



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 15th September 2017

The first full week back!

What a lovely week we have had in school. The children have returned to school, looking smart and ready for learning. Their behavior has been excellent. Classes are calm, orderly and children are focused.

We hope you found the parent meetings really useful and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your children make excellent progress.

Please continue to ensure your children attend school each day in full school uniform, including black shoes and white, grey, black socks. PE kit is also essential – white t-shirt and black shorts.

Children need to bring book bags (Reception – year 3) or ruck sacks (Year 4-5) every day.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Permission for photographs and filming

From time to time children may be involved in photography or filming either for school use of media presentations. You will see many photos of our children on display around the school, they may be shown on the website and even in this newsletter. We love to celebrate events and their achievements visually and we know you enjoy seeing the amazing things your children have done.

We are currently in the process of filming children in classes to display on the school's website.

As parents you were asked to sign and give consent for your child to be photographed or filmed, when your child started at Rotherhithe. This consent lasts for the duration of your child's time in school. We do however, acknowledge that sometimes a families circumstance may change. Please let the school office know if for any reason you do **not** want you child to be photographed or involved in school filming.

If the press or media are involved we will inform you the day before they visit.

Phonics Workshop for Year 1 parents

At Rotherhithe we use the Read Write Inc programme to teach young children how to develop early reading skills.

All children will be required to take a phonics test in June. To ensure the children make good progress with phonics, we teach phonics daily and run some after school clubs, but your help at home is invaluable.

There will be a **parents phonics workshop** held for Year 1 parents on Tuesday 26th September at 9:15 am in the infant Hall.

Free resources!! Please come.

Come to our Art Exhibition

You are warmly invited to our Art exhibition on Friday 22nd September 3:15 pm in the Junior Hall.

We look forward to seeing you then.



Reminder: Inset Day- Date for your diaries

We will be holding an additional inset day on **Monday 30th October**. This is to enable new teachers to have 'Mind up' training. Children must not attend school on this day.

All children will return to school on Tuesday 31st October. This will be invaluable training for our staff and will help support good mental health amongst all in school.

Contact Details



Have you moved? Changed your phone numbers?

If so please update your details at the school office. It is essential that we are able to contact you if there is an emergency.

Year 6 Secondary School Transition

I trust you have now started to organise your diaries and arranged to visit secondary schools. Applications for secondary school need to be completed by **31st October 2017**, so if you have not started looking at schools **start now**.

I will be holding a parent workshop on **Tuesday 19th September at 3:30 pm** in the junior Hall to discuss the process. Maxine and Ryan our IT technician will support parents on **Thursday 12th October** to complete application on line in school if you require help.

Please note that I have put a copy of Southwark's secondary school brochure on the school's website. This provides more details about each school.



Administration of Medicine



It is parent's responsibility to inform the school if there are any medical issues that may affect their child in school. You **must** inform Sharon or Maxine at the school office, you may also tell the class teacher but this is **additional** to speaking to a member of staff in the office.

Parents must sign written consent for the school to administer the medicine at the school office.

In most cases medication will only be accepted if it is prescribed by a doctor and is in its original container with a date.

Medicine cannot be administered if it is past its expiry date. Parents must remember to collect any expired medicine from the school and dispose of it appropriately.

Please make sure the school have up to date information regarding any medical needs your child may have.

You can read our medical policy on the school's website

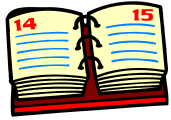
<http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/school-policies/> or request a copy at the school office.

Accidents

While children play they may hurt themselves accidentally. We have a high number of staff trained in first aid to supervise children at play, lunch time and within classes. If a child complains of an injury a first aider will always check your child for signs of cuts, bruising, swelling etc.

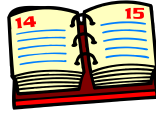
They will attempt to contact you by telephone if the child has an injury to the head, has cut themselves badly, or they are concerned that the child may have broken a bone. If they feel the injury appears minor you will receive a slip explaining the injury.

Sometimes bruising or swelling develops after a child has been checked by a first aider. We would ask all parents to re-check their child at home in case this happens.



Dates for your

DIARY!!!!



Autumn TERM

Start	Wednesday 6 th September
Half Term	Monday 23 rd October Friday 27 th October
Inset Day	Monday 30 th October (No school)
Children Return	Tuesday 31 st October
Finish	Wednesday 20th December (early closure at 2 pm)

Key Events this term

Week beg 18 th Sep	Arts Week
19 th September	Secondary School transition parent workshop Year 5 trip to Horniman Museum
21 st September	School council elections Year 5 Ukulele lessons start
22 nd September	Art Exhibitions After school
26 th September 9:15 am	Year 1 Phonics workshops
27 th September 9:15 am	Speech and Language therapist coffee morning for parents in year 1
28 th September	Year 2 trip to Chalkwell Beach
6 th October 9:15 am	Head of School coffee morning for parents
9 th October	Whole School photos (smart full uniform only). Black History Month
16 th & 17 th October	Oral Health Year 1 & 2

13 th November	Anti-bullying week SEN parents meetings start
20 th & 21 st November	Parent's Evening
6 th December	Flu vaccinations for year 1,2,3, & 4
11 th December	100% attendance awards
13 th December	Carol concert Year 3-6 (children to wear Santa hats please.
14 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas performances
15 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas performances. Christmas Jumper Day!
18 th December	Year 1 & 2 and Early Years Achievement Awards
19 th December	Year 3-6 Achievement Awards

Safeguarding at Rotherhithe

Reminder: Safeguarding our children is of key importance. Please read the Safeguarding Policy on the schools website at:

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

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week

KS1: Seahorse Class 100% (again- fantastic!!)

KS2: Belfast Class 98.8%

Well done and keep up the good work everyone!!

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

You are at risk of a fine if you do so.





Speech and Language Parent Coffee Morning



*Come along to Rotherhithe's first
Speech and Language
Coffee Morning this year.*

*It is an informal session, open to all parents and carers
where you can meet with and have a chat with our
Independent Speech and Language Therapist (Meera Mehta)
and SENCo (Jennifer Cristobal).*

*They will be on hand to discuss early language development
in children and offer help or advice.*

*Find out what you can do at home to help all children
develop their speaking and listening skills.*

Date: Wednesday, 27th September 2017

Time: 9.15- 10.15am

Venue: Meeting Room



**UnLocking
Language**

Independent Speech & Language Therapy Services



