



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 22nd September 2017

Owen Wales wows year 4-6 with beautiful music

Thanks to the links with Dog Kennel Hill, our children were treated today with a visit from a brass specialist teacher Owen Wales.

He played for the children, taught them about brass instruments, allowed some to have a go (including Kofi!) and I am sure inspired many to want to learn to play.

He will be returning to school on Monday 25th September to carry out auditions with children interested in learning to play a brass instrument.

We are currently making bids to charities in order to pay for this fantastic opportunity as instruments are not cheap. At present we do not anticipate any costs for parents.

So if your child would like to play an instrument please contact the school office or your child's class teacher to ensure their names are put forward.



Speech and Language Coffee morning

If you have a child with speech and language needs or are interested in finding out more about the work of our speech and language therapist please attend the parents workshop on: **Wednesday 27th September at 9:15 am.**

Year 5 visit the Horniman Museum

To support the children's learning this week, year 5 ventured off to the Horniman Museum to attend a fascinating Science workshop related to Sea dispersal. They were the first school to have visited the museum this academic year and the behaviour of the children was exemplary. The museum presenter commented on how well behaved the children were.

Well done year 5

Phonics Workshop for Year 1 parents



Phonics is taught from Reception to Year 2. This is a teaching approach that teaches young children to read.

In June children in year 1 and some children in year 2 will be required to take a phonics screening test.

Last year 76% of our year 1 children passed this phonics test, showing significant progress from the start of the year.

But your children need your help.

Please come to the **parents phonics workshop** held on Tuesday **26th September at 9:15 am** in the infant Hall.

Free resources!!



Next week is the start of Harvest Festival.

This is a festival that is celebrated by most cultures and we like to celebrate this festival in school each year.

We are always impressed at your generosity and kindness at these times and would like to ask you once again to make a food donation.

We will be collecting food throughout the next two weeks and will create a display of food inside the Reception area.

Please bring food to the school office or send in to class with your child. The food we collect will then be taken to our local **food bank** at the City of Hope Church.

The church will ensure that the food is given out to local people who are in need of this type of assistance.

Please send in items of food that are in date and are either in a tin, bottle or secure packaging. We cannot accept fresh cooked food although we know you are all very talented chefs!

Thank You!



We are pleased to announce that we will be introducing Parent Pay this year.

This is an on line system that allows you to make payments to the school for school dinners, trips, etc.

We will be trialing this with children in year 6 first and each child will receive a username and password to log on to parent pay to make payments.

Year 6 School Journey - Condover Hall



We have started to collect deposits for children who would like to attend the Condover Hall school journey in May.

You can now secure your child's place by paying the £50 deposit using 'parent pay' or pay Sharon the deposit at the school office.

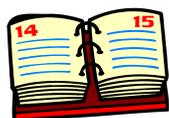
School trip dates are 21st May to the 25th May 2018.

There are 45 places available.

Class Assemblies

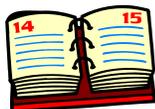
This year we would love parents to attend Class Assemblies on Thursdays. This is when children show off their learning, giving them invaluable experience of performing to an audience.

Next week Thursday assembly is **Kon Tiki** class. Parents please come.



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

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 Christmas Parties.

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: Whale Class 99.1%

KS2: Calypso Class 100% (fantastic)

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.





Year 1 Parents Maths Mastery Workshop



As a school we have decided to teach maths using a programme called Maths mastery. This programme will be phased into school starting this year in year 1.

We are holding a Year 1 parent workshop to explain this teaching approach and provide information to enable you as parents to support your children's learning.

We warmly invite you to attend on:

Thursday 5th October 2017

Time: 9.15- 10.15am

Venue: Infant Hall