



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 18th January 2019





Parent Phonics Workshops

We hope parents found the phonics workshop held today useful. All children in Reception and years 1 & 2 are taught to use phonic strategies to help them read.

In June, children from year 1 and some from year 2 will take the phonics screening check. This test presents children with 40 words to read. 20 are real words and 20 are nonsense words that the children must use phonics skills to read these words. The children are presented with a list of words that look like this. They become progressively harder as the children move through the test.

in
at
beg
sum

Nonsense words are presented as 'alien' words because they are not real. A sample page looks like this:

ot	
vap	
osk	
ect	

Maths with Parents



Rotherhithe Primary School has introduced "Maths with Parents" to its mathematics curriculum this term. To find out more about how it works and how you can get involved, please click on the link here:

<http://www.mathswithparents.com>

Parents that are already involved in the scheme with us have submitted some images of their children working on their maths topics at home. Please [click here](#) to view the images and testimonials submitted by our children and parents.

Fitness with the Daily Mile



The Daily Mile involves children who have signed up to take part to run a mapped course of the school covering exactly one mile on a daily basis.

[Watch the video](#) as Dan explains how it all works.

Mobile Phones

Only children in year 5 & 6 are permitted to bring mobile phones into school. Children must put their phones in the class box when they arrive at school in the morning. Mobile phones will then be returned to the children at the end of the day. During the day mobile phones are stored in the school office.

We have noticed an increase of children keeping mobile phones in their school bags. If this happens, the mobile will be confiscated from the child and not returned for a week. A second incident of this nature will lead to mobiles being confiscated till the end of the term.

Please reinforce this message at home.



Interim Learning Mentors

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed two new interim learning mentors who will be taking over the work of Kofi and Constantina. The successful candidates are Danielle Cooper-Perrott and Lisa Salkeld-Townsley. We look forward to seeing them take on the challenges that their new roles will bring.

We are currently recruiting new teaching assistants to take over their current roles.

As soon as we find suitable replacements for Danielle and Lisa, those children who were receiving mentoring will be allocated to a new mentor.

Reminder: Fruit Snacks

Children in **years 3-6** are invited to bring a piece of fruit to eat at break time

Children will eat fruit within the classroom. Other snacks are **not** permitted.

Social Media

Children at RPS should not be using online apps such as What's app and Snap chat.

Snap chat has a minimum user age of 13+ and What's app has a minimum user age of 16+.

We are once again having to resolve situations due to children behaving inappropriately on these platforms at home.

If as a parent you have decided to allow your child to use these types of apps, please ensure you **monitor** their phones on a **daily** basis.

There is growing evidence that mobile phone use is negatively impacting on the mental health of children and teenagers. They are often using their phones late at night. Their very presence causes major distraction for children who feel an ever burdensome need to be continually available to respond to communications. Many apps invite the children to 'like' or 'dislike' a post thereby impacting on children's self-esteem. Comments can very easily lead to online bullying.

A number of articles refer to the impact mobile phones are having on children. Here is a quote from the Guardian.

Researchers advise 'physical boundaries' over devices in bedrooms after study finds poor sleep associated with phone use linked to depressed moods'.



WhatsApp

Messaging | Audio, video calling | Photo, video sharing | Content sharing | Location sharing | Online relationships

16+

Minimum age according to WhatsApp
This is WhatsApp's minimum age. What do you think is the right age for this app? Share your thoughts

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!

18 th Jan	Phonics workshop
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 22 nd March	Red Nose Day 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

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Whale class 98.2%

KS2: Discovery class 100 %



Amazing! keep up the good work everyone!!

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



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 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

PTA Meeting

The PTA will be holding a catch-up meeting on Thursday 22nd January at 3 pm. All parents are invited to join the meeting.