

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 20th December 2019

It has been a jam-packed half term at RPS, with so many wonderful things happening, from fantastic learning, great Christmas performances to class parties and discos, that we know that the children and teachers are ready for a well-deserved rest.

We have been successful this term at raising money and donations for a variety of charities: Children in Need, British Heart Foundation, Southwark Food bank, Olympic athletes as well as for the school. We thank you all for your generosity and kind donations.

We wish everyone a happy holiday and to those celebrating Christmas a merry Christmas. We hope you return to school refreshed and ready for the New Year.



Christmas Wish List

We hope you all get what you wish for this Christmas. We would like to say a huge thank you to parents from our Reception classes for making the children and teacher's wishes come true this term. The teachers were amazed by the lovely donations of craft material. We are very grateful for your wonderful contributions.

Thank you!



Don't forget.... Reception Admission Deadline

Online applications for Reception places must be made by the **15th of January 2020**.

Please see Southwark's 'Starting Primary School in Southwark 2020/21' information booklet on our website under the parent tab.

Singing Club

Children in years 2-6 are invited to join singing clubs in the spring term. This is a club currently provided for **free** by the school. The first class of the New Year will be on **Friday 10th January**. The times are 3.15-4.30. If your child would like to join please email info@margaretsmusicltd.com to book a place

Djembe drumming club

Children in years 3-6 are invited to join this new percussion class starting on Wednesdays 3.15-4.30. Please email Info@margaretsmusicltd.com to reserve your place. There is a cost of **£30** for each term for this club.

Lamda drama class

This drama club is running on Tuesday between 3.15-4.30. The cost for this club is **£55** for the term. Please speak to Liz or email Margaret at: Info@margaretsmusicltd.com if you are interested in joining this club.



On Wednesday 18th the children had a fun filled afternoon at their Christmas parties, playing party games, dressed in party clothes it was clearly an enjoyable treat for them all.

Thank you to all parents for your fantastic cooking and donations of food. The food was truly the icing on the cake for the children!

Hellos and Goodbyes

Next term at RPS we will be welcoming Meredith who will be teaching Kingfisher class from the 6th January.

It is with sadness we will be saying goodbye to Kelly Wood (TA in Pearl class) who is leaving on the 10th January to start a career in the nursing profession. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your children arrive back to school in January in full school Uniform.

- White polo tops or shirts
- Grey skirts or trousers
- School jumper with logo
- Black shoes (all black)
- Black, white or grey socks
- Black or grey tights
- Black, blue or white hairbands or headscarves



P.E kit

- White t-shirt
- Black leggings, shorts or joggers
- Trainers or plimsolls** must be worn in every PE session **inside** and **outside** of school

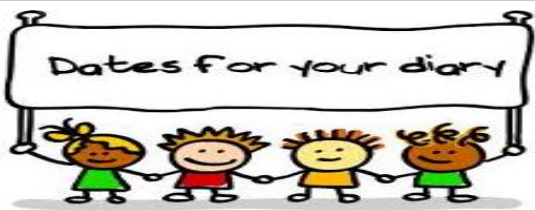


If you need help this holiday – contact the Samaritans for free from any phone:

Call 116 123

For more information visit their website:

<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/>



6 th Jan	First Day back at school
8 th Jan	Nurse visit to Reception: hand hygiene
9 th Jan	Auditions for the London Youth Choir
15 th Jan	Nurse visit to Reception- healthy eating
22 nd Jan	Nurse visit to Reception- Dental hygiene Road Safety workshops – year 1 & 2 Parent Information Evening
23 rd Jan	Inclusion Quality Mark Review
5 th Feb	Parent workshop – Zones of Regulation
12 th February	Internet Safety workshops for children
14 th Feb	Children break up for half term
Week starting 24 th Feb	Mock Phonics test this week
27 th Feb	Asthma workshops for year 5 children
Week starting 2 nd March	Mock year 2 SATs tests this week.
5 th March	World Book Day (costume to the ready!) Resources committee governors meeting 6pm
Week of 9 th March 9 th March	Meetings for parents of children with SEND needs. Book Fair Mock SATS week for year 6
16 th March	Margaret taking children to sing at the Battle of Trafalgar concert. British Science week
27 th March	PTA Easter Bonnet Parade
30 th March	KS2 Achievement Awards at 11:30 am
31 st March	EYFS and KS1 Achievement Awards at 11:15 am Full governing body meeting 6pm
3 rd April	Attendance assemblies Last day of term. School closes at 2pm

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

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

29 th January	Coral Class
5 th February	Seal Class
12 th February	Octopus Class
18 th March	Whale Class

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

22 nd January	Kon Tiki Class
29 th January	Belfast Class
5 th February	Endeavour Class
12 th February	Calypso Class
18 th March	Mayflower Class
25 th March	Cutty Sark Class
1 st April	Pearl Class

Best Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Octopus Class 97.4%

KS2: Belfast Class 98.8%



Amazing! Keep up the good work everyone!!

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



PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENT

Please come to our 1st Parent Information Event of the year on:

Wednesday 22nd January

At 3:30 pm – Junior Hall

Timetable of events:

Federation update from Executive Head Teacher

Followed by a range of short workshop/discussion groups:

Our new approach to teaching reading

Inclusion- Meet our speech and language therapist

New Build update

Please come along. Free crèche provided





Home-Start Southwark Services

Home-Start is one of the leading family support charities in the UK. Our Family Support Coordinators visit families to assess their needs and match them with a trained local volunteer. Home-Start volunteers help families deal with the challenges they face. We support parents as they learn to cope, improve their confidence and build better lives for their children.

Please call/email Home-Start Southwark for further information.

020 7737 7720 / info@homestartsouthwark.org.uk

<p>CORE SERVICE (0-5 years)</p>	<p>Support in the home for all families with children under 5 living in Southwark</p>
<p>BUMP TO BABE PERINATAL (last trimester – 6 months)</p>	<p>Support in the home for mums who are in the perinatal period from the last trimester of pregnancy to six months after birth</p>
<p>BIG HOPES, BIG FUTURES (18 mths – 5 years)</p>	<p>Nursery readiness programme that actively engages parents in their children’s early learning, supporting them to create a positive home environment. Delivered either by a volunteer in the home or in a group.</p>
<p>MELLOW BABIES PARENTING PROGRAMME (under 1 year)</p>	<p>14 week parenting course which helps mums understand how their own childhood experience may impact their decision-making in parenting their children.</p>
<p>MADE OF MONEY (0-5 years)</p>	<p>Support for parents who are struggling with debt or finding it hard to manage their finances.</p>

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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.