



# Weekly Newsletter



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## — WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back parents, carers and children! I hope that you had a relaxing time with your children during the holiday period. We are excited to have them back.

All children have settled well and have adjusted quickly to the reorganization of classes. The children are hard at work and focussed on their learning.

Thank you to all parents who have sent their children into school dressed in the correct school uniform. They look smart and ready to learn. We will be checking children's uniform regularly, so please ensure this high standard is maintained throughout the year.

I have noticed some children with brightly coloured **hair accessories**, please make sure they are school colours only please: **blue, white, grey, black.**

Please ensure children have all black shoes.



You are cordially invited to come and meet your children's new teachers and to find out what they will be learning about in class and how you can support them.

All sessions will run after school from 3:15- 4:15

Year 5 parent's meetings are on Wednesday  
12<sup>th</sup> September

Year 3 & 4 parent's meetings are on  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 parent's meetings are on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
September

Please go to your child's classrooms for these meetings.

### Year 1 & 2 Parent Meetings

These will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
September

All parents will meet first in the infant hall at  
ready for a 3:25 pm start

After an initial key stage presentation, you  
will then split off and go to your child's  
classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you then.

## Welcome New teachers

We would like to warmly welcome a number of new members of staff to the Rotherhithe team.

**Sarah Hall** – year 4 teacher of Kon Tiki Class

**George Gill** – Year 3 Teacher of Endurance Class

**Magdalena Dehiles** – Year 3 teacher of Pearl Class

**Poppy Hulse** – Year 2 Schools Direct Teacher Coral Class

We look forward to a fantastic year at RPS.

### 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/>



We are pleased to announce that we are launching an exciting online Maths programme for children and parents in Key Stage 1. We will share more information about this during the parent meeting sessions next week.

On **Thursday 13th at 9 am** (in the RPS ICT suite) we are inviting parents of children in year 1 and 2 to a support session to enable you to sign up to Maths with Parents

There will be ongoing support to help you use this exciting programme.

## Contact Details

### Have you moved? Changed your phone numbers?

If so, please update your details at the school office. It is essential that we are able to contact you if there is an emergency.

We also require **3 people and telephone** numbers to be held in school as emergency contacts. We need these details to ensure that if your child is absent from school we can alert others in case of an emergency situation in the home.

This is to keep you and your child safe in the event of a serious emergency in the home.



## Newsletter to be emailed....

**This is the last newsletter that will be given out in paper form. From next Friday we will email the newsletter to parents. If you have not provided your email address to the school office please do so urgently.**

**If you still require a paper copy a few will be given out to class teachers or you can request a copy from the office.**

## Year 6 Secondary School Transition and Condover Hall Trip 2019 Parent Meeting

It's that time of year when I have to start talking about secondary school transition.

Applications for secondary school need to be completed by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**.

Secondary schools have set their open days for prospective students already. You will be able to find this information on each school's website. I have also posted a leaflet in the parent section on our website of open days for schools in Southwark and Lewisham. I would strongly advise you to visit schools with your son or daughter.

To provide more information about the process, I have arranged a parent workshop on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30 pm in the junior Hall.**

### Condover Hall 2019

During the above meeting I will also talk to parents about the Year 6 trip to Condover Hall.

There will be a short presentation describing details relevant to the trip.

## After School Clubs

During the following week we will be sending home general interest letters for after school clubs. If your child is interested in an after school club, please return the permission slip as soon as possible to secure a place.

If your child is successful in securing a place s/he will receive a **green letter** to confirm that a place has been offered.

We are aware that sometimes children are disappointed if they have not been offered a place, so try to make sure you send in your permission slips as quickly as possible.

Some clubs may be targeted at children as they are after school booster sessions related to their learning. If your child is invited to an after school phonics or maths booster please ensure your child attends.

After School Clubs will start the week of the

**17<sup>th</sup> September.**

Some clubs must be applied for directly to the provider e.g Judo and dance.

Can I please remind you to collect children promptly from after school clubs. Failure to do so will lead to the child losing their club place.

For any further information please contact Kay Turner.

## Administration of Medicine

Please ensure that Sharon Hudson at the school office and the class teacher is fully informed of any new information related to medical needs.

Please ensure any medicine stored in school is in date and appropriately labelled. Please also ensure that you go to the office to sign the appropriate consent form if medicine is to be administered. We will not administer medicine without this.



## Safe Collection of children

The safety of your children is paramount. Can I please remind parents that only persons' aged 16 years or older are permitted to collect children from school. Siblings will be asked their age and if they are not old enough we will not release them. Please do not challenge staff when they enforce this policy. It is school procedure. You must ensure that you follow the procedures that we feel ensure our children are released safely.

Please also make sure that you have informed the class teacher if an alternative adult is going to collect your child. We cannot release your child without knowing you have provided this consent.

## Scooters and bikes

We would like to encourage children to ride to school on bikes and scooters as this increases fitness levels. A bike shed is provided for this. We cannot however, accept any responsibility for loss or damage of these items while on school premises. You leave them in school at your own risk.

Can I also remind all children and parents that people should not ride scooters or bikes within the school grounds. This includes younger siblings not attending the school. We have noted an increase of younger children scooting in and out of the school gates. Younger children often show reduced awareness of those around them and this could lead to a potential accident.

## Parking

Please **do not** park across the road leading towards the school gates. This is positively dangerous and could lead to an accident. The road is also private and we have had complaints from GPs who have been prevented from driving out on to the road when they are in the process of making a home visit to a patient.



### Dates for your Diaries!

5 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Children return to school
7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Music Fayre 3:30-4:45 pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Year 1 & 2 parent open sessions
12 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Year 5 parent open sessions
13 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Year 3 & 4 open sessions
14 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Year 6 open sessions National TA Day
17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	After school clubs begin
18 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Year 6 secondary school transition/Conover Hall trip meeting 3:30 pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Sep	School council elections
W/C 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Black History Month
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fire Concert (In the light) choir
15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Poetry Week
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Samba workshops
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>School closed for Inset Day</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Closing date for secondary school applications
Week starting	SEN Parent Meetings
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Maths Week
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Celidh Project Performance years 4 & 5
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying week
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Play
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception and Nursery Christmas performance
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 (Year 3-6) Carol Concert

10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Erasmus Trip – Group of teachers travel to Sweden
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper day
17 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parents Evening
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1/EY Achievement Awards – 11:15 am in the junior hall
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Achievement Awards – 11:30 am
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class parties
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	100% attendance awards

**School closes at 2pm for the Christmas Holidays.**

### Key Stage 1 Assemblies Time: 11:15 am

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Seal Class
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Seahorse Class
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Coral Class
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Octopus Class
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Whale Class

### Key Stage 2 Assemblies Time 11:30 am

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Calypso Class
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Belfast Class
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Endeavour Class
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Kingfisher Class
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Cutty Sark Class
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Discovery Class
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Mayflower Class
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Pearl Class
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Endurance Class
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Kon Tiki Class

**You are warmly invited to attend class assemblies.**