

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 24^h January 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

Another busy week at RPS. On Monday Laurence Guinness from the Childhood Trust led an assembly for Key Stage 2 children. He talked about childhood poverty and the trusts campaign to raise money. He showed a short film clip that included children from RPS reading poems they had written about the impact of poverty. The trust has raised more money this year than ever before and Laurence is convinced that this is in part because the children's voices are so powerful. Well done once again to all who participated in this project, you have helped to make a difference to other people's lives.

Year 1 children learned about 'World Religion Day' held on the 3rd Sunday of every January. In assembly they explored the similarities between the six main religions and also the '**golden rule**' to '**treat others as you would like to be treated**'.

On Thursday we had our annual **Inclusion Quality Mark** review. The school currently holds 'Flagship' status for our inclusive practices. Jane the reviewer, met with teachers, support staff, parents and governors. She visited classes across the school, looked at policies and the school's website. She also met with a group of our children and was very impressed with their eloquence. We will retain our Flagship status. Thanks to everyone involved in this review.



We are currently in the legal process of moving our after-school club (6 o'clock club) to the capable hands of Tree Tops. They are specialists in running after school provision.

We are hoping that the transfer will happen by the 24th of February as originally informed but if there are any delays to this due to the legal implications the school will continue to run our in-house provision up to the point of take over. If you have any concerns, please get in touch via the school office.

The director will be meeting with parents and children on the 6th of February 2020 – between 3.30 and 5.30 pm. Please feel free to drop in and chat to them on this day.

You can now start booking your child/ren's place with Tree Tops via the following link:
<http://www.treetopsclubs.co.uk/listing/rotherhithe-primary-school/>



An exciting opportunity- Tales of Courage

Thank you to all parents who have expressed an interest in participating with the Tales of Courage pilot. To enable more children to access the resource, the sign-up date has been extended for 1 more week. Please speak to me if you are interested in your child participating. If you have already expressed an interest, you should have received a text message from the school with a link to a survey. Please complete this. You will also receive a game key by telephone and instructions to help you to access the game. The first part is a tutorial to immerse your child into the program. Please set goals with your child and start playing this week- before it is too late too.

Hot Chocolate Friday

I am so impressed by how well behaved and focused on their learning our children are. On Friday afternoon I met for hot chocolate with a group of children who always make good choices. It was once again a pleasure to spend time with the children. Well done all. Keep it up.

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| Belfast class | Rania |
| Calypso Class | Owen and Hyatt |
| Cutty Sark class | Adam |
| Mayflower Class | Lewis |
| Kingfisher class | Olivia |
| Kon Tiki class | Asia |
| Pearl class | Henry |
| Endeavour class | Ayham |
| Coral Class | Jasmine |
| Seal Class | Jade |
| Whale Class | Lily |
| Octopus Class | Dior |



Attendance

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

There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement. Poor attendance has a damaging effect on a child's education.

Ofsted identified a need to improve pupil's attendance at RPS. This includes reducing the number of children who are 'persistently absent'. A child is considered to be persistently absent when attendance falls below 90%. A significant proportion of persistent absences are due to term time holidays.

In years 1-6 (statutory school age) our attendance figures are below national figures.

	The school	National Figures
Overall	95.8%	96.3%
Persistent	10.5%	9.2%

In light of this, we have been reviewing our attendance procedures. The policy now includes use of legal sanctions and penalty notices for some types of absence including taking term time holidays (each parent can be fined £60 for taking children on holidays during term time). After a period of transition, the local authority now has court access to address any serious cases of persistent absence.

Parents will be asked to complete interviews regarding attendance if it becomes a concern. The purpose of this is to help families to improve attendance.

Please read the new policy on the website:

<http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Attendance-Policy->

Year 2 visit to St Paul's Cathedral

On Monday year 2 children visited St Paul's Cathedral to deepen their knowledge and understanding of their current topic- the Great Fire of London.

In 1666 the Great Fire of London was the third occasion on which St Paul's Cathedral was seriously damaged by fires in its 600-year history. The approximate time that the fire broke out on the roof was 8pm. Within 30 minutes the lead roof was melting and pouring into the surrounding street.

The restoration of the building did not start until 1675.

The children had a fantastic trip and were very well behaved. We thank all staff and parents for making this trip possible.



Road Safety Workshops

The Dangerous Theatre company returned to RPS once again with 'Peli and Zebe's Roadtastic Adventure'. The lively songs ensured year 1 and 2 children had a lot of fun while learning serious road safety lessons. The children now know the importance of 'stop, look and listen' when crossing the road. They also learned about the importance of finding safe places to cross the road.



Parent Information Event

On Wednesday we held our first Parent Information Event of the year. This included a short introduction to the school's new approach to teaching reading and was delivered by our English lead Nina Hall. She also provided some ideas and suggestions that parents could take home to help children to learn to read.

Our speech and language therapist Meera and SENCO team conducted a short talk about speech and language difficulties and strategies that can be used to support children in school. I would like to thank them all for their hard work.

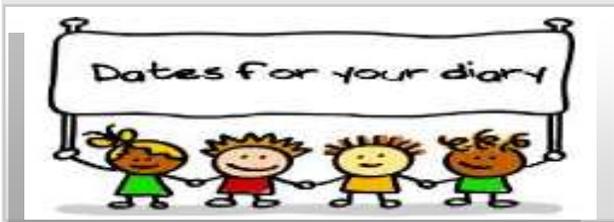
New Build Update

Galiema (Executive Head Teacher) provided a new build update. There is an additional delay to the start of the construction works. These works will now start during the May half term. The school will have continued access to the playground until then.

Please note that increasingly sections of the playground are out of use as the school is not permitted to do costly repairs as the playground will shortly become a building site. Please ensure children adhere to any 'out of order signs' during collection periods. This is for everyone's safety.

Presently, the school are gaining quotations to improve the new playground spaces that will be created along Rotherhithe New Road. We have requested the inclusion of 'green screens' to protect our children against air pollution but have been told this would be too costly. We are looking into the possibility of a grant application for this type of screening. The school are considering other cost-effective sources of screening to help protect children from being viewed by the public.

We hope parents found the talks helpful.



28 th Jan	Year 6 Condover Hall Parent meeting
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

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

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

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

Year 6 Condover Hall Presentation

On **Tuesday 28th January at 3:30 pm** in the Junior Hall there will be a short presentation regarding the upcoming Condover Hall trip. Please attend if your child has signed up for this trip.

Best Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Coral Class 99.5%

KS2: Pearl and Endeavour Class 99.7 %



Amazing! Keep up the good work everyone!!

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





For children
aged 4 to 14

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FOUR DAYS OF **SINGING, DANCING,**
ACTING AND **ART** WORKSHOPS BASED
ON THE MARY POPPINS FILMS, WITH A
SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS
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Please note additional wrap around care incurs a further cost.

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.