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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a very busy half term to finish off the academic year and plenty of sunshine too!

Thank you all for the warm wishes and congratulations you have sent through following the publication of our Ofsted report. It is a great achievement for the school community and a deserved recognition of the hard work and commitment the staff routinely offer to make everything work so effectively for the children.

We are pleased to share some other fantastic news with you all — Rockmount has been awarded the **British Council's International School Award (Intermediate Level)**! This reflects the work in school over the last two years to create a wealth of meaningful and inclusive international learning experiences for our children, including:

- Year 5 pen pal exchanges with a Canadian school
- Black History Month showcase: Reclaiming Narratives
- Global Citizenship Week
- Diverse representation of artists, authors and musicians across the curriculum
- Special cultural menus and themed assemblies for Bastille Day, Cultural Diversity Day and more
- Whole-school displays and curriculum showcases celebrating children's work
- A re-developed French curriculum from Year 3–6, supported by Kapow resources
- French language competitions and bilingual classroom labels
- Turing funded trip to Sweden

Well done to the pupils and staff!

Our newsletter will be published next week with a round up of the Summer Term activities and highlights for all year groups. The newsletter is always a wonderful reminder of how much happens across each half term and the many amazing learning opportunities which our children learn from and enjoy. This will be emailed out to everyone but you can also find the previous newsletters on the website.

The Summer Fair on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July was a hot day and a great success! We managed to raise a huge amount of just over £ 6,000! Many thanks to all of you who attended the event or supported it with donations and prizes. A huge thank you to the Rockmount Friends and Community for their hard work in planning and co-ordinating the event and pulling together an enormous amount of help for the day.

Our Year 6 pupils spent the weekend before last on a residential trip at a centre on the Isle of Wight. They had an amazing time, with many children (and staff!) achieving personal milestones. The considerate manner and excellent engagement of all pupils meant that the staff thoroughly enjoyed the weekend too! I am sure parents will join me in thanking staff for giving their time to ensure the trip could take place before they all move on to the secondary phase of their education. It has been our pleasure to see our year 6 pupils learning and growing into such independent, confident and considerate young people. We hope they look back on their time at Rockmount with happiness.

## Uniform

We thought an early reminder about uniform requirements would be useful in advance of parents and carers purchasing items for the return to school in September. School uniform is available from **Stitch 2 Stitch**, a family-run, local supplier, based in Penge. Information can be found on the school website. Please note that for sustainability and safeguarding reasons, there is no longer a name embroidery option when purchasing Rockmount uniform from Stitch 2 Stitch. Parents/Carers are reminded to name all uniform on internal labels.

We ask that particular attention is paid to the footwear requirements as we will be asking parents/carers to address the wearing of incorrect footwear with their children. **No coloured, branded logos are allowed on footwear**; it is easy to obtain **plain black** trainers or shoes from many retailers.

**black, flat shoes or plain black trainers with black laces (shoes and trainers must be completely black/ no coloured logos)**

### **General Uniform**

- royal blue cardigan, jumper or school sweatshirt
- grey trousers, shorts or skirt
- royal blue jogging bottoms (**Nursery, Reception, Year 1 children only**)
- white polo shirt or white school shirt
- blue/white checked dress
- black, flat shoes or plain black trainers with black laces (shoes and trainers must be completely black/ no coloured logos)
- black, brown, navy or white flat sandals
- black or grey tights
- white or grey socks
- a royal blue fleece jacket is also available for the colder weather

### **Jewellery**

- Plain watches may be worn (no 'smart' watches)
- Earrings may only be worn if they are small, plain studs
- No other jewellery is permitted
- Nail varnish is not permitted

### **PE Uniform (Years 1-6)**

- royal blue shorts
- plain black plimsolls for indoor or outdoor PE (**plain black** trainers are optional for outdoor PE only)
- plain white t-shirt or white Rockmount t-shirt
- royal blue jogging bottoms

**Please note:** PE will take place on two separate days across the week for all pupils next year instead of the double PE lesson on one day. This means that children will wear their PE uniform to school on two days each week. You will be advised of the allocated days in September once timetables are finalised. Children must wear PE uniform and not general sports clothing. They will be asked to change into the correct clothing or footwear from a school stock of PE uniform if they do not comply with the uniform requirements.

I look forward to seeing you all next week for the last couple of days of the academic year – please remember to collect your children from school at **1.30 on Tuesday**.

Have a lovely weekend,

Helen Carvall