

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Welcome back to all parents and children. We hope you had a fantastic summer holiday. The children have certainly been telling us all about the exciting things they got to do during the break; from boat tours, looking at fish in rock pools, to visiting new countries and splashing around on beaches.

We are glad the children have returned to us happy and healthy ready for the new academic year.

I would like to welcome our new staff members:

Grace teacher in Pearl class  
Rochelle teacher in Whale Class  
Michelle – TA in nursery  
Zoe – apprentice TA in Reception  
Jo, Maria and Lubana – TAs in year 1  
Joanne – TA in year 4 and  
Jade TA in year 5

**Welcome to the RPS team!**

## Emergency Contacts

Sharon will be sending home copies of the contact details we currently have for you as parents and we request that you check and update this accordingly.

## New Build Update

The building works have started!! Of course, the builders ran late completing the enabling works, so the pressure was on staff to get the school building ready for the children. I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and long hours. A special thank you to Khalid and Lahcen who worked all summer to get the school ready.

The builders will be in school again at the weekend to complete works in the Nursery and Reception playground.

## Safe Collection of Children

Year 5 & 6 children are able to travel to and from school independently if their parents have signed a consent form. All other children must be collected by a person aged **16 years** or older. We will ask teenagers their age if they attempt to collect our children. Please inform the school office and class teacher if another person is collecting your children or we will not release them.

## School Uniform

It is great to see our children looking smart and ready for the term ahead. If parents need to purchase school uniform, you need to do this by paying first on **parent pay**. Once you have completed payment, the uniform will be ready for collection from the school office.

Please see the details set out below listing correct school uniform. Remember shoes need to be **all black**. Socks should be white, blue, grey or black (no patterns please), Hair beads, bows, hijab should be white, blue or black.

## Attendance

Attendance is extremely important. Poor attendance often affects pupil's relationships with other children as well as limiting their progress. Please ensure your children are in school unless unwell. Holidays should be booked during the generous holiday breaks that are provided for the children. We do not authorize holidays taken in term time.

Parents are responsible for informing the school on the first morning of absence why their child is not in school. If we do not receive accountability for absence, we will ring emergency contacts and consider doing a home visit to ensure our children and the family are safe.

Punctuality is also important. The school gate will open at 8:50. Children should be in class promptly by 9 am. Children who are routinely late disrupt not only their education but the learning of others.

Please ensure you collect children promptly at 3:15 pm.



## Meet the Teacher

Next week we will be hosting a range of 'meet the teacher' sessions after school. These sessions will inform you about routines, the curriculum that your children will be learning and how you can support them, so please make every effort to attend.

Year 1 & 2 – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Year 5 & 6 – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Year 3 & 4 – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

All sessions will start straight after school and will be held in class unless otherwise directed by the class teacher.

We look forward to meeting you all then.

## Parent concerns

At some point you as parents may have concerns relating to your child or the school. We would ask you to follow the communication protocol set out on the school's website and communicate with us to resolve any issues that arise. These procedures have been updated along with the parent handbook, which are on the school's website.

We expect parents to be good role models for their children. Please ensure that your conduct on school premises is exemplary at all times.



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

**KS1 (year 1 & 2) start time 11:15 am**

Seal class	2 <sup>nd</sup> October
Octopus Class	9 <sup>th</sup> October
Coral Class	6 <sup>th</sup> November
Whale Class	20 <sup>th</sup> November

**KS2 (year 3-6) start time 11:30 am**

Kingfisher Class	25 <sup>th</sup> September
Endeavour Class	2 <sup>nd</sup> October
Cutty Sark	9 <sup>th</sup> October
Belfast Class	16 <sup>th</sup> October
Pearl Class	6 <sup>th</sup> November
Kon Tiki	13 <sup>th</sup> November
Mayflower	20 <sup>th</sup> November
Calypso	4 <sup>th</sup> December

10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Yr 1 & 2 Meet the teacher session – 3:15
11 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Yr 5 & 6 Meet the teacher session – 3:15
12 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Yr 3 & 4 Meet the teacher session – 3:15
16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	After school clubs start National TA Day
17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Year 5 & 6 – Keeping children safe workshop Yr 6 Secondary School Transition parent workshop School Council elections
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Harvest Festival assembly- please donate items of food
24 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Reception parents workshop 9:15 am
25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Sport Champion sponsorship money due Road Safety workshop for year 1 & 2
October	Black History Month
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Athlete Sports Champion challenge
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	World Teachers Day
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 4 Ceilidh workshop
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent support for secondary application in ICT suite
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Start of poetry week
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu vaccinations – Reception to year 6
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6 pm Governors Standards and curriculum meeting
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Break up for half term</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Week starting 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying week SEN meetings with parents
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Maths week
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6 pm Governors Resources committee meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6 pm FGB meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Concert Year 3-6
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Xmas Play - Nursery am Reception pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Xmas Play KS1 Christmas jumper day
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Achievement Award Ceremony 11:30 Parents Evening Start of poetry week
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Award Ceremony KS 1 11:15
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class parties pm (own clothes) Parents Evening
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>LAST DAY finish at 2pm!</b>

**Reception Open Mornings**

We will be holding open mornings for any parents who wish to see Reception in action and are considering sending their children to RPS September 2020. All sessions start at 9:30 am. Open sessions will be held on the following Thursdays:

10<sup>th</sup> October, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 9<sup>th</sup> January

Reception applications for 2020 need to be completed by the 15<sup>th</sup> January.

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## 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>
<b>Inset Days</b>	
<b>3 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>	
<b>2 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020</b>	



# Secondary School Transition



**Need advice about secondary school transition?**

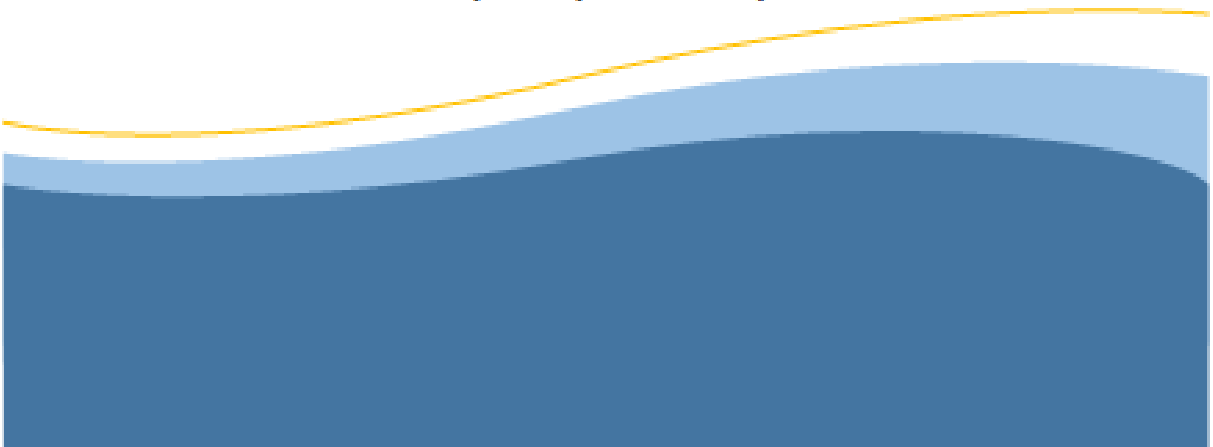
**We are here to help you.**

**We are holding a workshop for parents on the:**

**17th September 2019 3:30 pm**

**at RPS**

**We will also have a guest speaker talking about  
child safety. All year 5 & 6 parents are invited.**



Classroom Plan

2019-2020

Kingfisher  
Year 4

Kon Tiki  
Year 4

Endeavour  
Year 3

Pearl  
Year 3

Calypso  
Year 6

Belfast  
Year 6

Mayflower  
Year 5

Cutty Sark  
Year 5

Hall  
door

Coral  
Year 2

Seal  
Year 2

Front Office

Gate

Infant  
Hall

Penguin  
Reception

Playground

Whale  
Year 1

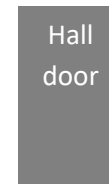
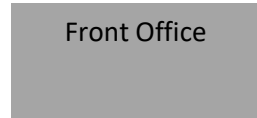
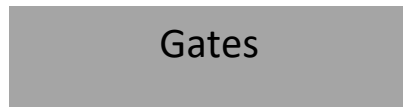
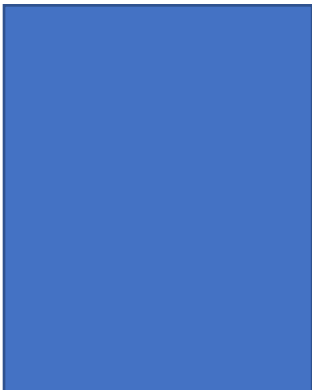
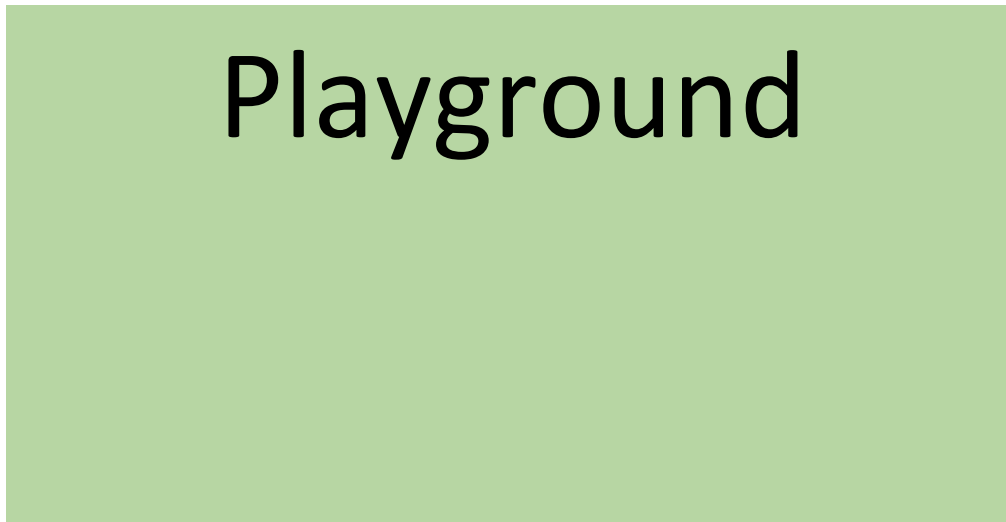
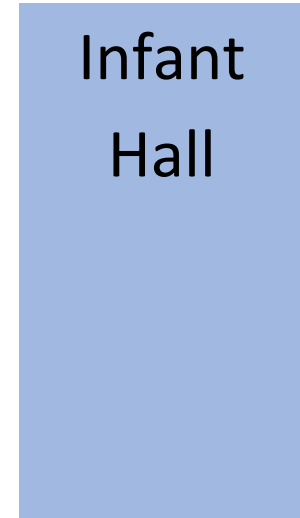
Octopus  
Year 1

Jellyfish  
Reception

Hall  
door

Turtle  
Nursery

Gates





## School Uniform Reminder

Shirts: Plain, white, cotton long/short sleeved shirt with collar or white polo t-shirt  
Jumper: Blue school jumper / fleece with the school badge (*available to purchase at the School office*)

Trousers: Grey Trousers – **no tracksuit bottoms**

Skirt: Grey, plain approximately knee length.

Headscarf: Plain black (if worn). White headscarves may be worn in summer. (*In the interest of health and safety children will be asked to remove these during PE sessions. They will be allowed to wear a bandana for the session.*)

Shoes: Must be completely black, flat shoes or completely black trainers with black laces.

**Please note:** no boots with heels, sling backs or sandals are allowed due to Health and Safety in the playground.

Socks: Plain black or plain white ankle or knee length.

Tights: Grey or plain black thick tights to be worn under skirts.

School Bag: Year 1, 2 and 3 will need a school book bag. This is to ensure that the school reading journal and homework is kept neat and presentable. Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 can purchase their own backpack BUT it must be black.

**No handbags** will be allowed for girls. A suitable sized School bag (*Book Bags available to purchase at the school office*)

Hair: Shoulder length or longer hair **must be tied up** with black or blue ties

Nails: Should be kept clean and short enough to enable students to participate safely in practical activities. **No coloured nail varnish is allowed.**

Jewelry: Wrist watches may be worn if a child is able to tell the time. If desired one small earring, sleeper or stud in each ear only.

**(The school does not accept responsibility for the loss of any personal property)**

### PE Kit

**We ask that ALL children wear appropriate clothing for PE.** We recommend dark bottoms (black or navy) and white PE t-shirts. These can be purchased at the front office on Fridays.

