

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 6th December 2019

It has been a very busy week at RPS with classes getting into the festive mood. Rehearsals are in full swing as children and teachers prepare to impress you next week with their performances.

They have also been busy decorating the hall. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas Fair. Santa's grotto was a great hit as always and we raised lots of money to enable us to provide lots of fun activities for the school.

Thank you for any kind donations that you made. We look forward to seeing you at the performance next week.

A yellow sticky note with the handwritten text 'Don't forget Parents' Evening!'

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Parents'
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Parent's Evening

It is nearly time for parents evening. Please sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Parent's evening for all classes in years 1-6 (except for Cutty Sark class) are being held on **Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th December.**

Cutty Sark's parent's evening will be held on **Tuesday the 10th and Wednesday the 11th December.**

If families require an interpreter, please let your teacher know urgently, so that this can be organised. We cannot guarantee we can provide an interpreter, so where possible parents should arrange for a friend or family member to help with translation.



PTA Disco

Years 4, 5 and 6 children had a fantastic time last Friday at the PTA school disco. They clearly enjoyed getting into the party mood.

Next week years 1, 2 and 3 get their turn on **Thursday 12th December.** Please purchase tickets from Donna who is selling them after school.

Thank you to all staff for making the disco a huge success.

After School Clubs

Please note that after all after school clubs provided by the school will finish on Friday 13th December.

Starting primary school in Southwark 2020/21

Applications close 15 January 2020
Apply online at www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Reception Admission Deadline

Parents must complete an **online** application if you have a child that will be moving into Reception in September 2020. 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.



Music Concert

On Friday children and parents were treated to a special musical assembly from a range of our musical clubs. Children from singing club sang beautifully, keyboard club impressed us with their nimble playing and the whole school vibrated with the beat from the samba drumming club!

The range of music on offer in our school has really expanded and we are really pleased with the progress our children are making.

We thank all the talented music teachers (Margaret, Lily-May, Owen and Joe for their passion and high quality teaching of children.



(Reception and Year 1 children)

How many children will be Winter Winners?

Maths with Parents are launching a Winter Winners campaign next week. Pupils and parents who have **completed and left a comment or photo for every topic** set this term will be the Winter Winners. They need to complete these by **5th January** so what better time than the holidays to practice some Maths around the home!

During the week commencing 6th January, they will email the school and parents a copy of the Winter Winner certificate which we will print and give out. The children will also receive a Winter Winner badge in their Mathscot's trophy cabinet.



Thought for the week





Phonics

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	KS1 and EY Achievement Award Ceremony at 11:15
18 th Dec	Class parties pm (own clothes) Parents Evening Christmas Elf visiting Early Years and year 1 & 2
19 th Dec	LAST DAY finish at 2pm!

We hope reception parents are finding the phonics workshops with Helen useful. It is great to see you in school. Phonics is a really important reading tool. During a recent visit from the local authority they commented positively on the children's use of phonics when they read. But we cannot do this without you as parents. You are essential teachers of your children at home. Please keep listening to them read and encourage them to use their phonic skills.

Year 1 children

If children are invited to after school phonics booster sessions it is **vital** that they attend these as this is an excellent opportunity to improve and develop these skills.

Best Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Octopus Class 96.9%



KS2: Pearl Class 98.9%



Amazing! Keep up the good work everyone!!

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



 **Year 4 Star Writer is....** 

Daniyal (from Cutty Sark Class)

Ebenezer Scrooge was a cold-hearted miserly, old grouch who had stayed inside for so long that his face had become pale and cold. Scrooge had a pinched wrinkled face with shrivelled cheeks and long rolls of straggly hair like a group of slithering snakes. Also Scrooge who had a grating voice that hurt peoples ears had long, knobbly, bony fingers that he used to hold his cane. Scrooge had no manners and he loved money. He was rude to everyone. Scrooge was cold within and tight-fisted.

Fantastic writing – well done.

Festive Riddle: Q: Why was Santa's elf depressed?
A: Because he had low elf-esteem



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



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.



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.



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.