

# Welcome to Rushey Green Primary School

Jules, Ms Asamoah & Ms Stewart

## Meet the Team.....







Jules R1

Ms Asamoah R2

Ms Stewart R3

#### **School uniform**

#### Whitehall Clothiers 244a Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 6JU

Sweatshirt – Bottle green with logo Cardigan – Bottle green with logo



Trousers – grey
Skirt – grey
White polo shirt
Book bag

PE Kit
PE shirt – White
Shorts – black or green
Plimsoles (no laces)
PE bag







## Arrival In September - the **first** week

Children will either start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45 or 9.15. Or Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45 or 9.15. It is really important that parents adhere to their start times as we can only allow a small group of parents into the classroom at one time. Parents will have 30 minutes to settle their child and be shown around the classroom. After 30 minutes parents will need to leave. Obviously if a child is really upset we will talk to you about the settling in period, but we will review this on a case by case basis.

### Punctuality and attendance after the first week

- The school gates open at 8.45am. It is really important that children arrive before 9.00am. Parents will not be allowed in the classroom during the second week. Parents will need to drop their child off at the entrance to their child's class where a member of staff will be waiting to greet them.
- The local government expect 97% attendance.
- Children miss out on learning time but also making friendships which is crucial to their personal, social and emotional development

## Covid 19 and handwashing

- As soon as children enter the classroom they will be asked to wash their hands. They will then hang up their coat and find their name card.
- Children will also wash their hands before they eat snack, after they have been out to play and after lunchtime
- Children will spend their playtime with their own class. The playground will be sectioned off so that children do not mix with other children from other classes.

## **Arrival routine**

Library books- Please make sure you borrow one everyday. Please encourage your child to look after the books

Hang up coats and put book bags in the boxes

outside the classrooms

Name writing - Encourage your child to find their name card and help them to use the correct grip and write from left to right. Please, no capital letters!

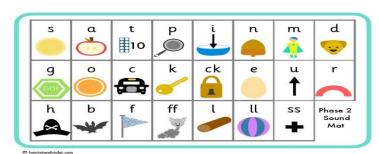


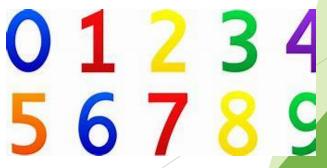
#### **Building Independence**

- Please encourage your child to hang up their coat and select their library card and book on their own.
- Children will need to be able to get changed independently for their weekly PE lesson. (Please practice taking off and putting on their clothes with them)
- Children will need to be able to put on their coat independently
- Please NO laces in shoes or trainers. Laces come undone constantly throughout the day and children trip over them. They also fiddle with them during carpet sessions which impacts on their learning as well as others.
- Please put name labels in everything, including PE clothes. All children have the same colour tops, cardigans, t- shirts etc

## The school day.....

- A phonics lesson will take place each morning
- Children will have access to the indoor and outdoor environments throughout the day.
- An adult led activity will take place each day
- Daily supported reading sessions will happen every day
- Lunch time is between 11.30-12.50
- ► A maths lesson will take place after lunch
- ► Forest school sessions will take place each week
- ▶ PE will take place each week (depending on the weather)





## Lunch time.....

- Children have their lunch in the school hall
- All children are entitled to a free school meal
- If you do not want your child to have a school lunch then you need to provide them with a **healthy packed** lunch. (No sweets, crisps, chocolate or fizzy drinks, only water please)
- Children will line up and collect their own lunch







#### **Forest School Sessions**

Once the children are settled they will start taking part in some Forest School sessions on the school site. Forest school sessions are to help boost self-esteem and self-awareness, with an element of risk taking. Activities could include arts and crafts using tools, mud painting and den building, but the main incentive is to encourage children to explore the outside environment. All activities are supervised and teach the children how to manage their own learning and independence.









### Clothing for forest school....

#### For the cold weather:

- Hats and gloves
- Jumper/fleeces (with warm under garments) Warm socks (and some spare socks
- Wellington boots
- Waterproof clothing (The school has some that we can provide)
- Coat

#### For hot weather:

- Sun hat (preferably one that offers protection to the back of their neck)
- Sensible sturdy closed toed shoes.
- Preferably covered legs (no shorts)
- Spare socks
- Wellington boots Waterproof clothing
- Sun cream protection

## Our Classrooms....









#### Star of the week and What's in the box?

Each week the 'star of the week' is chosen and takes home the class mascot on a Friday afternoon. Please look after the mascot and write in the diary and take photos of your weekend. (The mascot and diary needs to be returned on the following Monday)

Every Thursday two children will take home 'What's in the Box'. The aim of the box is to develop language skills through interesting, thought provoking items of personal/family interest. (Please do not bring in any toys) The boxes then need to be returned to school on the following day – Friday







## Interest books and learning journey books.....

- All children will be given an interest book to take home. This book is for your child to use, in order to show us what exciting things they get up to outside of school. They may wish to fill it with drawings and photos of places they have visited, or they may wish to use it to practice writing their name etc.
- All children will also have a learning journey book, which we use to record all our observations of your child's achievements with us throughout the year. These books will be available for you to look at during parents evenings.









## Please remember to.....

Check your child's book bag for letters – as this avoids disappointment. (Also please remember to empty your child's book bag every night as well)

Bring your child's PE kit in every week. This can be left in school if you would like and taken home every half term to be washed

Please ensure the PE kit is in a named bag. The children must come to school dressed in their school uniform and then they will change for the PE session later in the day

Remember to line up outside the classroom entrance at home time. We need to make sure that the children exit the classroom safely and are delivered to you. If you need to speak to one of us please let us know and we will speak to you outside the classroom

## What you can do at home.....

- Communication & language. When you greet your child from school or nursery ask them how their day was. Make sure that your child looks at you when they are speaking and that you get down to their level
- Phonics (letter sounds) Look for initial letters in words, look for letters they know in different texts such as newspapers or magazines and familiar logos in the environment
- Practice writing their name and holding the pencil correctly
- Start to recognise numbers. These are everywhere, on doors, buses, clocks, tablets, the list is endless!

## Frequently asked questions....

#### What do I do if I need to speak to the Head teacher?

Make an appointment at the office, email admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk

#### What if my child is absent/sick?

Phone the school before 9.30am and report why they are not in school

#### What happens if my child is sick during the day?

We will contact you and ask you to collect them

#### Can I take a holiday during term time?

You will need to apply in writing to the Head teacher. Generally all holidays will be unauthorised during term time

#### Can I bring in party bags and cakes to celebrate my child's birthdays?

No, we are a healthy school, but if you would like to provide some fruit or donate a book to our school library you may wish to do that instead

Any other questions?

## Finally.....

Please remember to check the school web site as that is where we display our half termly newsletter and other important information.

Thank you