



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 6th January 2017

Poetry Week- James Carter

It's been poetry week and the children have been busy reading lots of poems in class.

Poems have been read during special assemblies and a box of poetry books is now available for children to read at lunch time in the playground.

The children were also treated to a visit from the eccentric author James Carter, who performed poems during special assemblies to all children and then carried out writing workshops with year 3 & 4 classes.



The children have written some amazing poems.

Here is a special treat from **Star Gordon** in Endurance class

What Am I?

Ice Lover
Polar Bear hater
Baby giver
Snow taker
Fish eater
Egg maker
Nice Creature
Antarctica Dweller
Happy Fella

Of all the birds I'm the best la shhh... can you guess?

Back by popular demand!

Children keep asking for more opportunities to perform poems in assemblies so I once again challenge children to learn poems off by heart to share in KS2 assembly next Thursday 12th January.

Make sure you are word perfect. Actions definitely allowed.

Do your children read every day?

Research shows that children who read for pleasure regularly make better progress throughout their education.

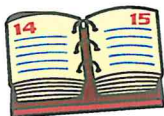
Please encourage your children to read every day. Talk about books with them, take them to Canada Water library. Another good way to get children reading at home is to encourage them to have favourite authors.

Your children should be bringing books home to read. Please read them with your children and return them regularly, so they can be changed. The more they read the better they learn!!

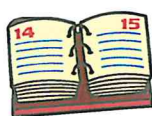
Soft Federation Ending

Our school has been involved in a soft federation with Dog Kennel Hill. Galiema was asked to support this school to help them make rapid progress. Dog Kennel Hill is now in a strong position and a permanent Head Teacher is currently being recruited. This means that the soft federation is gradually coming to an end and Galiema is doing a phased withdrawal from supporting that school. This means she will now be at Rotherhithe 3-4 days per week and it is brilliant to have her back more often.

The federation will officially end in July and she will be back in post permanently in September.



Dates for your
DIARY!!!!



SPRING TERM

Half Term Monday 13th February
 Friday 17th February

Finish for Easter **Friday 31st March 2017 2pm**

SUMMER TERM

Start Wednesday 19th April 2017

May Day 1st May (No School)

Half Term Monday 29th May
 Friday 2nd June

Finish **Friday 21st July 2017 2pm**

Key Events

16th January Martin Luther King Day
 Inclusion Quality Mark Review

17th January Disability Awareness Day

Week starting Parent meetings for
27th February children with additional needs

3rd March World Book Day (Costumes at
 the ready please!)

Week Starting Science Week
20th March

24th March Red Nose Day

28th March 11 am KS1 and Reception Awards
 Assembly

29th March 11 am KS2 Awards Assembly

30th March 1:45 Talent show

Safeguarding at Rotherhithe

Polite reminder: To ensure our children are safe it was made clear during recent Christmas performances, that parents are **not** permitted to post pictures or films of children performing in school, on social media forums such as facebook. Please make sure that you follow the school policy. Failure to do this could prevent future access to performances.

Condover Hall

We still have some spaces for the year 6 Condover Hall trip. Please pay £50 to Sharon in the school's office if you would like to reserve a place on this trip by Friday 13th January.

This is a really exciting trip that provides lots of fantastic opportunities. It will be sad if they miss out!

Welcome and Goodbyes.....

Happy New Year to you all, especially any new children that have joined us this term!

This term we welcome the following members of staff:

Collen Teacher of Endeavour class.

Richard Teacher of Mayflower class

Helen Baker teacher of Penguin class (A familiar face who has returned home from America.)

Jessica Heath teacher taking over Seahorse class

Demesha Teaching Assistant in Calypso class

Stephanie Teaching Assistant in Seahorse class

With sadness we will be saying goodbye shortly to

Adrien Teaching Assistant in Seahorse class (who is leaving next Tuesday 10th January

Abigail Medcalf – whose last day will be the 27th January.

Thank you for all your hard work. We will miss you!