

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 30th November 2019

We had 1 parent governor nomination submitted to the governing body on Monday. As there was only 1 parent nominated for this position, we are pleased to announce that Janet Martin has been duly elected as parent governor for the River Hill Federation.

We thank her for volunteering her time. Janet has many skills and has supported the school formerly with her links with Thrive and local business.

The governing body look forward to working with her.

FUNDRAISING



London schools are contending with continuing cuts to their budget and it is becoming increasingly challenging to fund all the wonderful projects and resources we feel our children and teachers will benefit from accessing. So, we are ecstatic that **Nina Hall** our Literacy Lead, managed to raise £10,000 for the school to buy new books.

The charity that has donated the money is called the '**Nicholas Stacey Foundation**'. Nicholas Stacey was a Christian priest and a social activist who campaigned to improve services for others. For 11 years he directed social services in Kent. While there he created one of the countries first fostering schemes. We would like to thank Nina and the **Nicholas Stacey Foundation** for their amazing donation.



If you read the Sun newspaper, please start collecting the Collins Big Cat vouchers. You can collect these vouchers between the 23rd November and Saturday 18th January. We are attempting to collect 3,500 tickets in return for £600 pounds worth of books for school.

Please hand the vouchers into the class teacher or at the school office.

Get collecting!

On Wednesday RPS was visited once again by Laurence from the Childhood trust along with a journalist and photographer from the BBC. The reason... they were so impressed with the filming conducted with our children by the Childhood Trust they wanted to come and interview them themselves! The children were once again eloquent and thoughtful when answering the journalist's questions.

Stars in the making.



At RPS we know we have some star athletes and on Tuesday 26th November some of our children competed in an athletics tournament and won it! They are now in a final qualifier and need to compete against the best schools in Southwark. Especial mention to Aliyah Lewis who was voted 'most valuable player' and to the year 4 children who competed against older year 5 & 6 children. Well done all!



Parents we ask you not to park on the zebra crossing, or on zig zag lines outside the school. Do not block the entrance to the school gates. We have received several complaints regarding parents parking dangerously in spaces that are restricted. Please park responsibly or find alternative ways of travelling to school.

On Wednesday, year 1 happily marched off to Mudchute Farm. This visit was organised to provide them with practical experience that supports their learning in Science. They have also read a few farm based animal stories in English too! I wonder if they managed to find the 'Little Red Hen.'

Mudchute Farm is one of the largest inner-city farms in Europe. The children had a fantastic time there and were very well behaved. Some were shocked to find out that people drink goats' milk, pigs make themselves mucky to cool down and baby goats are called kids. They also loved feeding the sheep which felt tickly



The skipping challenge was much anticipated, and it finally arrived today. The children skipped magnificently for charity at the same time keeping their own hearts healthy because skipping is a fantastic form of exercise. The children have impressed us with their determination and focus.

Now it is time to start collecting the money from sponsors. Once you have collected all the money please send it into school in a sealed envelope with your child's name by **Friday 6th December**.

Thank you to Dan, Jordan and Colleen for organising this worthy event.

School Council

School Council News

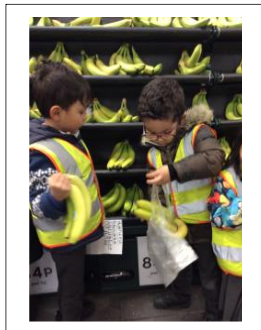
The School council have held a meeting and have decided they would like to collect donations of books, toys and clothes from their classes. These will be sold at a stall at the Christmas fair on the 6th of December. All proceeds will be invested back into the school. The children are hoping to buy equipment to improve climbing and sports equipment. They also want to develop the peace garden. Although they would also like a swimming pool, they are aware that is not possible!

Please send in donations making it clear these are donation for the School Council by **Wednesday the 4th December**. Thank you.

Reception cooking

In reception being practical is an extremely important way of learning. So, we would like to say a huge thank you to parents for your generous donations enabling children to visit the shops and cook in reception. The children have had great fun.

So far, they have made pizzas, vegetable crisps, smoothies and pumpkin soup. Next week they are making shortbread. Here are some pictures of them cooking.



MUSIC CONCERT

On Friday the 6th December parents of children who are in recorder club, samba club, keyboard club and after school singing club are invited to a special musical performance during assembly time.

This will start at 11:30 am. Emily (music lead) will be sending a letter to parents so that we can have an idea how many parents will be attending.

We look forward to impressing you then.

Reading CAFE

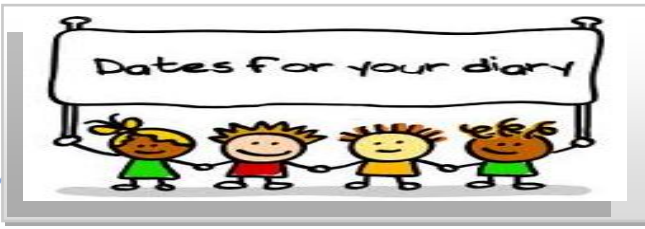
On Friday's mornings Reception will be holding a Reading Café in class. Please come and share a book or two with our children. They are very excited.



Phonics

On Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday next week come and see your child in Reception learning phonics with Helen. Pick up some tips to help you support your child's reading at home.

We can only cater for a maximum of 6 parents per session, so please sign up on the sign-up sheet on Penguin class's window



2 nd Dec	London Youth Choir
6 th Dec	Christmas Fair
10 th Dec	6 pm FGB meeting
11 th Dec	Carol Concert Year 3-6 am & pm
12 th Dec	Xmas Play - Nursery am & pm Reception am & pm
13 th Dec	Xmas Play KS1 am & pm Christmas jumper day Christmas lunch for children
16 th Dec	KS2 Achievement Award Ceremony 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!

On Wednesday, 12 year 6 children spent the afternoon the afternoon with members of Up Project, discussing a proposed new development at Rotherhithe Holder Station. Working in Rotherhithe Public Living Room – a temporary onsite space – the children discussed ideas that will inform how the new development can contribute positively to local communities. They each designed an aspect of the new development that they considered important, including gardens, playgrounds and food stalls. They also thought about events or festivals that should be put on there; Nathaniel's suggestion of an International Day was met with great enthusiasm! Their designs will be printed onto a wallpaper that will feature in the new development.

We are very proud!



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

Calypso

4th December

Best Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Whale Class 98.9%

KS2: Kon Tiki Class 98.4%



Amazing! Keep up the good work everyone!!

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

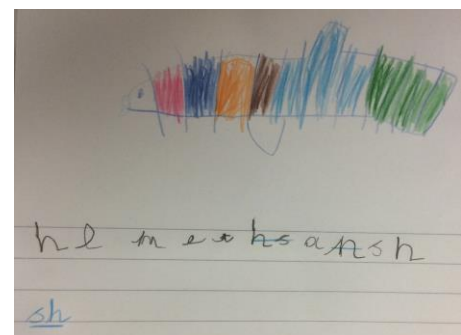


Reception Star Writer is....



Raniya from Penguin class.

Introducing a new character in a story she has written he met a shark with the correct special friend /sh/ which we have learnt this week





On Monday 2nd December RPS will be visited by a member of the London youth Choir. The London Youth Choir is about to launch auditions for boys and girls aged 7-11 years old. The London Youth Choir has performed for the Queen, on live television, sung on the radio and given concerts in the Royal Albert Hall.

There is no advanced preparation needed. And auditions are relaxed and welcoming. The children need to have a good voice and musical ear.

There is a commitment to attend rehearsals every Thursday evening at a venue that is close to Canada Water – starting in January 2020.

The auditions will take place on the 9th January and Margaret will escort children to the auditions.

There is a £15 fee to audition and a membership fee, but they have a generous bursary programme and can provide support for families.

Flyers will be sent out next week.



On **Friday 6th December** from **3:15pm** through to **4:30pm** RPS PTA will host a spectacular **Christmas Food Fair!**

Taking place in the Junior Hall, the school will be in a very festive mood as we host Santa's Grotto, food stalls, book stalls, delicious refreshments, face painting, glitter tattoos, a huge Christmas Raffle and much, much more. See flyer below.

Money raised from the event will be used to pay for future workshops and festive events.

We look forward to seeing you there!



On **13th December** children and staff are invited to wear their very best **Christmas Jumpers** for the festive season, and raise some much needed funds for [Save the Children](#). If you would like to wear a Christmas Jumper, please donate **£1.00** for the charity.

Why not decorate an old jumper and have fun in the process. Sew on some Christmas tinsel and pom poms and get festive.



Reception Christmas Play

We warmly invite you to Reception's Christmas performance on

Thursday 12th December
Morning performance at 9:20 am

Afternoon performance at 2 pm

Tickets cost £1



RPS Nursery invite you to their Christmas performances on **Thursday 12th December**

Morning performance at 10:45 am

Afternoon performance at 1 pm

Tickets cost £1



Christmas Lunch

Also on 13th December, the RPS Primary kitchen team will be serving a delicious Christmas lunch with all the traditional trimmings for everyone to enjoy, setting the scene for the forthcoming holidays. Parents, if your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas lunch, please let the office know.



Please come to **year 1 & 2's** Christmas performance of Ralph the Reindeer on

Friday 13th December

at 2:15 pm

Tickets 1 each. Maximum of 2 tickets per family.

To help manage the number of parents attending, we have decided to add an additional year 1 & 2 performance for parents on the 13th December.

This performance will be held

On Friday 13th December

at 10:30 am



Christmas is coming.....

Please save the date and come to the **RPS Key Stage 2** Christmas Concert on **Wednesday 11th December 2019**

There will be two performances

10:45 am for parents of children in **years 3 and 5**

2:15pm for parents of children in **years 4 and 6**

Tickets costing £1 each will be on sale from the class teacher from the week of the 25th November.

Maximum of 2 tickets per family.



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

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<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>

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.