



Royal Russell Junior School

Newsletter

Summer Term

2nd July 2020



Dear Parents,

I cannot express what a joy it has been to see so many pupils back on site over the last few weeks. I know that not everyone has been able to join us, however, the best parts about being together have been a pleasure to witness. I have seen all that is best about our community as we have worked together to enjoy our final few days and weeks this academic year. Thank you for all of your support and adherence to guidance as we have kept our community as safe as possible.

Royal Russell Day & Prize Giving

I would like to offer my congratulations to all those involved in our virtual Royal Russell day production. I had been looking forward to taking part in a more traditional, on site extravaganza, yet it was a positive way to feel the strength of our community and to celebrate all that we have achieved together. Our own Upper Juniors Prize Giving assembly, kindly produced by Mrs Couzins, is available to all on Firefly.

I offer my congratulations to all those who have won prizes this year. The prizes are representative of how much progress all of our pupils have made and how much effort has been given throughout the year. As I said in my speech for Royal Russell Day, we should not just concentrate on what we have achieved, but on the growth we have shown. I would like to commend all of our pupils on their growth as learners and as people through what has been a year unlike any other. I am proud of how we have grown together as a community.

We wish the fondest of farewells to all of our leavers. Whether you are moving on to the Senior School or further afield, we look forward to hearing from you as your journey continues.

The Show Must Go Online!

Not to be put off by circumstances beyond our control, Mrs Parkin has worked with our Year 6 pupils to create wonderful Year 6 productions that are available on Firefly. The play follows a group of students desperate to keep their performance of 'Brushes with Greatness: The Dental Hygiene Musical' alive! It fondly lampoons musical theatre with its cheesy songs, silly camera angles, a Drama Teacher who can't work anything technical and ridiculous story line. Well done to all of our performers for rising to such a dramatic challenge.

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Return to School in September

There has been much in the media around the return to school for all pupils in September. I remain optimistic, and hope that we will be able to invite all of our community to start the academic year on site. We have, however, seen that certain areas of the country have been returned to lockdown so we will continue to monitor the local situation most carefully.

Government guidance has been issued today. It is clear that significant elements of Health and Safety planning and social distancing will remain in effect. Over the coming weeks, we will use this guidance to ensure that we are in the strongest position possible to welcome children back in September.

My colleagues and I will take some time to rest and recuperate over the summer, however, we will also be planning thoroughly and carefully for September, revising risk assessments and parental guidance to match new operational procedures. I will communicate our plans in August for reopening so that you and your families have the time to prepare, including an updated handbook for your perusal and guidance.

Thank you

We have come a long way this year, although, perhaps not on the paths that we imagined back in September 2019. I would like to offer my thanks for all of your support and for the way in which we have all worked together for the benefit of the children this year. My colleagues and I look forward to a bright and exciting start to next year and wish you all the very best for a safe, relaxing and yet, memorable Summer break.

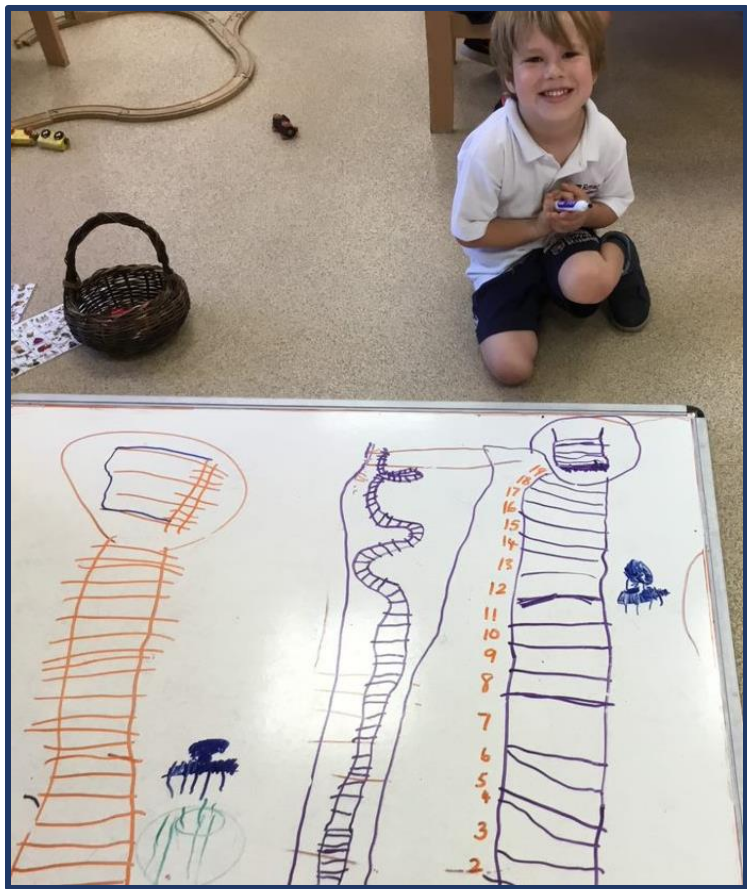
With my very best wishes,

John Evans



The school has been buzzing this week with Years 4 and 5 joining us on Monday, through to Wednesday. We have all had the chance to enjoy the great outdoors, as well as enjoying spending quality time with our friends.

Here is a selection of photos, capturing some of the highlights of the week in school and the incredible work being produced by the children, at home.



William – Nursery Ducklings



**Clara and William Carter
With Bunting made for Art**



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Chalk Drawing during Art classes







Logan



Suhaan



Aniyah

Year 2 children working on their Computing tasks



Year 2 enjoying our barbecue in the sunshine

Year 3 have really enjoyed spending time in the forest and out in the open.





Year 4 on their 'country' walk





Year 4 enjoying Drama classes with Mrs Parkin online.



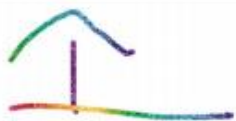
Many of our Year 5 children were welcomed back into school for the first time since March.



Proving that PE can be done anywhere!



Arabella's Life Skills presentation



THIS IS ME WASHING UP



THIS IS ME DOING ORIGAMI AS WELL TEACHING SOME ONE ORIGAMI

Saying Farewell to our fantastic Year 6s

The age old tradition of Shirt Writing.



Year 6 have had a wonderful time., seeing their friends again and having the chance to wish each other a fabulous summer and wish good luck to those who may be starting new schools.

Today they enjoyed each other's Pod Performances and experienced a virtual tour at Chessington World of Adventures, complete with water effects for the Log Flume!

Good Luck Year 6, we'll miss you.

The children have really enjoyed the outdoor areas on site, from the football pitches, forest and our cross country course.

Whenever your children have played in grass or woody areas, it is a good idea to look out for ticks on their bodies.

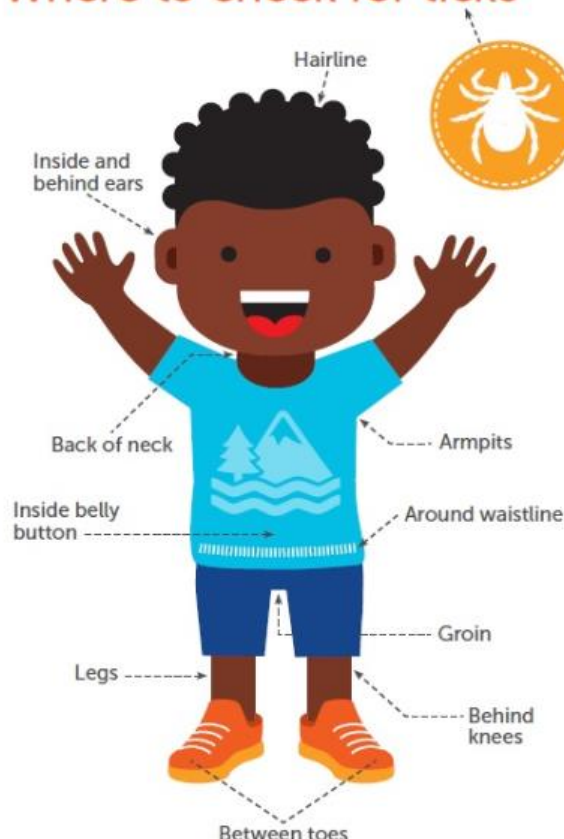
Please be **TICK AWARE.**



Avoiding ticks

- walk on clearly defined paths to avoid brushing against vegetation
- wear light-coloured clothes so ticks can be spotted and brushed off
- use repellents such as DEET
- carry out a tick check

Where to check for ticks



Key tick awareness messages

- **'be tick aware'** and remember that you could be exposed to ticks whenever you spend time outdoors, including when in your garden or the local park
- ticks mainly attach to animals, but sometimes they may bite you or your family
- you can prevent tick bites by walking on clearly defined paths, using insect repellent and performing **regular tick checks**
- some tick bites can result in infection, so it is important to remove ticks safely and as quickly as possible
- the safest way to remove a tick is by using a pair of **fine-tipped** tweezers or a tick removal tool
- contact your GP or dial NHS 111 **promptly** if you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms or develop a spreading circular red rash. Remember to tell them you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors

More information

For more information, search for the phrases 'ticks' and 'Lyme disease' on these websites: www.nhs.uk www.gov.uk

Pret-a-portrait Sale

25% off until 20 July 2020

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End of school year, school photo SALE

25% OFF

until 20 July



There are lots of reasons why you may not have ordered your school photos this year. Perhaps your viewing instructions never made it home? Or maybe you meant to order but never quite found the time to get around to it? If something like this happened to you, no problem - here's one more chance as the school year comes to a close.

From now until 20th July a **25% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT** has been re-instated for all pictures taken in the 2019/20 academic year.

[Click here for the pret-a-portrait sale](#)



Birthday Celebrations



Brendan (10)



Valentin (5)



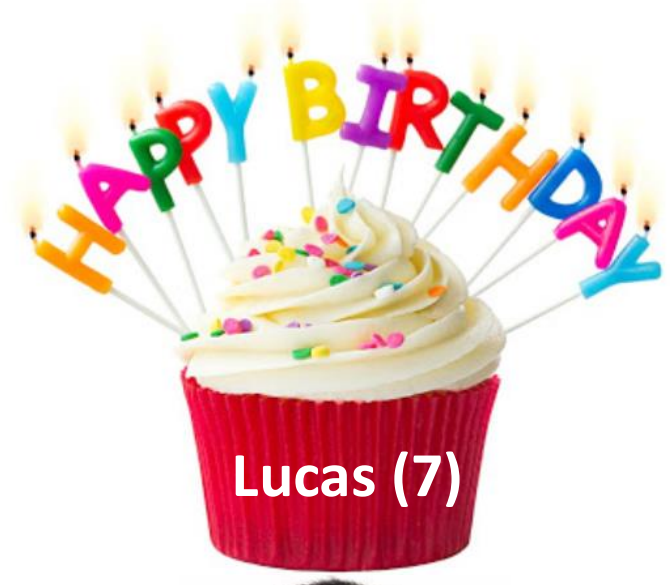
Ciaran (10)



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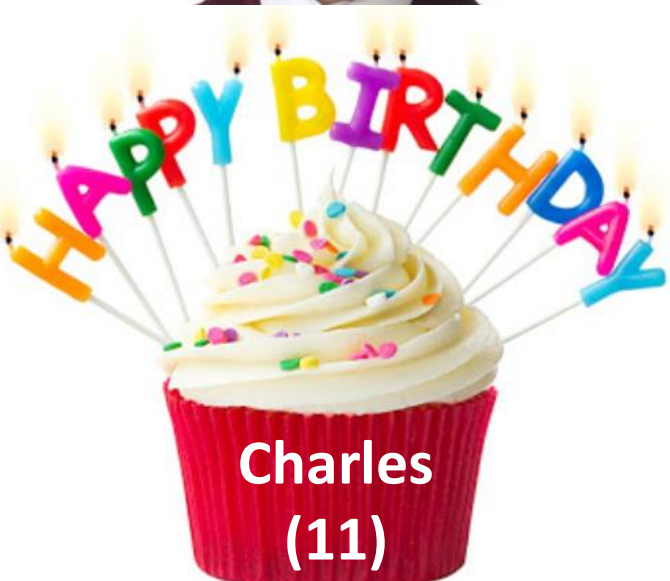
Callie (6)



Lucas (7)



Ella (8)



Charles
(11)

