



# Weekly Newsletter



Friday 10th May 2019

## Turtle Class to visit Horniman Museum



As part of their current topic on all living things, Turtle Class will be visiting the Butterfly Gardens located in the world renowned Horniman Museum, located in the heart of Forest Hill, South East London.

Frederick John Horniman, Victorian tea trader and philanthropist, began collecting objects, specimens and artefacts 'illustrating natural history and the arts and handicrafts of various peoples of the world' from around 1860. His overarching mission was to 'bring the world to Forest Hill' and educate and enrich the lives of the local community. His travels took him to far flung destinations such as Egypt, Sri Lanka, Burma, China, Japan, Canada and the United States.

Turtle Class are really looking forward to their forthcoming visit as they have some cocoons in their classroom that the children are eagerly and patiently waiting to see hatch!

Hopefully we will be in the right place at the right time and can grab some pictures as it happens. Fingers crossed!

## Learning & The Great Outdoors!



Rotherhithe Primary School has been running Forest School for children in the early years and year 1 for the past 6 years.

This programme takes small groups of children to an enclosed Nature Reserve in Southwark Park to investigate and experience nature.

This has been extremely successful in supporting children's ability to communicate with one another, work in teams and solve problems.

### Some of the activities include:

- Digging and planting vegetables
- Finding out about bugs and insects
- Pond dipping
- Making collections
- Identifying birds and bird watching
- Den building
- Building fires

Children will attend the **Thursday afternoon** session 12:30 – 3.00pm. They will eat a packed lunch (provided by the school) in the nature garden before starting our session.



## Preparing for SATs

### Dear Parents and Carers,

With SATs upon us, we have added these excellent video guides to ensure that you fully understand what will take place during this examination period for both Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 children.

We start with the Key stage 1 guide followed by the Key stage 2 guide below it. If you have any questions, please contact us.

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### Key Stage 1 tests:

This 6-minute video provides information for parents about the Key Stage 1 tests, including the optional Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Test.

[https://youtu.be/dVlrdqh\\_J6Y](https://youtu.be/dVlrdqh_J6Y)

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### Key Stage 2 tests:

A summary of the Key Stage 2 tests that Year 6 pupils will take in England in May 2019. Aimed particularly at parents.

<https://youtu.be/2H2D1UI4pjE>

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### Final Thoughts...

The most important thing to do is to stay calm and relax. Be as prepared as you can be and take some time to do some last minute revision this weekend. Give it 100% and you will be rewarded for your efforts.

## Top Tips for Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs test start on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. We want our children to perform at their best during their SATs.

### The night before the tests...

- ✓ Make sure that they are not studying all evening.
- ✓ Ensure that they relax and get a good night sleep during the week of the tests.
- ✓ Make sure your children arrive promptly at school. (We will be running a special breakfast club for them).
- ✓ If your child is feeling anxious, reassure them and explain that these feelings are normal but encourage them to be positive and picture themselves trying their best- that is all anyone is asking of them! Positive self-talk releases a hormone called serotonin which helps children to keep calm and function well.
- ✓ Make sure your child is hydrated and remind them to drink especially if the weather is hot.

### Remind your children about good test techniques:

- ✓ Read questions carefully.
- ✓ Think about what the question is asking and remember strategies that they have been taught.
- ✓ If they are stuck on a question move on to a question that they can answer. When they have completed the test, carefully check their answers and tackle any questions that they are unsure of.
- ✓ Praise your children for their effort when they arrive home at the end of the day.

**Good Luck Year 6!**

## SATs Revision Downloads



If you have a child in year 6, at the end of key stage 2, they will take national curriculum tests in English reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling and mathematics.

The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. The tests are also used to assess schools' performance and to produce national performance data.

The key stage 2 tests will be taken on set dates unless your child is absent, in which case they may be able to take them up to 5 school days afterwards.

To help you along your way, we have collated a series of downloads for both Maths and English (**please click on the heading below**) to help you revise and better prepare for these examinations. To get started, choose a link below.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE](#)

### Good points to Remember:

1. Keep revision quick and concise
2. Keep it peaceful at home
3. Exam nerves are normal
4. Eat the right foods
5. Get them to bed earlier than usual
6. Don't skip breakfast
7. Plenty of encouragement
8. Make time for play!

## Condover Hall Parent's Meeting



Parents and Carers of all Year 6 children are invited to join us for a Pre-trip meeting on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 3:30pm** to discuss all of the details, key information, and preparations required before the Condover Hall residential trip, which is coming up fast this June.

We will cover as much as we can on the day and make sure that you are equipped with everything that you need so that you are assured that your children will be safe, secure and ready to have an amazing experience at this incredible venue.

We believe that every young person should have the opportunity to experience the world beyond their classroom as an essential part of their learning and personal development.

This experience offers just that by creating an environment that is challenging, exciting, and maybe even a bit scary at times; however, the team building scenarios are tailored to encourage children to work together and to help each other to achieve the goals ahead of them.

### Find out more:

If you want to find out more about the types of activities that will be available here, please go to <https://www.condoverhall.com/group-types/schools>



13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Spelling and grammar
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS reading test
15 <sup>th</sup> May	year 6 SATS maths paper 1 & 2
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs maths paper 3
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Condover Hall parent's meeting 3:30
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Fire Safety workshops for year 2 & 5
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Enterprise Challenge day
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Break up for half term (normal time)</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 trip to Condover Hall
4 <sup>th</sup> June	PE talent spotter
7 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Eid Celebration Fair 3:15
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening check testing week
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Knife Crime workshop – year 5 & 6 Year 5 bikeability
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 children to complete multiplication tables check
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 prom
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fete
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Erasmus trip to Norway (7 teachers)
1 <sup>st</sup> July	EYFS Sports Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	KS1 Sports Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	KS2 Sports Day
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
12 <sup>th</sup> July	International Day
15 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS/KS1 Award ceremony
16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Award ceremony
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 performance to parents at 5 pm
19 <sup>th</sup> July	11:30 year 6 graduation and farewell at the end of the presentation. Whole school break up at 2 pm



# School Assemblies

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

## Key Stage 1 Assemblies Time 11:15 am

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Seal Class
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Seahorse Class
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Coral Class
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Whale Class

## Key Stage 2 Assemblies Time 11:30 am

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Pearl Class
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Kon Tiki Class
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Cutty Sark Class
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Endurance Class
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Mayflower Class
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Kingfisher Class

## Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Coral Class - 100%

KS1: Seahorse Class - 100%

KS2: Belfast Class - 99.2%



**Amazing! keep up the good work everyone!!**

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



## ROTHERHITHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### HOLIDAY DATES 2019-2020

<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	<b>Inset Day 1: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (no children)</b> <b>Inset Day 2: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (no children)</b> <b>Inset Day 3: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September (no children)</b>
Start	<b>Children back</b> <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>
Half Term	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Children Back	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	
Start	<b>Children back</b> <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>
Half Term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Children Back	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020</b>
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	
Start	<b>Children back</b> <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020</b>
May Day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Half Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Children Back	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b> <b>Inset Day Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July (no children)</b> <b>Inset Day Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July (no children)</b>
<b>Inset Days</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>	
<b>20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020</b>	