

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



## MEET THE TEACHER



### Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the sunshine. It felt like summer again this week. Please remember to send children in with water bottles everyday - this is particularly helpful when the weather is hot.



Children have had a busy week in classes. They have really enjoyed the unit of work on 'Here We Are' and have had lots of interesting debates. Our focus going forward will be on identifying any lost learning and targeting planning of lessons to fill any gaps that have occurred due to lockdown.

The last virtual 'Meet the Teacher' meeting happened this week. I would like to thank all the teachers for their hard work in preparing these meetings. Thanks also to Anthony our computing lead who has supported the teachers with delivering these sessions. There is a lot of thought and time that is required to deliver these meetings, which is a new way of working for all of us. Unfortunately, only 10% of parents from each year group managed to attend them. Thank you to the parents who did. We at RPS believe that parent involvement in children's education is critical. We really want to share what we

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

are doing in school with you. To help this we are organizing a private page on the school's website for parents to access. On this page we will upload recorded film clips of the meetings. This will enable parents to watch the information meetings. Parents will be given a generic password to access the page that is not for the wider public. GDPR gives parents the right to request that they are not included in films used on our website in this way. If any parents who attended these meetings have any objection to being included please contact me. If I do not have any objections the page will go live next Friday.

### Rule of Six

Parents please do not gather in groups outside the school at the end of the day. The rule of six includes your children. You should disperse quickly. The rule of six now applies when you are outside of school given children are no longer on an education site.

### After school Clubs

The year 2 children were so excited waiting to go to their sports clubs this week they were positively bouncy! They had a fantastic time. Please remember to collect children promptly at the end of the session.

Have a fantastic weekend.

## FLU VACCINE

Flu vaccinations are being offered this year to **every** primary school child. All parents should have received a letter requesting written consent for each of your children to receive the vaccination. Please return these forms this week. The form has a section where you can refuse to give consent if you choose.

This vaccination is a spray that is inserted through the nostrils. We would encourage all parents to give consent for the vaccination to help protect children against the flu.

The vaccinations will take place in school on the **12<sup>th</sup> November 2020**.



We have received a number of very similar letters from parents asking us about potential medical procedures in school, so I would like to clarify. Safety and care of our children is paramount. We have staff who have completed emergency first aid and paediatric first aid training. This ensures staff know how to respond if a child is hurt and to enable them to administer medicine. Medicine is only administered at the request and with the consent of parents. We take children's temperature if they feel unwell. We mainly use an ear thermometer as we have found these to be more accurate. We do **not** and have no intention of taking children's temperatures every day. In the event of a child being hurt, we have a duty of care and if needed will attend hospital with the child. This is only necessary when we are unable to contact parents. Medical forms need to be completed at the school office if your children require medicine while in school.

## 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](mailto:shudson@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk)

## National Teaching Assistants' Day



Thank you to all our wonderful TAs for the valuable contributions they make to our children's learning and well being.



<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
<b>12.11.20</b>	Flu vaccinations




### Secondary Schools Admissions

We have pre recorded the secondary school admissions meeting in the hope that more parents will access it.

If parents need further advice or support with applying for secondary schools, please contact the school office or the year 6 teachers and we will do our best to help you. You **must** apply for your child's secondary school place online by the **31<sup>st</sup> October** at the latest.

### Attendance

All children should aim to have above 95% attendance.

Class	Total	Best attendance
<b>Early Years</b>		
<b>Jellyfish</b>	80.7%	
<b>Penguin</b>	74%	
<b>Key Stage 1</b>		
<b>Whale</b>	91.2%	
<b>Octopus</b>	84.5%	
<b>Coral</b>	87.2%	
<b>Seal</b>	83.3%	
<b>Key Stage 2</b>		
<b>Effra</b>	94.1%	
<b>Fleet</b>	92.4%	
<b>Brent</b>	84.7%	
<b>Walbrook</b>	86.2%	
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	85%	
<b>Wandle</b>	90.3%	
<b>Lea</b>	89.1%	
<b>Thames</b>	90.1%	

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>	Tony	For working so hard all week and being a great role model!
<b>Octopus</b>	Skylah-Rae	For developing greater resilience and not giving up. Well done!
<b>Coral</b>	Whitney	Excellent work during our Science lessons. Very impressive!
<b>Seal</b>	Leah-Rose	For fantastic listening and working hard in math. Great contributions during lessons and fantastic helping of others!
<b>Effra</b>	Amelia	She has worked <b>very</b> hard at developing her cursive writing in all her books. Well done and keep it up!
<b>Fleet</b>	Fatima K	Well done for you hard work and always remaining focused in class. Star attitude!
<b>Brent</b>		2 star of the weeks next week!
<b>Walbrook</b>	George	For his excellent use of descriptive language. He produced an amazing 'Pirate Wanted' poster. Well done!
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	Olivia	For having a positive and resilient attitude to her work. She is a fantastic role model.
<b>Wandle</b>	Anifat	For fantastic listening skills (our skill of the week) and this is showing in all her learning. Amazing effort keep it up!
<b>Lea</b>	Ja-Shawn	For being such a positive role model in every way. He always tries his best. Awesome!
<b>Thames</b>	Shaydon	For always being focused in class and being a great role model always.

