



# Weekly Newsletter



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018



On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April our children took part in the final debate mate cup and won 1 out of 4 rounds. Our children have really excelled as a team as this was the very first year we took part in the debate mate competitions.

Parents should be very impressed, as we are, of their children for becoming very confident debaters. We were blown away by the quality of debates and have seen tremendous improvement during the year. Your children should be very proud of themselves! Next week will be the final day for the debate mate team but debate mate club will continue and will be run by Colleen and Kofi.

Once again congratulations to the amazing Rotherhithe debaters!!



All children are invited to wear silly socks or tights with their school uniform on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April**. The brighter the better. Why not try odd ones! Or sew silly things on to an old pair?

This is to raise awareness of autism. The children will learn more about autism on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April** during assemblies.

## Keeping Children Safe

There have been two incidents recently of younger children becoming separated from their parents and leaving through the school gates at the end of the day.

Although staff are always vigilant and on the lookout for children who this may have happened to, large groups may walk through the gates at the same time and children can easily look like they are in one of these groups supervised by an adult.

Additionally, we have increasingly noticed children being allowed to walk ahead of parents and sometimes children do not pay full attention to the location of the adults that are supervising them.

Parents are reminded that once children have been handed over into your care at the end of the school day, it is your responsibility to ensure they are safe. We do encourage a relaxed friendly atmosphere to close the day but remind you to make sure you are aware of your children's whereabouts at all times.



## Mindful thought for the week



## Music Teaching Update

Jonathan Pix is no longer teaching music at Rotherhithe. Margaret will now be teaching music to our year 3 classes and will lead the keyboard club on Friday mornings.

Year 4 will receive African percussion lessons from a new teacher called Pappa-Jeh.

Margaret's company also run summer workshops. Please see below and contact Margaret if interested.

## Governors Update

### Promoting Good Communication with Parents

The governors and SLT have been working on promoting communication and engagement with you our parents. To start off the process we will be conducting a survey next week. You will receive a link to the survey via a text message. We would like to encourage all parents to complete the survey and share your views. A few paper copies will also be available from your child's class teacher.

### Date Change

Please note that the last day of the Summer term has changed. The school will now close on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2 pm.**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July will now be an inset day.

### Class Assemblies

Parents/carers are warmly invited to our class assemblies.

**Starfish Class** on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** at **11:15 am**

**Endeavour Class** on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** at **11:30am**

Parents please come!

### Early Years visit CGP Art Gallery

A group of reception and nursery children were lucky enough to attend art workshop run by CGP London for the past two Thursdays.

The workshop was run by artist who supported the children to explore marks and expressing themselves through art.

### Year 6 Condover Hall Trip

Please finalise payments for the Condover Hall trip by next **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May.**

Failure to finalise payments may result in your child not being able to attend the school trip.

Please contact Sharon Hudson regarding any payment queries.

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### Dates for your Diaries!

1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 3 Fire Safety
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Governors meeting (School Improvement) 6 pm
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS 1 SATs Reading assessments
14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs start Reception children sight tests
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 – Rock Steady Music workshops Cutty Sark – Enterprise trip
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 6 children leave for Condover Hall KS1 Maths SATs assessments
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Mayflower Enterprise trip
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 children Return GDPR (New general data protection regulations apply) Break up for half term. School closes normal time.
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term week
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school Year 4 & 5 children leave for Nethercott Farm
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Erasmus trip – 7 teachers to visit schools in Spain
11-15 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening check
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent meetings for SEN children
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Evening for parents
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Bow Hill visiting from Exeter

### Dates for your Diaries Continued

29 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fete
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reception/Nursery Sports Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 1 & 2 Sports Day
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3-6 Sports Day
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
6 <sup>th</sup> July	After school clubs end
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Enterprise Week
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Full governors meeting 6 pm Endeavour class Enterprise trip to Brewin Dolphin Investment
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Prom
13 <sup>th</sup> July	New classes announced International Day (Ready steady cook!)
16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Achievement Awards – 11:30 am
17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1/EY Achievement Awards – 11:15 am
	Parents Evening
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Performance 5 pm
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 graduation at 11:30 <b>School closes at 2pm for the</b>

### Attendance

Classes with the best attendance this week:

KS1: Seal and Seahorse Class 98%

KS2: Endeavour 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.

