

# Weekly Newsletter



# Friday 8th December 2017

# Year 2 children visit the Church of St Mary

As part of their learning about Christianity, Year two children have visited the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Rotherhithe. It is estimated that this church was built in 1282, although Roman bricks have also been uncovered on this site, so it is steeped in history. The church falls within the Anglo-Catholic tradition.

The children met the Vicar who gave the children a guided tour of his beautiful church. The children had a go at ringing the church bell, standing in the pulpit and examined the beautiful windows. The children have taken some pictures which you can find on the school's website in the 'newsroom'.

Their behaviour was impeccable.



# **Federation Update**

The formal consultation period ends on the 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3:30 pm. If you have not already expressed your views via the parent response sheet, please do so and hand in to the school office, by this date and time.

The governors of both schools will meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> December to vote for or against the federation. If the vote is in favour of the federation the school's current governing bodies will be disbanded and the process for selecting a federation governing body will start.

If the governors vote against the federation the federation will end on the 19<sup>th</sup> December.

We will update you regarding the outcome.

#### **School Council Duties**

School Council members are democratically elected by our children following a formal ballot. The children are then involved in a number of duties on behalf of the school. They have met to discuss the federation and on Monday 11th December a group of the School Council are going to visit children at Dog Kennel Hill. They have also been given a budget of £250 to spend on playtime items, which are currently being ordered. The elected School Council members are:

Calypso: Demi and Claudio
Belfast: Damilola and Ollie
Discovery: Omar and Shania
Mayflower: Grace and Nuuh
Cutty Sark: Maisy and Toby
Kingfisher: Salma and Ronaldo
Kon Tiki: Abdul-Rayyan and Jessica
Endeavour: Alton and Sophia
Endurance: Myles and Missun
Seahorse: Olivia and Jack
Coral: Zainab and James
Seal: Irene and Jacob

Reggie Hudson in Discovery Class has been nominated by teachers as an additional School Council rep in recognition of his services to the school.

# **Investors In People**

The school are currently undergoing an Investors in People assessment. This assessment benchmarks the school's commitment towards developing staff professionally who work in the school – whatever their role.

Staff have completed an online survey and a selection of staff will be interviewed on Monday.



# Dates for your DIARY!!!!



#### Autumn TERM

Finish Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

(early closure at 2 pm)

## Key Events this term

11<sup>th</sup> December 100% attendance awards

Investors in People Interviews

13<sup>th</sup> December Carol concert Year 3-6 (children

to wear Santa hats please.

14<sup>th</sup> December Nursery and Reception Christmas

performances

15<sup>th</sup> December Year 1 & 2 Christmas

performances.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner

Nursery Party am

18<sup>th</sup> December Year 1 & 2 and Early Years

Achievement Awards

19th December Year 3-6 Achievement Awards

Christmas Parties.

# We hope you enjoyed the Book Fair

Thank you for attending the book fair we have raised £350 and this money will be used to purchase books for Year 5.

Thank you to Amber our Reading Lead for organising the event and to all the teachers who ensured that it ran smoothly.

# Thought for the day

Greatness is a lot of small things done well everyday!

## 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/

#### After School Clubs

All after school clubs will finish on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of December** with the exception of **Judo** club and **Goals**, these two clubs will finish on the **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**.

Clubs will restart on Monday 8th January.

# Parentline: School Nurse texting service for parents

The school nursing team are launching a texting service for parents. 'Parentline' is a confidential service for parents who may have questions about their children's health. You can use this service to access advice regarding: emotional well-being, dental health, medical conditions, healthy eating, sleeping and bed wetting and keeping safe and healthy.

The number is: 07520 631 130 (text only)

#### **Attendance**

The classes with the best attendance for this week

KS1: Seal Class 97.9%

KS2: Kon Tiki Class 98.4%

### 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.









# Christmas Performances are nearly here!

Nursery – Singing performance on Thursday 14th December at 9:45 am.

**Reception** – Nativity play on **Thursday 14th December** at 2 pm.

**Year 1** – Christmas play on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 9:30 am and 1:15 pm.

Year 2 – Singing performance on Friday 15th December at 11 am and 2:30 pm.

Year 3 & 5 – Singing performance on Wednesday 13th December 2:15 pm with year 5 playing ukulele.

Year 4 & 6- Singing performance on Wednesday 13th December 11:30 am with year 6 playing recorders.

Please come. Don't forget to purchase a ticket!