



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 18th May 2018

Year 6 SATs are over!

As you are all aware, the children have taken their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) in Reading, Grammar, Spelling and Maths. The Year Six Team are so proud of all the children's hard work and effort, not only this week, but during all their preparations.

The tests ran smoothly and children were calm and focused. I would like to say thank you to year 6 and to teaching staff for their hard work and dedication.

Dominique, one of River Hill's governors supervised the running of tests on Tuesday and Thursday. This was to ensure that they were delivered in accordance with DFE regulations. Thank you for your ongoing support of the school Dominique.

As a special treat, Steve Ryan from Rock Steady Music school has provided year 6 children with taster 'rock lesson' sessions. These sessions provided some light relief after the week's tests. In the words of James in Calypso – the sessions 'rocked'.



Reducing Plastic Use



The River Hill federation is committed to trying to find ways to reduce plastic use. Kellie Ansell will be leading a focus on this with parents, so if you are interested in helping find ways to reduce plastic consumption please share your ideas with her. Why are we trying to reduce our consumption?

12 million tons of plastic ends up in the sea every year. 1 plastic bag used on average for 12 minutes will be around in 1,000 years' time. Animals are dying due to plastic consumption. So here are 9 tops tips for reducing plastic waste.

- 1) Carry a reusable water bottle
- 2) Say no to plastic straws – use paper ones instead
- 3) Store leftovers in glass jars
- 4) Re-use shopping bags
- 5) Pack your lunch in reusable containers
- 6) Use beeswax food wraps (they are biodegradable and reusable)
- 7) Buy a reusable coffee cup
- 8) Slow down and dine in
- 9) Buy refill coffee, soaps, herbs and spices
- 10) Buy fruit and vegetables that are not in plastic bags





Can you help?

We are looking for **donations** of toys and books and prizes for the raffle.

Or maybe you could help by....

- Face painting
- Drawing Henna designs
- Painting nails
- Helping to set up the fair
- Running a stall at the fair

Can you bake cakes or provide other food for sale?

If the answer is yes, please send donations into the school office. If you can help on the day please contact either dominiquerenn@gmail.com or amontgomery@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk

Please help. It is always a marvellous afternoon.

SATs test

Next week year 2 will be taking their second SATs reading paper test and their SATs Maths tests.

They will be taking the tests in small groups across the week and adults will ensure that the children are reassured, and tests are as stress free as possible. If you have a child in year 2, please make sure they get plenty of sleep and that you praise them for their hard work and effort.

Good Luck year 2!



Good Luck Harry and Meghan!

We had our very own royal wedding celebration today. This children had a picnic in the playground and looked amazing in their wedding outfits today.

Thank you to all parents for your creativity.

As part of mental health awareness week, which Prince Harry is a champion, children and staff completed fitness endurance activities in the playground. Conor deserves a round of applause on behalf of the staff effort.



Ramadan has begun

Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic calendar. It was established as a holy time for Muslim's after the Quran was revealed to the Prophet Muhammed. It is a time of fasting to enable increased spiritual reflection. We wish all our Muslim families; Ramadan Kareem!



Year 6 Condover

Year 6 children will be departing on Monday for Condover Hall in Shrewsbury. They are looking forward to an action-packed week. The weather looks good so don't forget to pack sun tan lotion and a hat.

Strictly no parents hiding in suitcases!

Bon Voyage for Monday!

River Hill Logo update

We are pleased to announce that the River Hill federation logo will soon be revealed to all... but you will have to wait until after half term!



Dates for your Diaries!

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| 21 st May | Year 6 children leave for Condover Hall KS1 Maths SATs assessments |
| 22 nd May | Royal Festival Hall trip |
| 24 th May | Mayflower Enterprise trip Kon Tiki class to Hyde Park Dance festival |
| 25 th May | Year 6 children Return GDPR (New general data protection regulations apply) Break up for half term. School closes normal time. |
| 28 th May | Half term week |
| 4 th June | Children return to school Year 4 & 5 children leave for Nethercott Farm |
| 6 th June | Public consultation re the New Build 5-8 pm |
| 11 th June | Erasmus trip – 7 teachers to visit schools in Spain |
| 11-15 th June | Phonics Screening check |
| 18 th June | Parent meetings for SEN children |
| 20 th June | Open Evening for parents |
| 21 st June | Bow Hill visiting from Exeter |
| 29 th June | PTA Summer Fete |
| 2 nd July | Reception/Nursery Sports Day |
| 3 rd July | Year 1 & 2 Sports Day |
| 5th July | Year 3-6 Sports Day (date change) |
| 6 th July | After school clubs end |

Dates for your Diaries Continued

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| 9 th July | Enterprise Week |
| 12 th July | Year 6 Prom |
| 13 th July | New classes announced International Day (Ready steady cook!) |
| 16 th July | KS2 Achievement Awards – 11:30 am |
| 17 th July | KS1/EY Achievement Awards – 11:15 am Parents Evening |
| 18 th July | Year 6 Performance 5 pm |
| 19th July | Year 6 graduation at 11:30 School closes at 2pm for the summer holidays! |

Class Assemblies

Parents/carers are warmly invited to our class assemblies.

Whale Class on Wednesday 23rd May at 11:15 am

Cutty Sark Class on Thursday 24th May at 11:30am

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week

KS1: Seahorse Class 97.2 %

KS2: Belfast and Discovery Class 100 %

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.



Mindful thought for the week

Be mindful, Be grateful, Be positive, Be True, Be kind! It starts with your thinking!