress reliever and can rocket a child's confidence. If this sounds good to you, how about letting your child try horse riding?

Your first thought may be cost but it's not as expensive as you may think. Sessions at Rein & Shine Riding School start from £10 for yard sessions and £26 for riding. Hoof Club Riding Club is a Not for Profit club that gives children from all backgrounds a chance to get involved in horse riding and horse care which really can broaden their horizons.



- Open to all girls and boys from 4 years old
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- Open 7 days per week
- No commitment required for future bookings
- Enthusiastic staff focussed on fun activities and learning
- Fully insured, safe and accredited centre
- Viewing area for parents

Hoof Club recently obtained National Lottery funding from Sport England's Inspired Facilities fund which was used to convert a disused farm building into a training centre to involve more of the local community in horse riding and horse care. This has enabled Hoof Club to increase its membership and allow more children to take part in its learning and tuition programs, educational courses and lessons.

You can find out more by visiting the website: www.reinandshine.co.uk email info@reinandshine.co.uk or call 01666 860068.

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