

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



## Buddhist workshop for Year 6

On Thursday year 6 children participated in a workshop with a practising buddhist called Mariano. The children have been learning about buddhism the 4 largest religion in the world.

Did you know that Buddhism is a religion that was founded by Siddhartha Gautama. The religion teaches people how to end their suffering by cutting out greed, hatred and ignorance. When people do bad things, they will get bad consequences. When people do good things, they will get good consequences. Good and bad things do not cancel out.

Buddhists believe in reincarnation (rebirth) and the ultimate goal of a Buddhist is to reach the state of enlightenment (Nirvana).

Actually, speaking to a practicing Buddhist provided the children with opportunities to ask questions about the religion. They also had the opportunity to examine a range of Buddhist artefacts that our children won, when they entered an art competition run by SACRE (Southwark advisory council on religious education). Well done RPS.



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Yoga Workshop for parents

Yoga is an ancient form of exercise that focuses on strength, flexibility and breathing to boost physical and mental wellbeing. On Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, Kellie Ansell delivered a workshop for parents of children participating in our yoga classes.

As I am sure you are aware there has been a real focus nationally on understanding the importance of good mental health and well-being.

Kellie Ansell (Deputy Head) put a bid forward to Southwark's Healthy Schools board for funding to provide yoga for children across 3 schools, RPS, DKH and Grange primary school. She was successful and the schools have been awarded £10,000 to put yoga into practice. This is part of an action research project that may contribute to future actions related to mental health.

We hope parents found this informative. We already know the children are enjoying the sessions.



## Influenza Vaccinations 2019

Get the Flu Shot not the Flu

# GET YOUR FLU SHOT NOW

### Walk, scooting or cycling to School

It is fantastic to see so many children cycling and scooting to school. This is far healthier and safer, reducing air pollution.

I would however, like to remind parents that bikes or scooters are left on school property at the owners' risks. Please make sure that your bike or scooter is marked so it is easily identifiable. I would also encourage you to chain the bike or scooter to the posts provided. This will prevent children from being distressed if these items are mistakenly or intentionally taken from the playground at the end of the day.

Please do not leave scooters in the playground overnight.

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October NHS nurses visited RPS to give children flu vaccinations. The children were very brave and sensible.

The flu has been responsible for many children being unwell so far this year, and the aim is to prevent this, thereby helping to protect vulnerable people from complications and illness related to flu.

The school nurses have requested that we contact families of children who did not give consent for the vaccination to encourage them to do so. You can either discuss this with your GP or speak to Maxine in the school office.



### Coats and jackets

The weather has been rather wet of late and it has started to feel like we are heading towards winter. As the temperature drops please make sure your children have appropriate jackets or coats to wear at playtime.

Please make sure these items have your child's names clearly written on them.

### Good Behaviour

The majority of our children behave extremely well in school. We expect parents to support us to ensure children continue to behave well. On occasion, disagreements may break out among children. We ask all parents to encourage children to make sure they do not become physical with each other and seek help from adults if needed. **'Kind hands, feet and mouths'** from all is our mantra. Please speak to your children about the importance of this. E.g. biting that draws blood can lead to concerns regarding the spread of infections. Please help reinforce the school rules.

## Poetry Week

This week reading lessons and assemblies have had a focus on poetry. The children have been considering features of poems and have also been memorizing them. Children in Key Stage 1 performed poems to each other in an assembly on Wednesday. They were amazing. Well done children.

Please encourage your children to read poems at home. Memorizing poems by heart is a great memory game and fun if you learn them together too.

Here's one to read with your children at home that the children enjoyed.

### Cats by Eleanor Farjeon

Cats sleep  
Anywhere,  
Any table,  
Any chair,  
Top of piano,  
Window-ledge  
In the middle,  
On the edge,  
Open drawer,  
Empty shoe,  
Anybody's  
Lap will do,  
Fitted in a  
Cardboard box,  
In the cupboard  
With your frocks –  
Anywhere!  
*They don't care!*  
Cats sleep Anywhere.



### Please donate puzzles and games

The lead up to Christmas is often a time to clear out unused toys ready for new ones.

Do you have any puzzles or games that are in good condition that you no longer want? Are they suitable for children aged 4 to 6 years? If so, please donate them to our reception classes.

Any games or puzzles donated must be in good condition and have all the original pieces.

Please hand donations in to the class teachers or the school office.

Thank you in advance.

### School Photographs

The final day to pay for school photographs is **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. Please include cash or your credit card details with the photo proof and hand in at the school office or to the class teacher.

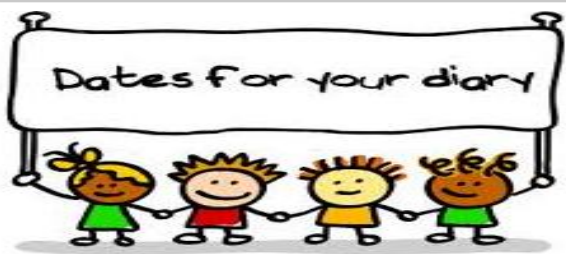
### After school Clubs

After school clubs will be running as normal the first week back after the half term break.

Make your life a  
masterpiece; imagine no  
limitations on what you  
can be, have or do.

BRIAN TRACY





<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>
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Reception open morning
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying workshops- Anti-bullying fortnight starts
Week starting 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	SEN meetings with parents
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying odd sock day
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Maths week
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6 pm Governors Resources committee meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Reception open morning
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>



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

Coral Class	6 <sup>th</sup> November
Whale Class	20 <sup>th</sup> November

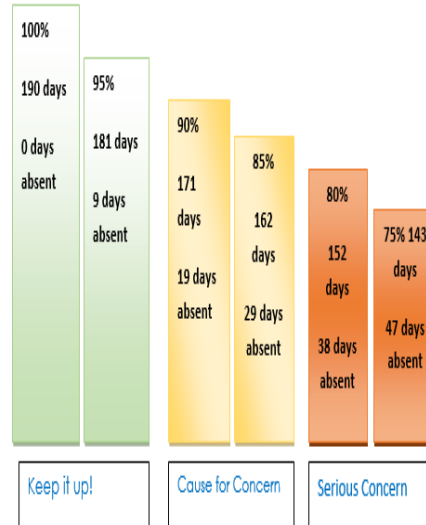
KS2 (year 3-6) start time 11:30 am

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

## Attendance is Important

Good Attendance = Good progress

Attendance % = Number of days attended out of 190 days



### Persistent Absence

A child is persistently absent if their attendance is 90% or below.

We will be holding meetings with parents whose children are persistently absent.

There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement. Poor attendance can disrupt a pupil's own learning and that of other pupils. It has a damaging effect on a child's education.

Pupils who attend school regularly are likely to leave school with more qualifications and increased access to employment opportunities than children with persistent absence.

## Best Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Coral Class 96.5%

KS2: Cutty Sark 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

**AUTUMN TERM**  
Inset Day 1: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (no children)  
Inset Day 2: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (no children)  
Inset Day 3: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September (no children)

Start  
**Children back**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Half Term  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Children Back  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

### SPRING TERM

**Children back**  
Start  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Half Term  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Children Back  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

### SUMMER TERM

**Children back**  
Start  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

May Day  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (75<sup>th</sup> anniversary VE Day)**

Half Term  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Children Back  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020**  
Inset Day Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July (no children)  
Inset Day Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July (no children)

### Inset Days

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020

Please note that this year the May bank holiday has been moved to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day.

Please note that children are not at school on inset days. These are training days for staff.