

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a busy, but fun week at RPS. All children across the school have been completing work related to the book 'Here we are- Notes for living on Planet Earth'. This is an inspiring book by Oliver Jeffers. You can share this book with your children at home using the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkcjKbbF9JA>. The book has been perfect for allowing children to reflect on their place in the world and the impact that the pandemic has had on them personally. It is also a great stimulus for creative writing.

Music lessons started up this week. Year 5 were introduced to the ukulele a great starting point for anyone wanting to play string instruments. Owen has started to work with children who would like to learn to play a brass instrument. These lessons will be socially distanced and instruments will be disinfected.

Margaret's talented team of teachers started delivering music lessons across the school on Friday. Children will be focusing on music appreciation, use of percussion instruments and body percussion as part of a block of work this half term.

It was lovely to see all our music teachers return to school after such a long time. Look out for music club letters soon.

## Fire Evacuation

Due to the reorganization of the school building the school has a new interim fire evacuation plan. During inset day I

explained the evacuation procedures with all staff. On Tuesday we conducted our first school fire drill. I am pleased to say that all children behaved exceptionally well and the children were evacuated from the building safely within two and a half minutes. Well done everyone.

## Holidays and quarantine rules

When booking holidays abroad it is essential that you build in enough time to quarantine when you return home to avoid children missing out on education. Please do not book holidays during term time as these will not be authorized. All parents must follow government rules and complete 14 days of quarantine if returning from a country that requires this. It is your duty to ensure you know the rules for the country that you visit. There are no exceptions to this.

## Managing illness

If a child become unwell with possible symptoms of covid-19 there are clear actions that schools and parents must take to manage this. We always follow government rules and guidance. Please see the steps set out on our website – which will clarify this for you: <https://bit.ly/32i4Xvy>  
We have not had any positive cases of covid-19. If you are concerned that your child may be showing symptoms of covid-19 (a persistent cough, fever, or has a loss of taste or smell), you must keep them at home and contact NHS111 providing us with updates.

Have a fantastic weekend.

### Safe Collection of children

The safety of our children is of paramount importance to us.

Pupils will only be released to the care of those with Parental Responsibility or someone acting with their consent.

Please inform the school office or teacher in advance if another person is collecting your child.

Only persons aged 16 or over can collect on behalf of parents/carers. We will refuse to release children to persons under 16. Please be aware that the school, will challenge persons that may appear under 16. This is to ensure the safety of our children.

The school will follow Southwark protocols if children are not collected after school or an after school club and we have received no explanation of why the parent is late.



It is essential that we have up to date contact details for parents. In the event of your child becoming poorly we must be able to contact you quickly.

If you have changed your phone number in the past year please email or call the school office to provide new details. We also require email contacts and also 2-3 emergency contacts in case we are unable to get hold of parents.

### Thought for the week

**if you don't know  
the whole story,  
don't tell any of it.**

# Free School Meals



## Are you entitled?

If you think your child may be entitled to FSM please complete the FSM application form. You can download the form using this link: <https://bit.ly/35ydYT0> or call the school office to request a form. Once you have downloaded and filled out the form, please hand your completed application into the school office.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra **£1,320** for your child's primary school.

If you require further help please contact Sharon Hudson in the school office or email her at:





shudson@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk



<b>14.9.20</b>	Year 1 Virtual Meet the Teacher session at 4:00
<b>15.9.20</b>	Year 2 Virtual Meet the Teacher session at 4:00
<b>16.9.20</b>	Year 5 Virtual Meet the Teacher session at 4:00
<b>16.9.20</b>	National TA Day
<b>17.9.20</b>	Year 3 Virtual Meet the Teacher session at 4:00
<b>21.9.20</b>	Year 6 Virtual Secondary School Admissions
<b>5.10.20</b>	Diversity Month begins
<b>5.10.20</b>	Thank a Teacher Day
<b>13 and 14.10.20</b>	School photographer
<b>19.10.20</b>	Creativity Week begins
<b>23.10.20</b>	Break up for half term
<b>2.11.20</b>	Children return to school

## Attendance

All children should aim to have above 95% attendance.

Class	Total	Best attendance
<b>Early Years</b>		
<b>Jellyfish</b>	100%	
<b>Penguin</b>	100%	
<b>Key Stage 1</b>		
<b>Whale</b>	86.6%	
<b>Octopus</b>	82.4%	
<b>Coral</b>	93.7%	
<b>Seal</b>	96.4%	
<b>Key Stage 2</b>		
<b>Effra</b>	94.1%	
<b>Fleet</b>	96.3%	
<b>Brent</b>	90.7%	
<b>Walbrook</b>	93.3%	
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	96.2%	
<b>Wandle</b>	92.6%	
<b>Lea</b>	96.9%	
<b>Thames</b>	92.8%	

Well done to the classes with the best attendance this week. Keep up the good work everyone!!

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



<b>Whale</b>	Roselyn	For an amazing attitude towards her learning. Roselyn is always willing to help peers and adults. Brilliant!
<b>Octopus</b>	Deeqa	For Settling a good example to her peers and trying her best in all her learning. She is a star role model!
<b>Coral</b>	Aidan	For resilience and trying hard every day especially in phonics. Awesome!
<b>Seal</b>	Isla-Rose	For trying her best always and never giving up. Great perseverance Isla-Rose!
<b>Effra</b>	Rui Xi	For being kind and supportive of others. She has helped her friends inside and outside of the classroom. What a kind friend!
<b>Fleet</b>	Liam	Fantastic effort in class. He has really worked hard. Keep it up Liam!
<b>Brent</b>	Aimee	Aimee has demonstrated a mature, responsible and resilient attitude when facing difficult situations. Star!
<b>Walbrook</b>	Melina	A great start to the year. Fantastic artwork and really thoughtful comments. Keep it up Melina!
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	Oladamola	He made a fantastic start to year 5. He has really settled in and always upholds the schools values. He is an exceptional example for his peers!
<b>Wandle</b>	Ramon	For returning to school with a really positive attitude to his math. He has shown excellent focus and understanding. I am impressed!
<b>Lea</b>	Istaahil	Always upholds the school values and in particular this week has shown just how creative she can be with her work – particularly in English. Her poem and letter were both very moving. Amazing!
<b>Thames</b>	Ellen	Ellen has upheld our school values superbly this week. She is empathetic and always respectful. Keep it up Ellen!