



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 21st September 2018

New Build School Community Consultation

The plans are drawn, and the new build is reaching the next phase. On Thursday 4th October we will be hosting a parent consultation event outlining the design and timelines for our exciting new school building. The architects and project managers from Southwark will lead the event.

The consultation will run after school from 3:30 – 5:30, and parents are invited to come along, consider the new school design and ask questions about the proposals.

Pioneer Dance After School Club spaces

Pioneer Dance now have 2 available spaces for any children wanting to join Dance Club this term.

Dance Club takes place on Thursdays,
3.30 - 4.30pm (Year 2 - 5).

If you would like a space for your child, email the Pioneer Dance Team directly.

Email: dance@pioneerdance.com

School Council Elections

On Monday, six pioneering year 6 pupils delivered persuasive speeches to the whole school explaining their election campaign. Who will be selected as Chair and Vice Chair this year? The speeches were impressive.

The children are gradually voting in a secret ballot for their favourite candidate. We are all waiting in anticipation to see who will lead the School council.....

Harvest Festival

This Sunday is the start of Harvest Festival; a festival celebrated by most cultures. Once again, we would like to ask you to make a charitable 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 it into 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.

Thank You in anticipation of your generosity!



Year 3 & 4 Movie night

On Friday 28th September the PTA will be running a fun movie night for year 3 & 4 children. Time will be 3:30 – 4:45.

Cost will be £2 per child. Look out for letters to sign up for the night.

After School Clubs

You asked.... we listened!

I have been approached by a number of parents requesting that we consider organising an after-school child care provision at Rotherhithe.

We have been canvassing a possible agency to provide this service and we are happy that we may have found the right one.

The cost for a week's child care would be approximately £40 per week. Children could attend for between 3 and 5 days from 3;15 till 6 pm. There would need to be a firm commitment each week to pay for the child's place and the funds would not be refundable in the event of absence. To make this provision viable, I need a take up of at least 20 places to be agreed.

I have set up a link that has been texted to all parents so that you can indicate if you would be interested in a place. Once we are sure we have enough parents who are willing to pay for this service, we will organise it's opening.

Spanish Day

All children from year 3 to year 6 have weekly Spanish lessons. To celebrate all things Spanish we will be holding a special Spanish Day on **Tuesday 2nd October**. It will be a fun packed day led by our Spanish teacher Pablo. Children are invited to wear clothes that are red, yellow and blue for a £1. All donations will be used to purchase books for the school.



National Poetry Day

Thursday 4th October is National Poetry Day. I invite you to foster a love of poetry by reading poems with your children, encouraging them to memorise poems by heart, and to compose poems at home.

At 2pm on the 4th October many KS2 classrooms will be watching a live poetry lesson delivered by the BBC. Joseph Coelho will be performing poems during the live classroom performance.

To lead up to poetry day I will select some children to perform poems in assembly on Monday 1st October, so encourage your children to get reading.



A poem by Joseph Coelho

Argument

The monster
With a roar made up of shouts.
Its jaws snap
Like slamming doors.
Its stomach rumbles
Like cars driving away.
Its scales scrape
Like boxes being packed.
Its claws clatter
Like kitchen drawers.



Dates for your Diaries!

27 th Sep	School council elections
2 nd Oct	Spanish day
8 th Oct	Black History Month
15 th Oct	Fire Concert (In the light) choir
15 th -19 th Oct	Poetry Week
19 th Oct	Samba workshops
22nd – 26th Oct	Half Term
29th Oct	School closed for Inset Day
31 st Oct	Closing date for secondary school applications
Week starting	SEN Parent Meetings/ Maths Week
9 th Nov	Celidh Project Performance years 4 & 5
12 th Nov	Anti-bullying week
5 th Dec	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Play
5 th Dec	KS2 (Year 3-6) Carol Concert
6 th Dec	Reception and Nursery Christmas performance
10 th Dec	Erasmus Trip – Group of teachers travel to Sweden
14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper day
17 th & 19 th Dec	Parents Evening
17 th Dec	KS1/EY Achievement Awards – 11:15 am in the junior hall
18 th Dec	KS2 Achievement Awards – 11:30 am
20 th Dec	Class parties
21 st Dec	100% attendance awards

School closes at 2pm for the Christmas Holidays.

Key Stage 1 Assemblies Time: 11:15 am

- Wednesday 3rd October Seal Class
- Wednesday 10th October Seahorse Class
- Wednesday 7th November Coral Class
- Wednesday 14th November Octopus Class
- Wednesday 21st November Whale Class

Key Stage 2 Assemblies Time 11:30 am

- Thursday 27th September Belfast Class
- Thursday 4th October Endeavour Class
- Thursday 11th October **Cutty Sark Class**
- Thursday 18th October **Kingfisher Class**
(please note date swap)
- Thursday 1st November Discovery Class
- Thursday 8th November Mayflower Class
- Thursday 15th November Pearl Class
- Thursday 22nd November Endurance Class
- Thursday 6th December Kon Tiki Class

Safeguarding at Rotherhithe

Keeping children safe is of utmost importance to us at Rotherhithe. We have recently updated our safeguarding policy. Please read it at <http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/>

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:



KS1: Seal Class 99.5%

KS2: Cutty Sark Class 99.6%

Well done and keep up the good work everyone!!

Please **do not** book holidays during term time. This negatively affects your children's education.

