

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents & Carers

On Thursday we invited all children to wear an item of school uniform turned inside out. This mental health awareness initiative taught children that sometimes people may look okay on the outside, but they may not feel okay on the inside. In assembly we discussed ways that children could help people who may be feeling sad. Children suggested acts of kindness: inviting children to play, smiling, being friendly and helping if someone was upset or hurt. The children suggested giving a child a hug to make them feel better. Please reinforce this message at home.

On Friday we had a number of newly qualified teachers (NQTs) visit our school. This is part of their professional training that we, as a school, help Southwark to provide. The teachers spent some time in class observing excellent teaching delivered by some of our amazing teachers. I would like to thank Sarah, Annalise, Colleen and John for their contributions. The NQTs always find the day extremely valuable.

On Monday, Madeleine Danaheur from the Local Authority met with leaders to consider the progress of children and then delivered training for teachers.

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Friday 7th February 2020

THE ZONES OF REGULATION®

On Wednesday, Meera our speech and language therapist, delivered a coffee morning to introduce Zones of Regulation. This is an approach that we use to help children to understand, recognise and regulate their emotions. The zones of regulation approach encourages children to find ways of managing their feelings. This approach compliments our focus on mental health and is referred to in our new behaviour policy. If parents are interested in finding out more, please contact Jennifer or Matt the school's SENCOs.

Debate Mate Competition

On Tuesday 4th we hosted a competition round of **Debate Mate**. Our children were fantastically well behaved and very eloquent at debating against other schools. Well done all. Thanks to Colleen for organising the competition and to all staff who helped.



This week's Star Writer is.....

Shania from Seal class

Shania has written a diary entry as if she was alive during the Great Fire of London.

Dear Diary

First, I used a water bucket. Then I pulled down houses with fire hooks. I felt tired and upset. I hoped that the fire was going to go. I wanted to go home with my mum and dad. I needed a nice warm drink. Finally, I tried a fire hook, but it did not work. The fire was hot like an oven.

The wind was blowing the fire, so fast people were running for their lives. St Paul's Cathedral was burning down. Then King Charles said to everyone get some gun powder and ordered us to pull down the houses. I hope that everyone is ok. I feel sad.

Well done Shania. Keep up the good work.



On Thursday and Friday this week children in year 3 have been taking part in 'bikeability' lessons. Some children were learning to ride a bike for the first time. All children showed very good attention and made good progress in the lesson. Well done to all the children who have taken part.

Fizz Free February

As it is now February it is time to go Fizz Free. Cutting out fizzy drinks is a great way to reduce sugar intake and to help children to look after their teeth. The hard truth about soft drinks

- ✓ You can save £438 a year if you stopped drinking one bottle of soft drink, per day for a year.
- ✓ Drinking just one 330ml can of fizzy drink a day could add up to over a stone weight gain per year.
- ✓ 79% of fizzy drinks contain six or more teaspoons of sugar per 330ml can.
- ✓ Tooth decay is the leading cause for hospitalisation among 5 to 9 year olds in the UK, with 26,000 children being hospitalised each year due to tooth decay; in other words, 500 each week.

Take Action this February

Try swapping sugary drinks for tap water, lower-fat plain milk or sugar-free diluted juice



Drumming Lessons



Margaret's Music are thrilled to be able to offer a new African percussion class at RPS on Wednesday 3.15-4.30 led by Gina Annan who has been teaching year 6 since September with Lily-May. The cost of the club will be £45. The club will start Wednesday 26th February and will run until July.

If you would like your child to participate please contact Margaret at:

info@margaretsmusicltd.com



A real-life royal story

In November I was approached by Fatima in Seal class. She told me she really wanted to write to Prince Harry and Meghan. She had started to draft letters at home and asked if I could help her to write to them. This is the letter she wrote:

Dear Prince Harry and Princess Meghan

I really like you because you are always kind and helpful. I would really like to meet you. It would be great if you could visit my school Rotherhithe Primary School. The children would be so excited it would be a great surprise. It would make my day because this has never happened to us before.

My teacher is proud of me because I am trying very hard with my handwriting. I am very good in class and my teacher is impressed with my reading. In my school we do brain breaks to calm us. We can show you this.

I hope Archie is well. I hope you enjoy this letter.

From Fatima

Fatima has been very patient hoping and waiting for a reply from the Duke and Duchess of Sussex and today a letter arrived addressed to her. We shared the letter with all the children in Seal class who were very excited. Although Fatima was a bit disappointed that they are not coming to visit us at school, she will treasure the letter forever.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

From: Miss Claudia Spens M.V.O.
The Office of TRH The Duke and Duchess of Sussex

Private and Confidential

4th February, 2020

Dear Fatima,

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have asked me to thank you for the lovely letter you recently sent in which you wrote so enthusiastically about your school.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex receive many letters and unfortunately this means that they are unable to respond personally to each one. However, I can say on their behalf that they were delighted to hear you have been working very hard with your handwriting.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex were extremely grateful for your kind invitation to visit your school, I very much regret that Their Royal Highnesses reluctantly feel they have to decline.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex were immensely touched that you should take the trouble to write as you did. It really was most thoughtful of you and Their Royal Highnesses have asked me to send you their warmest thanks and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Claudia Spens

Rotherhithe Primary School





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

12th February Octopus Class

18th March Whale Class

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

12th February Calypso Class

18th March Mayflower Class

25th March Cutty Sark Class

1st April Pearl Class

Best Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Whale Class 98.5%

KS2: Calypso Class 100% (fantastic!)



Amazing! Keep up the good work everyone!!

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



Parent Survey

We are conducting a parent survey. This is to celebrate what we do well and to identify areas we may need to improve. You will receive this survey by text message next week. Please complete it by the **14th February. Thank you!**

Please come to our Parent workshop

Preparing for Year 6 SATS

Tuesday 25th February

3:30 pm at RPS

We will tell you about:

- ✓ The arrangements for SATs testing
- ✓ What you can do to help your child
- ✓ How we will support children with additional needs
- ✓ How to keep your child's well-being high

Please come to our Parent workshop

Preparing for Year 2 SATs

Thursday 27th February

3:30 pm at RPS

We will tell you about:

- ✓ The arrangements for SATs testing
- ✓ What you can do to help your child
- ✓ How we will support children with additional needs
- ✓ How to keep your child's well-being high
- ✓ Show you some sample tests



Free!

Half term **Multi Sports** at **Marlborough Sports Garden**

Sat 15 Feb - Sun 23 Feb

Join us in **half term** for fun and active multi sports sessions run by Regan's Soccer School's qualified coaches.

There's no need to book, just drop in and play every day!

Saturday 15 Feb - Sunday 23 Feb

Daily from 2-5pm

At Marlborough Sports Garden

27 Union St, London SE1 1SD

For everyone aged 8-15 years



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aged 4 to 14

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ON THE MARY POPPINS FILMS, WITH A
SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS
PERFORMANCE ON THE LAST DAY.



Monday-Thursday, 6th-9th April, 9.30am - 3.30pm
Wraparound care available

The Green Community Centre, Nunhead, London SE15

For more information and to book your place email
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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.

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AUTUMN TERM	Inset Day 1: Wednesday 2nd September (no children)
Start	Children back Thursday 3rd September - Friday 23rd October 2020
Half Term	Monday 26 th October 2020 Friday 30 th October 2020
Children Back	Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December 2020
SPRING TERM	Inset Day 2: Monday 4th January 2021
Start	Children back Tuesday 5th January - Friday 12th February 2021
Half Term	Monday 15 th February 2021 Friday 19 th February 2021
Children Back	Monday 22nd February - Wednesday 31st March 2021
SUMMER TERM	Inset Day 3: Monday 19th April 2021
Start	Children back Tuesday 20th April - Friday 28th May 2021
May Day	Friday Monday 3 rd May 2021
Half Term	Monday 31 st May 2021 Friday 4 th June 2021
Children Back	Monday 7th June - Wednesday 21st July 2021 Inset Day 4: Thursday 22nd July (no children) Inset Day 5: Friday 23rd July (no children)

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Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 19th April 2021

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