

Important Dates

5th January 2021: First day back at school for children after holidays

15th January 2021: Closing date for applying to start primary school 2022-2023

Dear Families,

We have made it to the final week of term and I'm sure that you are all looking forward to breaking up for Christmas and spending some time with family and friends.

Although we haven't been able to host audiences for all the final shows, the Christmas performances have all gone really well. I hope that you will enjoy viewing them with your children and families. You will also be able to share any links with other family members and family who may be abroad who wouldn't normally be able to see the shows and performances.

The confidence and performances of the children have been wonderful. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who have helped put the Christmas performances together for our children. There is always so much work that goes into these behind the scenes and I'm sure that the children really appreciate all you have done.

Thank you also to the parent volunteers that helped to put together the Winter Fayre. We raised a huge total of just over £1000. This is a great amount. The Junior Leadership Team will be allocated £400 of the total to plan how best to use the money for projects in school.

Christmas Dinner Wednesday was a treat. Chef Luke and the team prepared a delicious lunch for the children and staff. We want to thank the whole team for making it feel a little bit like Christmas with the family.

Sadly, the recent rapid spread of COVID and the emergence of the Omicron variant has begun to affect us in the community. Please do follow the guidance, keep yourselves and the children safe. As a school we have moved to Amber measures, this means we are working cautiously to slow prevent the spread in the virus in school. Some classes are working remotely and others in year group bubbles.

Headteachers do not have the jurisdiction to make decisions about school closures and any decisions of this nature are taken on the recommendation of Public Health England in conjunction with the local authority.

In some cases, it is staff absence that has forced these decisions and whilst this is a hugely challenging situation, we have managed this effectively to this point with minimal disruption to all pupils.

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Despite the ongoing challenges this term, I have been proud of what we have achieved. We have managed to operate some of our school visits that broaden the educational experience for our children and have kept the content of their curriculum as rich as possible. A few highlights have been a visit from the London Fire Brigade, a visit to see an exceptional theatre production of Macbeth by students of Sedgehill secondary school; our year 5 children were a great audience and a credit to our schools. Spanish lessons, an increase in the number of children taking the opportunity for additional music lessons and we have re established a school football team!

Mrs Tyler has work incredibly had to nurture the talents of the musicians across the school and put together a school orchestra, whom performed at the Winter Fayre. She also leads the school choir and weekly singing assemblies!

I would like to thank you all for your support during the course of the year and particularly this term. It has again been a year like none of us have experienced before and this doesn't look like changing soon. We will continue to adapt and adjust to the situation and make decisions based on the best interests of our children, staff and families. The loss of our beloved Sabina Nessa has not been easy. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Sabina's family as they enter 2022 without her. We know how much she is missed, we hope to carry on her memory for years to come. If you haven't done so already, please share, donate, post: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sabinasgarden>

In January we plan to put together an art exhibition to continue to raise funds for this great cause. Watch this space...

Have a wonderful Christmas break and a successful New Year and I look forward to seeing you all again on 5th January 2022!

Lisa Williams
Headteacher

Link for year 2 performance: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1W3_uUz6ILnMwJ5ZemD_FC2eG4NiSM4f/view?usp=sharing

Link for Reception performance: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eoQD8LVOEOcnIKIYMQX1Gd7wJuQKCJoG/view?usp=sharing>

Saying Goodbye

It feels nice when we get to know people and see them regularly. It is great when you're with someone who knows you already.

Sometimes, we have to move places. People may need to change to a different school...



a different job...



school

or even a different home...



You have spent a lot of time with Miss Hughes and built a great working relationship.

Miss Hughes will now be working in Croydon so you won't see each other anymore and it's ok to be sad that you won't see Miss Hughes, she is sad too! You can talk to your class teacher or Miss Stacey if you feel upset. She has written a letter for you all, and you can also write Miss Hughes a letter before she leaves.

A letter from Miss Hughes:

I am very sad to be leaving you all behind but, unfortunately it is now time for me to spend more time with my son. Being a part of Rushey Green has been absolutely fantastic and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all. I will miss you all very much but I know that you will continue on to achieve great things and I hope that I will still be able to visit you all when I can.

My last day here is on Thursday 16th of December 2021. Although it will be a sad day, I am very excited for the adventure you will continue to have in the new year.

I wish everyone all the best now and always,

Best wishes,

Miss Hughes

We have had a fun-filled week in EYFS and Key Stage 1. We have had a class parties and even had a visit from very special guest!

The Year 2 show was a huge success! The children were so confident and proud of their achievements. Please use the link to watch their amazing performance.



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R3 Nigeria Class



R3 have had a busy week this week!



We have been using our sounds to write letters to Santa, sending cards in our post office, and collecting objects to represent 5.



We have also created our own handprint reindeers Christmas cards, and have been rehearsing for our Christmas show. Use the link to watch our amazing performance.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eoQD8LVOEOcnIKIYMQX1Gd7wJuQKClJoG/view?usp=sharing>



As our way of supporting our local community, we are aiming to provide 200 Christmas food and gift parcels for vulnerable families across Lewisham. If you have any members who may benefit from this service you can share with them this link to sign up to receive a parcel:

<https://forms.gle/TiwY5ue4vN1qB9PB7>

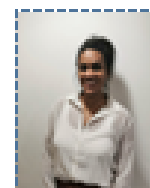
SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about the safety of a child at Rushey Green Primary School, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead Miss Stacey or the Designated Safeguarding Governor via the School Office.

If your concern is urgent and out of school hours, please contact

MASH: 0208 314 6660

Miss Stacey McIntosh



Pastoral Manager &
Designated Safeguarding Lead



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