



# Weekly Newsletter



Friday 3rd May 2019



April was once again autism awareness month and on Monday all children learned about autism. They considered how similar and different we all are and heard a bit about the hidden difference that may lead to some types of behaviour. Children in year 4 helped to lead the KS2 assembly and talked a bit about what they have learned about autism. They did an amazing job. Why not watch this short video clip about autism with your children at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JdCY-cdgkl>

I am impressed to see everyone in silly socks in whale class – well done. Love the whale too!  
Can you spot the sock you were wearing?



Thank you to all parents and children for your donations.



Thank you to all parents for baking up a storm and donating tantalizing cakes for our Silly Sock Day cake sale. We know the children enjoyed eating them.

We have raised the grand total of **£92.15!**

We will be using this money to buy sensory equipment and bean bags for our playground reflection area. This is a space for children to be able to relax, calm down and enjoy a peaceful lunch time.

## Relationship and Sex Education

You may have heard about changes from the government relating to school requirements to teach relationship education. This week Nina Hall (Spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) lead) held two workshops for parents to discuss the school's curriculum and answer any questions that you may have regarding this area. We hope you found the workshops informative. If you were unable to make the workshop, please talk to your child's class teacher or request an appointment with Nina.

The school are required to publish their RSE policy which you can find on our school website; <http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Relationships-and-Sex-Education-Policy.pdf>

Thanks to Nina Hall for delivering these workshops.

## Lunch time

This year we have worked hard to improve lunch time provision. The School council have also made several suggestions and presented their ideas in assembly. The following has been put into place:

**Play leaders:** We have trained a number of children as 'play leaders' these children. Have learned a number of games including retro games and singing games and they teach other children how to play these in the playground.



**Peer mediators** are dutifully carrying out their duties. They support lunch times in a number of way and are also trained to help children to resolve conflict.

**Zones:** we have zones in the playground and an adult supervises that area of the playground. The school council are also working in posters that they would like to put up in the playground.

**Peace club:** For those children who find the hubbub of the playground overwhelming and like to spend some time inside playing games in a safe space.

**Extended activities:** We have increased the time that activities are available for the children to use.

**Coaches:** We have replaced the Totstar coaches with two new coaches: Jordan and Raheem. These coaches are employed by the school and will also support afternoon PE lessons and will deliver after school clubs.

**Conflict Resolution:** We use a conflict resolution approach that encourages children to take responsibility for their actions and to consider how others are feeling. All staff and children have had some training related to this.

Lilly from year 3 asked me on Wednesday why there is so much to do in our playground and told me that she thinks RPS is the best school.

We totally agree with you Lilly. If any children have other ideas for improving playtimes please let me know.

## Top Tips for Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs test start on the 13th May – only 1 week left to go. 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 you 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!**

## Cricket Tournament



On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April Dan Sullivan our PE instructor took a team of children to participate in a cricket tournament. Many of our children love playing cricket at lunch time, so this was a fantastic opportunity. The event took place in Burgess Park. Our team returned back to school triumphant with yet another trophy to add to our growing collection.

Special mention for Armani Conian-Brown who played like a trojan and was definitely 'man of the tournament' he scored so many runs.

Well done to all children who participated and did a fantastic job representing the school. Their behavior was fantastic.

Thank you to Dan for organising this event and teaching our children so well.

### **Our amazing team:**

The following children participated.

- Izias (Cutty Sark)
- Abdulmuiz (Cutty Sark)
- Kornel (Cutty Sark)
- Ronaldo (Cutty Sark)
- Gulis (Mayflower)
- Owen (Mayflower)
- Ja-Shawn (Kingfisher)
- Armani (Kingfisher) **Star Player**
- Ollie (Endurance)
- AJ (Endurance)

A huge well done to you all!

## 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>



8-9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 SATs reading paper 1
6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank holiday Monday- no school</b>
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

### Year 6 Condover Hall Trip

Please finalise payments for the Condover Hall trip by next Friday!!!!

### Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Seal Class - 100%

KS2: Endeavour Class - 99%



**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>	<b>Children back</b>
Start	<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>	<b>Children back</b>
Start	<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>
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<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>	