



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 14th December 2018



Young Writers' Poetry Wonderland Competition

Writing is a strength at Rotherhithe. We are pleased to announce that a number of our children entered the Young Writer's poetry competition, and many have had their poems selected to be published. The successful authors are:

Ruth Raymond
Summer Georgiou
Leah Qarani
Hawanatu Kamara
Hasna Sawari
Matilda Kamara
Samantha Earridge
Assia El Assali
Maisy McEvoy
Tamara Krawles
Maja Klukowska
Lanah Ali
Poppy Granger

Well done and keep on writing!

Fruit Snacks

Children in **years 3-6** are invited to bring a piece of fruit to eat at break time. Children are not permitted to bring any other form of food to eat at this time. Children bringing sweets, crisps, sandwiches will have these items confiscated.

Children will eat fruit within the classroom.



PTA Christmas Fair

On Tuesday our first Christmas fair was a resounding success. Children and adults purchased all of the christmas goodies our children had made raising money for the school. Face painting was a huge hit, as was santa in his grotto in the peace garden.

The never ending prizes in our raffle were all joyfully won.

Thank you to all parents, staff and children for making the Christmas fair such a success.



Dance Performances

After a busy term learning a range of dance moves and techniques, children performed to each other this week in special assemblies. The children really enjoyed watching and performing. Dance club also performed for key stage 2 parents after school.

What a talented bunch of children!

Anti-radicalisation workshops

Children in year 5 & 6 took part in workshops on Friday delivered by Southwark's prevent team. The delivery of the workshop was age appropriate and of a high standard.

They learnt about terrorism (using Guy Fawkes as an example). Responsibility was also covered, along with how to protect themselves on-line.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your children arrive back to school in January in full school Uniform.

White polo tops or shirts

Grey skirts or trousers

School jumper with logo

Black shoes (all black)

Black, white or grey socks

Black or grey tights

Black, blue or white hairbands or headscarves



P.E kit

White t-shirt

Black leggings, shorts or joggers

Trainers or plimsolls must be worn in every PE session **inside** and **outside** of school (this is to protect children's feet from being trodden on or being hurt with PE equipment.)



Parent's Evening

Parent's evenings for children in year 1 to 6 are being held on **Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th December.**

Don't forget to sign up for an appointment.

If you are unable to make either date, please speak to the class teacher who will arrange an alternative date with you.

Hellos and Goodbyes

This term we say good-bye to Magdalena and Sharon (supply teachers) who have been teaching Pearl class since September. We thank them both for their hard work and wish them well in the future.

We welcome Orla Walsh who has been teaching Endurance class since October and Anthony Williams who will be starting with us in January and will be teaching Pearl class. Both teachers will be permanent members of staff.

We look forward to working with them in the future.

Reception Admission Deadline

Parents must fill in an application form for their child if they will be moving into Reception in September 2019. Applications for Reception places for September 2019 must be made by the **15th of January 2019.**

You can search for primary school admissions at the following email address:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-admissions>

Or use the link on our school website under 'Admissions.'

Some parents have been experiencing difficulty with Southwark's website. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact Southwark admissions on the following phone number: 020 7525 5337

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties are being held on **Tuesday 18th December.** Please select an item of food to provide for the class by signing up at the class door. Please make sure that the food does not contain nuts and food has a food label.

Children are able to wear party clothes for the day sensible shoes only please.



School Assemblies

Assemblies for years 3-6 are changing

From January all year 3-6 class assemblies will be held on **Wednesdays at 11:30 am.**

You are warmly invited to attend your child's class performance.

Year 3-6 **Star of the Week** assembly has moved to **Thursday** at 11:30 am. If you receive an invite, please do come and celebrate your child's achievements with us.

Key Stage 1 Assemblies Time: 11:15 am

Wednesday 30 th January	Seal
Wednesday 6 th February	Seahorse
Wednesday 13 th February	Coral
Wednesday 27 th February	Whale
Wednesday 6 th March	Octopus

Key Stage 2 Assemblies Time 11:30 am

Wednesday 16 th January	Discovery
Wednesday 23 rd January	Endeavour
Wednesday 30 th January	Calypso
Wednesday 6 th February	Mayflower
Wednesday 13 th February	Belfast
Wednesday 27 th February	Kon Tiki
Wednesday 6 th March	Cutty Sark
Wednesday 13 th March	Endurance
Wednesday 27 th March	Pearl
Wednesday 3 rd April	Kingfisher

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/>



Dates for your Diaries!

7 th Jan	Inset day (No children)
8th Jan	Children return to school
10 th Jan	Basic skills quality mark review
22 nd Jan	Local Authority review
Week starting 11 th Feb	Poetry Week
Week starting 4 th March	SEN parents' meetings
7 th March	World Book Day
Week starting 11 th March	British Science Week
15 th March	Red Nose Day
22 nd March	Athletics competition day
1 st April	KS1 Achievement Awards at 11:15 Year 1 -6 Parent's Evening 3:15- 4:30
2 nd April	KS2 Achievement Awards at 11:30 Nursery Parent's Evening 3:15- 4:30
3 rd April	Reception Parent's Evening 3:15 4:30
5 th Apr	Attendance Awards Last day of term finish at 2pm

Last Day of Term

Wednesday 19th December is the last day of term.

Please make sure you collect your children **promptly at 2pm.**

Welcome back 'Erasmus' teachers!

Next week we welcome back 6 of our teachers, who have travelled all the way to Sweden as part of our Erasmus project: Jenni, Suzy, Annalise, Conor, Leah and Helen. They have been visiting Swedish schools in temperatures below freezing and yes, they have had snow. We can't wait to get them back and hear of all the wonderful things they have seen and learned.



Following the Spanish Erasmus trip in June, we are about to pilot a new way of teaching Spanish. The children will be taught Spanish through art activities. This was a way of teaching that teachers observed in Spain (the teachers taught English through another subject). Our teachers were very impressed with the results.

This new Spanish curriculum will be delivered to years 3 to 6 from January.



Have a wonderful holiday and Happy Christmas to all

It has been a very busy term, full of wonderful performances and celebrations, with some fantastic learning.

The PTA are growing in strength and are organising an increasing number of events for children and parents that have been a huge success. Discos, fairs, film nights just to name a few. Thank you to the PTA for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the school.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all staff who work at RPS. You make RPS a wonderful place to be.

Children keep safe.

Have a fantastic holiday and see you all in the new year!



Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Seahorse 97.7%

KS2: Discovery Class 99%



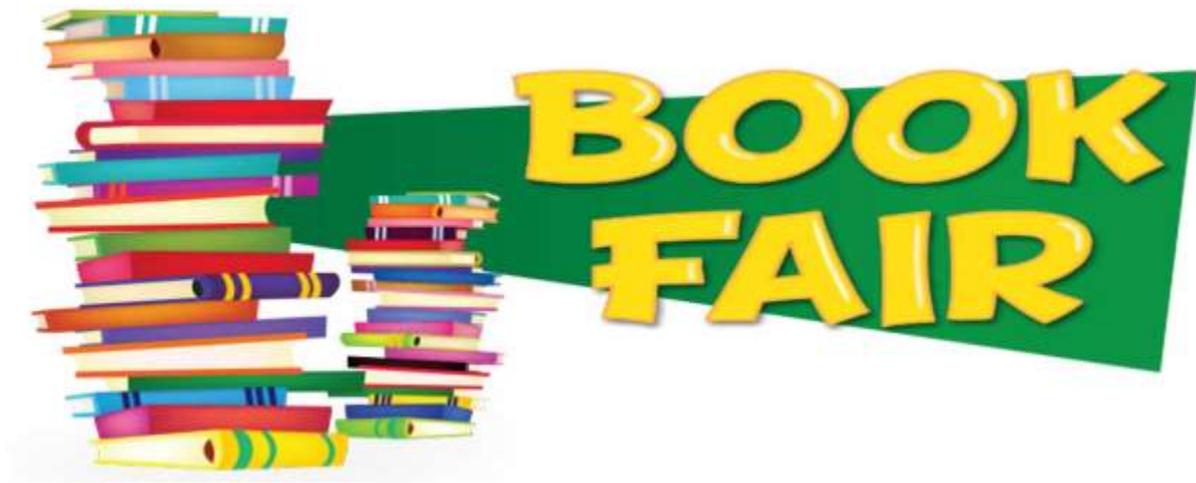
Amazing! keep up the good work everyone!!

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



Dates for your Diaries!

17 th & 18 th Dec	Parents Evening/ Book Fair
17 th Dec	KS1/EY Achievement Awards – 11:15 am in the junior hall Reception visiting Elders
18 th Dec	KS2 Achievement Awards – 11:30 Class parties
19 th Dec	100% attendance awards School closes at 2 pm



What better gift at Christmas than a new book to read and cherish!

Please come to our RPS Book Fair

On

Monday 17th December and

Tuesday 18th December

In the Junior Hall

