



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 11th January 2019



I would like to wish all parents and children a Happy New Year. I am pleased to see our children back with positive attitudes and in full school uniform. We hope you had a restful holiday and enjoyed quality family time together.

During assembly on Tuesday, I talked to the children about New Year Resolutions and Alex Leach (year 6) eloquently explained to the school that a New Year resolution is an aim or goal that we set for ourselves to achieve in the coming year.

I discussed with children an idea of setting a resolution of finding something to be grateful for each day. When focused on grateful thoughts we become far more positive, and this is an ambition I believe we can all work towards achieving.

Therefore, I invite parents to discuss **gratitude** with their children every day and I am sure we will look forward to a fantastic New Year.

Quote: Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude. **A Milne**



Quality Mark Review

The school currently holds a Basic Skills Quality mark in recognition of the work we do on promoting and developing our children's English and Math skills. This award is reviewed on a three-year cycle.

On Thursday, Diane Wilson our reviewer visited the school to carry out our review. She met with senior leaders, spoke with teachers and teaching assistants and met with a group of children from our brilliant school council. The children were very polite and respectful. They spoke with maturity and interest. Isabelle from Cutty Sark was particularly fascinated to hear that there has been recent uncovering of fossilized dinosaur prints in Hastings.

The review also looked at documentation demonstrating the schools hard work in developing English and Maths skills. She was very impressed with the work carried out in school and the progress that children have made. She praised the work being undertaken in developing the curriculum. She offered some useful ideas to help the school develop further and we now await her final report.



Reminder: Fruit Snacks

Children in **years 3-6** are invited to bring a piece of fruit to eat at break time

Children will eat fruit within the classroom. Other snacks are **not** permitted.

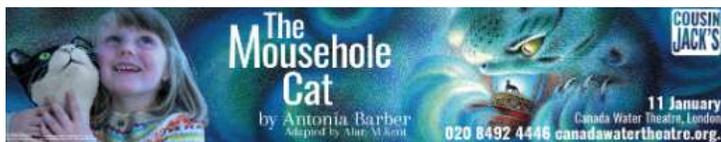
School Uniform Reminder

White polo tops or shirts
Grey skirts or trousers
School jumper with logo
Black shoes (all black)
Black, white or grey socks
Black or grey tights
Black, blue or white hairbands or headscarves



P.E kit

White t-shirt
Black leggings, shorts or joggers
Trainers or plimsolls must be worn in every PE session **inside** and **outside** of school (this is to protect children's feet from being trodden on or being hurt with PE equipment.)



Year 1 and 2 children had the fantastic opportunity of seeing a theatre show at Canada Water Theatre today. The children saw a play called the Mousehole Cat. They had a fantastic time. We thank Alice Massey Freelance Producer for arranging for the free tickets to the show.

Reception Admission Deadline

Applications for Reception places for September 2019 must be made by the **15th of January 2019**.

You can search for primary school admissions at the following email address:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-admissions>

Hellos and Goodbyes

I hope you will join me in warmly welcoming Anthony Williams who is teaching Pearl Class. Anthony also holds responsibility for computing in the curriculum.

It is with sadness we say goodbye to **Shirley Walters** (Safeguarding and Interventions Officer). Shirley has worked at Rotherhithe for many years now and has become a familiar face for children and parents. She is dedicated to ensuring that the welfare of children is always paramount and helped the school to achieve an outstanding grade for safeguarding and pupil welfare during our Ofsted inspection in 2014. We would like to thank her for all her hard work.

We will miss her and wish her well in her new position as an Inclusion Manager in a college for young adults with additional needs. It will be Shirley's last day on Thursday 17th January.

Although, she is still working within the River Hill Federation, we would also like to say goodbye and thank you to **Constantina Markides** (Learning Mentor). Constantina is moving to DKH, to take up the Safeguarding and Interventions Officer position at that school. This is an interim position and we are sure we will see Constantina in the future. Constantina has fantastic relationships with our children and has helped many children to overcome barriers that may impact on learning. Constantina's last day at RPS will be Monday 14th January.

New roles and responsibilities

When people leave new opportunities become available for others and I am pleased to announce that **Kofi Danquah** has been appointed as the new Safeguarding and Interventions Officer to replace Shirley.

We are currently interviewing for an interim Learning Mentor

We look forward to seeing Kofi rise to the challenges his new role will bring.

Magic Breakfast

We hope you enjoyed the free bagels that we gave out on Wednesday 9th January. They were a taste of things to come. We are launching '**breakfast bagels**' soon thanks to Magic Breakfast. These bagels will be available in class in the mornings. Children will be allowed to take a piece of bagel to eat as they register in class. We believe it is of paramount importance that children have a healthy breakfast in the morning and the bagels are full of nutrients.

Unfortunately, the delivery of the freezer we ordered to enable us to store the bagels (they arrive frozen) has been delayed and consequently they defrosted. However, this seemed a perfect opportunity to share the bagels with children and parents. We were very pleased that so many children seemed to be enjoying them.

If parents have any concerns regarding these bagels and allergies, please speak to Sharon at the school office.

I would like to thank Janice Jones for applying for funding and organising this provision.

PTA Meeting

The PTA will be holding a catch up meeting on Thursday 22nd January at 3 pm. All parents are invited to join the meeting.

Phonics workshop for parents

- Would you to know more about how phonics is taught in school?
- Would you like useful resources to help support phonics teaching at home?

If so, then please come to our phonics workshop on

Friday 18th January

at 9:15 am in the Infant Hall

Parents from Reception and Year 1 welcome.

Free Resources and tips available.



Dates for your Diaries!

18 th Jan	Phonics workshop
22 nd Jan	Local Authority review
Week starting 11 th Feb	Poetry Week
Week starting 4 th March	SEN parents' meetings
7 th March	World Book Day
Week starting 11 th March	British Science Week
15 th March 22 nd March	Red Nose Day Athletics competition day
1 st April	KS1 Achievement Awards at 11:15 Year 1 -6 Parent's Evening 3:15- 4:30
2 nd April	KS2 Achievement Awards at 11:30 Nursery Parent's Evening 3:15- 4:30
3 rd April	Reception Parent's Evening 3:15 4:30
5 th Apr	Attendance Awards Last day of term finish at 2pm

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Whale Class – 99.4%
KS2: Discovery Class - 100%



Amazing! keep up the good work everyone!!

Please **do not** book holidays during term time. This negatively affects your children's education.



School Assemblies

Assemblies for years 3-6 are changing

From January all year 3-6 class assemblies will be held on **Wednesdays at 11:30 am.**

You are warmly invited to attend your child's class performance.

Year 3-6 **Star of the Week** assembly has moved to **Thursday** at 11:30 am. If you receive an invite, please do come and celebrate your child's achievements with us.

Key Stage 1 Assemblies Time: 11:15 am

Wednesday 30 th January	Seal
Wednesday 6 th February	Seahorse
Wednesday 13 th February	Coral
Wednesday 27 th February	Whale
Wednesday 6 th March	Octopus

Key Stage 2 Assemblies Time 11:30 am

Wednesday 16 th January	Discovery
Wednesday 23 rd January	Endeavour
Wednesday 30 th January	Calypso
Wednesday 6 th February	Mayflower
Wednesday 13 th February	Belfast
Wednesday 27 th February	Kon Tiki
Wednesday 6 th March	Cutty Sark
Wednesday 13 th March	Endurance
Wednesday 27 th March	Pearl
Wednesday 3 rd April	Kingfisher

Safeguarding at Rotherhithe

Keeping children safe is of utmost importance to us at Rotherhithe. We have recently updated our safeguarding policy. Please read it at

<http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/>