

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Happy Diwali 2019

Sunday 27th October saw the start of diwali, a hindu festival. This festival is often referred to as the festival of lights. In assemblies and class this week children learned that hinduism is one of the 4 largest religions in the world. They found out that the festival also marks the start of the hindu new year and that hindu families often celebrate diwali together; they decorate their homes, send each other diwali cards, eat special meals together and often mark the event with fireworks.

The children learned about the hindu story of Rama and Sita when good overcame evil and light overcame darkness. Diva's are often lit at diwali. These are small lamps to signify the journey rama and sita took and the lamps that lit their way.

Why not make a diva lamp out of salt dough or clay at home?



Friday 1st November 2019



At RPS we are always encouraging children to be empathetic and supportive of each other. Next week we will be starting our 'anti-bullying' themed weeks. Children will be participating in lessons and workshops to promote an anti-bullying culture. On **Tuesday 12th November** we are inviting children to wear 'odd socks'. This will celebrate and symbolise the similarities and differences between us. The children will be encouraged to accept difference and treat others with the respect they deserve.

Children in Need is coming...



We will be fundraising for Children in Need on **Friday 15th November**. Instead of their school uniform, children can wear 'spots' to school in return for a donation for this worthy charity. We suggest a **£1 donation**, which we will collect at the gates.

Word Mania- Get involved in the challenge!

RPS is signing up to play an online word building challenge. The aim is for children to race against the clock to build as many words as they can from 15 letters. The competition starts next week; pupils will be competing against children from around the world.

RPS pupils will be introduced to the game in school and can also play at home, so look out for their usernames and passwords. You will also be able to look at literacy planet resources for free for a limited period. This is an online educational resource.

Ready, steady...get word making!



What is Word Mania?

Word Mania is a word-building challenge that's easy to play but tough to master. Race against the clock to build as many words as you can from 15 letters in just three minutes, and help your school reach the top of the leaderboards!

Competition Round
4 November 2019 – 8 November 2019

Final Round
12 November 2019 – 14 November 2019



Stay safe on Bonfire Night

- Never touch fireworks
- Stand well back from the bonfire
- Never go near a firework after it has been lit
- Only one sparkler at a time
- Wear gloves when holding a sparkler
- Keep pets indoors

Reception Children Go Mudlarking

Mudlarking for those of you unfamiliar to the practice is the art of searching through mud along the riverbank for any items that may be of value. Groups of children from Reception had a thoroughly good time delving into the mud on Wednesday. This fun was made possible by 'Illuminate Rotherhithe' who are running a range of activities for families. If you'd like to attend some, visit the website for details:

<http://www.illuminaterotherhithe.co.uk/>

School Photographs

The final day to pay for school photographs is **Monday 4th 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.



5 th November	Anti-bullying workshops- Anti-bullying fortnight starts
Week starting 11 th Nov	SEN meetings with parents
11 th Nov	Remembrance Day
12 th Nov	Anti-bullying odd sock day
15 th Nov	Children In Need
18 th Nov	Maths week
19 th Nov	6 pm Governors Resources committee meeting
21 st Nov	Reception open morning
6 th Dec	Christmas Fair
10 th Dec	6 pm FGB meeting
11 th Dec	Carol Concert Year 3-6
12 th Dec	Xmas Play - Nursery am Reception pm
13 th Dec	Xmas Play KS1 Christmas jumper day
16 th Dec	KS2 Achievement Award Ceremony 11:30 Parents Evening Start of poetry week
17 th Dec	Award Ceremony KS 1 11:15
18 th Dec	Class parties pm (own clothes) Parents Evening
19 th Dec	LAST DAY finish at 2pm!



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

Coral Class 6th November

Whale Class 20th November

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

Pearl Class 6th November

Kon Tiki 13th November

Mayflower 20th November

Calypso 4th December

New Build Update

On Thursday Galiema and I met with the new build team managers. After some discussion regarding timelines we are really pleased to say we have been able to negotiate keeping the school playground for another term. This means that the collection of children will remain the same. Children will still have the playground to play in. It is now projected that we will be able to keep using the playground until after the Easter holidays. There will be another meeting in January to plan school access points for children and playtime areas.

We have requested careful consideration of 'hoarding' and 'green screens' to ensure that new play spaces near to Rotherhithe New Road are safe and as protected from foot and road traffic as possible. We are also investigating access to Southwark Park.

Best Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Octopus Class 97.8%

KS2: Kon Tiki 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.





FREE LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS for ALL

Saturday 26th October 12 noon *Made in Bermondsey* The Blue Market
Place Bermondsey, London SE16 3UQ

Saturday 2 November 10.30 am *Mayflower Hall* 1 Neptune St Rotherhithe
London SE16 7JP

Wednesday 13 November 2.00 pm *Cherry Garden Hall* 210 Jamaica Rd
Bermondsey London SE16 4RT

Friday 15th November 4.00 pm *T&T2* Surrey Quays Shopping Centre
Redriff Rd Rotherhithe, London SE16 7LL

Saturday 16th November 10.30 am *Blue Anchor Library* Market Place
Bermondsey SE16 3UQ

Saturday 16th November 2.00 pm *The Gregorian pub* 96 Jamaica Rd
Bermondsey London SE16 4SQ

Saturday 23 November 11.00 am *Canada Estate Hall* Moodkee Street SE16
7BD at the junction of Renforth St

Saturday 23 November 3.30 pm *T&T2* Surrey Quays Shopping Centre
Redriff Rd Rotherhithe, London SE16 7LL

Tuesday 26th November 6.30 pm *Beormund Centre* 177 Abbey St
Bermondsey London SE1 2AN

No Booking Required

All Welcome to the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Lantern processions

Friday 29th November www.illuminaterotherhithe.co.uk





Illuminate Bermondsey & Rotherhithe
Free Family Lantern Making Workshop

Mayflower Hall, 1 Neptune Street SE16 7jp

Saturday 2nd November 2019 10.30am

ALL AGES WELCOME!



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4je at 4.30 for 5.00pm

Arriving at St James's Church, Bermondsey se16 4aa

where there will be free food, drink,
music & illuminations

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at the start of the procession***

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Illuminate Rotherhithe 2019 *presents*
Free Family Barn Dance!
Mayflower Hall, 1 Neptune Street SE16 7jp
Saturday 9th November 1.00-3.00 pm
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free pizza and drinks, fun and cheer
with
the Ceilidh Tree Band

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ROTHERHITHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOLIDAY DATES 2019-2020

AUTUMN TERM

Inset Day 1: Monday 2nd September (no children)
Inset Day 2: Tuesday 3rd September (no children)
Inset Day 3: Wednesday 4th September (no children)

Start

Children back
Thursday 5th September - Friday 18th October 2019

Half Term

Monday 21st October
Friday 25th October

Children Back

Monday 28th October - Thursday 19th December 2019

SPRING TERM

Children back

Start

Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term

Monday 17th February
Friday 21st February

Children Back

Monday 24th February - Friday 3rd April 2020

SUMMER TERM

Children back

Start

Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May 2020

May Day

Friday 8th May 2020 (75th anniversary VE Day)

Half Term

Monday 25th May
Friday 29th May

Children Back

Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July 2020
Inset Day Monday 20th July (no children)
Inset Day Tuesday 21st July (no children)

Inset Days

2nd, 3rd, & 4th September 2019
20th & 21st July 2020

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

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