



# Weekly Newsletter



Thursday 18th July 2019



Year 6 have been working tirelessly on their end of year performance the Lion King. Children across the school have had the opportunity to watch the play. It was truly like going to the theatre – the children thoroughly loved it.

They looked amazing too with their faces painted. They have worked really hard on the background scenery.

Well done year 6. It was a show stopper and the applause from the audiences was testimony to your hard work.

Well done.

Thank you to all the year 6 teaching team for the tremendous effort that has gone into organising the performance, costume and background scenery.

## Parent Information Event

On Tuesday we held the second parent information event of the year. We focused on sharing information about the curriculum and also the relationship and sex education curriculum we deliver at school. There were lots of interesting questions and debate. Thank you to all those parents who attended. We will hold another workshop next year to share even more detail regarding the lessons that are taught.

## Goodbye!

Sadly, it is that time of year when we need to say some goodbyes.

Goodbye **Orla Walsh, Naomi Jameson, Rebecca Wear** and **Alex Hall**.

Four of our talented teachers. We thank each of them for their hard work and dedication to our children. We wish them all the best in their new schools.

We also say good bye to **Jennifer O'Cofaigh** (Deputy Head Teacher) who has successfully secured a Head of School position. We wish her all the best in her new role and would like to thank her for determination in ensuring our children get the best education possible.

We also said goodbye to **Chantal** (our dance teacher) on International Day. We thank her for her talent and hard work over the 7 years she has been working at RPS.

**Raheem** (coach) has secured a PE instructor position at DKH. We wish him well in this promotion and look forward to friendly competitions with DKH next year.

## Goodbye Year 6!

You have worked amazingly hard this year and we are really proud of everything you have achieved. We wish you all the best in the future.

Good Luck! Come and visit, but not too often!





Our much anticipated International Day finally arrived on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. We hope you were able to make it. We were extremely pleased to see Margaret return to us on the Thursday, just in time to pull the show together. The performances were brilliant. Our children really do have beautiful singing voices.

Children in year 2, 3 and 4 also performed dances for parents, show casing the wonderful work of our dance teacher Chantal. We thank Chantal, Selina, Kemi and Margaret who have taught the performing arts to our children this year.

Alim Badmus made a special guest appearance in both key stage performances to perform a poem called 'Living in Harmony'. One parent reported the performance made her spine tingle it was so good and the message to live in harmony is one that is very dear to us at RPS.

We were also wowed by the impressive performances of our Reception children, particularly a movement dance piece that had been orchestrated and taught by our very own teacher Suzy. Margaret was so impressed she told parents it was one of the best dance pieces she had ever seen. Well done Reception.

Thank you to all parents for contributing food for the afternoon party (you are wonderful cooks) and to Michael Cuddy for his DJ skills that enabled everyone to get in the party mood. This will be the last international day in this format so we hope you enjoyed it.

Children were treated to a very entertaining storytelling workshop – hearing stories from around the world. We thank Winston for the sprinkle of magic he leaves when he visits.



# End of Key Stage SATs results

It is with great pride that I would like to share the success and hard work of our teachers, which is evident in this year's SATs results.

## Reception

72% of children achieved a 'Good level of development' GLD which was the same as last years national average.

## Phonics

**88%** of children passed the year 1 phonics results (this is our best score ever) and was above last years national average figure of 82%

**95%** of children in year 2 have now passed the year 1 phonic tests.

## Year 2 SATS results

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: school (2019)	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard nationally (2018)
English reading	80%	75%
English writing	77%	70%
Mathematics	77%	76%
Science	77%	83%
RWM combined	69%	N/A

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving above the expected standard: school (2019)	Percentage of pupils achieving above the expected nationally (2018)
English reading	28%	26%
English writing	25%	16%
Mathematics	31%	22%
RWM combined	17%	N/A

## Year 6 SATS results

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard at RPS 2019	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: Nationally (interim 2019)
English reading	72%	73%
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	86%	78%
Mathematics	86%	79%
English writing (teacher assessment)	93%	78%
Science (teacher assessment)	81%	82% (2018)
RWM combined (Reading, writing and Maths)	70%	65%

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving greater depth within the expected standard at RPS	Percentage of pupils achieving greater depth within the expected standard: school: Nationally (2018)
English reading	25%	25%
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	49%	31%
Mathematics	26%	23%
English writing (teacher assessment)	39%	18%
RWM combined (Reading, writing and Maths)	12%	9%

**We thank all the teachers for their talent and hard working ensuring our children have made very good progress.**

**Please keep encouraging children to read at home. We want to beat national averages next year!**

### Enterprise Week

This week the entire school took part in a class based enterprise project in an exciting culmination of our Enterprise Month. They became lawyers, architects, game designers and entrepreneurs, dealing with budgets, deadlines and presentations. In doing this, children developed 8 core skills: leadership, teamwork, creativity, problem solving, listening, presenting, resilience and ambition.

We look forward to further embedding these vital skills into our curriculum next year.

The children had a fantastic week and thoroughly enjoyed a taste of the world of work!

We wish all parents and children a fantastic summer break and look forward to seeing you all promptly on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding is extremely important to us at Rotherhithe and we take all incidents seriously. Confidentiality is a key part of safeguarding as is following and seeking advice from professionals to manage situations. All staff routinely have training about safeguarding. Please see our safeguarding policy which sets out how we manage concerns.

We would remind parents that we will always follow protocols and treat each case sensitively and factually.

<http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/safeguarding/>

## Parent concerns

At some point you as parents may have concerns related to your child or the school.

We would ask you to follow the communication protocol set out on the school's website and communicate with us to resolve any issues that arise. We will be updating these procedures ready for the new term. We kindly request that parents do not post negative comments on social media as this does not help resolve issues.

<http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Communications-Procedure-1.pdf>

## Classes next year

Currently year 2 and 3 have 3 classes. This was due to the local authority asking the school to open additional classes due to an expected high intake in those year groups. The reality is, however, that London schools have falling rolls. This means that more children are moving out of the borough and overseas. As a consequence, these classes are not full (a full class typically has 30 children in it). Due to the falling numbers and also because the school are losing 3 classrooms in the first stage of the new build construction, it has been necessary to create a 'vertically grouped' class. This class will be next years Cutty Sark class. It will have a mixture of year 4 and 5 children in it. The teacher who has been selected to teach this class has many years' experience teaching mixed class groups and is always focused on extending all learners in her class.

Current Year 2 and 3 classes will be mixed into 2 classes in each year group next year. If you have any further questions, please ask.

Please also see the attached classroom plan to help you locate your child's classroom when we return next year.

## New Build Update

The Executive Head Teacher has met with the successful contractors who will be starting the new build works from the 25<sup>th</sup> July. The first stage of these works will involve moving electrical equipment. Class teachers are busy trying to clear these areas of the building ready for the demolition team who will be knocking down the current Whale class, Octopus Class and nursery. The log cabin will also be removed. They will erect barriers in which the works will be contained and will create a building work entrance from Hawkstone road. The playground will look different when we return in September.

It is very exciting to have finally reached the start of the construction work.

Classroom Plan

2019-2020

Kingfisher

Year 4

Kon Tiki

Year 4

Endeavour

Year 3

Pearl

Year 3

Calypso

Year 6

Belfast

Year 6

Mayflower

Year 5

Cutty Sark

Year 5

Coral

Year 2

Seal

Year 2

Whale

Year 1

Octopus

Year 1

Infant  
Hall

Penguin

Reception

Jellyfish

Reception

Turtle

Nursery

Front Office

Gate

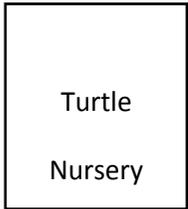
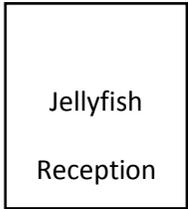
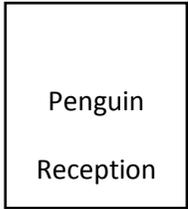
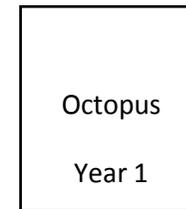
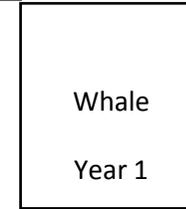
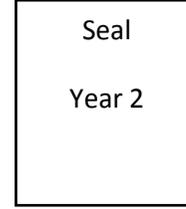
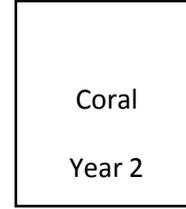
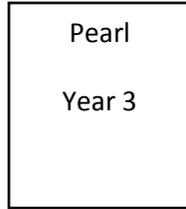
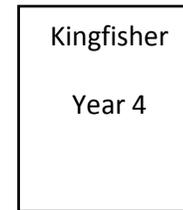
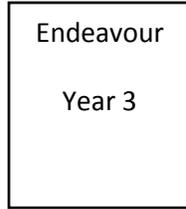
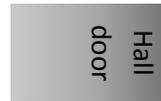
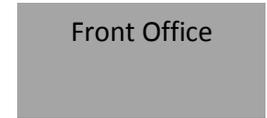
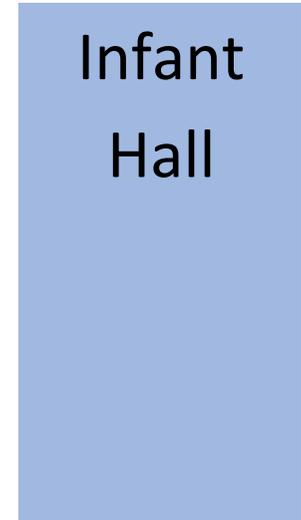
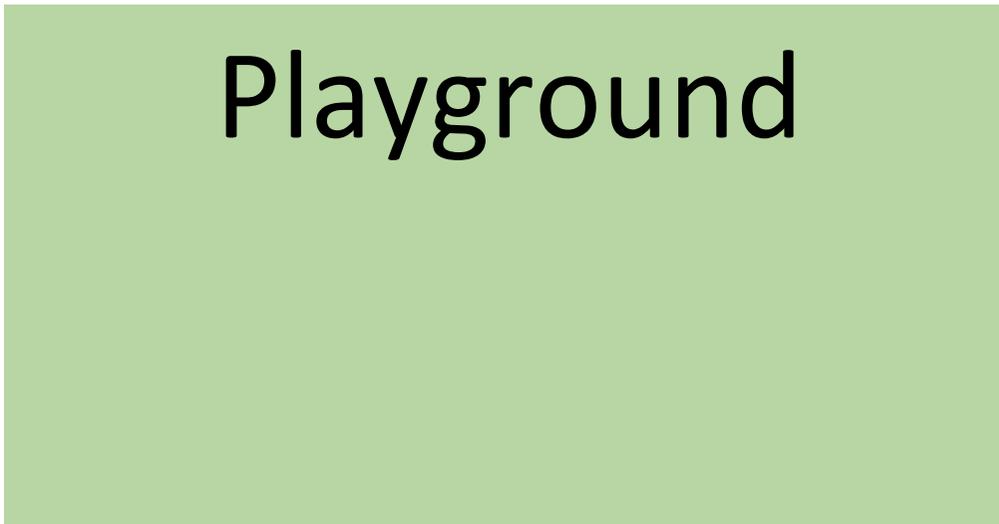
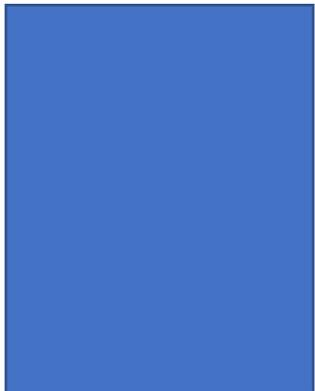
Hall  
door

Hall  
door

Gates

Playground

Junior  
Hall





## School Uniform Reminder

Shirts: Plain, white, cotton long/short sleeved shirt with collar or white polo t-shirt  
Jumper: Blue school jumper / fleece with the school badge (*available to purchase at the school office*)

Trousers: Grey Trousers – **no tracksuit bottoms**

Skirt: Grey, plain approximately knee length.

Headscarf: Plain black (if worn). White headscarves may be worn in summer. (*In the interest of health and safety children will be asked to remove these during PE sessions. They will be allowed to wear a bandana for the session.*)

Shoes: Must be completely black, flat shoes or completely black trainers with black laces.

**Please note:** no boots with heels, sling backs or sandals are allowed due to Health and Safety in the playground.

Socks: Plain black or plain white ankle or knee length.

Tights: Grey or plain black thick tights to be worn under skirts.

School Bag: Year 1, 2 and 3 will need a school book bag. This is to ensure that the school reading journal and homework is kept neat and presentable. Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 can purchase their own backpack BUT it must be black.

**No handbags** will be allowed for girls. A suitable sized School bag (*Book Bags available to purchase at the school office*)

Hair: Shoulder length or longer hair **must be tied up** with black or blue ties

Nails: Should be kept clean and short enough to enable students to participate safely in practical activities. **No coloured nail varnish is allowed.**

Jewellery: Wrist watches may be worn if a child is able to tell the time. If desired one small earring, sleeper or stud in each ear only.

**(The school does not accept responsibility for the loss of any personal property)**

### PE Kit

**We ask that ALL children wear appropriate clothing for PE.** We recommend dark bottoms (black or navy) and white PE t-shirts. These can be purchased at the front office on Fridays.



## ROTHERHITHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### HOLIDAY DATES 2019-2020

<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	<b>Inset Day 1: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (no children)</b> <b>Inset Day 2: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (no children)</b> <b>Inset Day 3: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September (no children)</b>
Start	<b>Children back</b> <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>
Half Term	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Children Back	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	<b>Children back</b>
Start	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>
Half Term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Children Back	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020</b>
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	<b>Children back</b>
Start	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020</b>
May Day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Half Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Children Back	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b> <b>Inset Day Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July (no children)</b> <b>Inset Day Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July (no children)</b>
<b>Inset Days</b>	
<b>3 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>	
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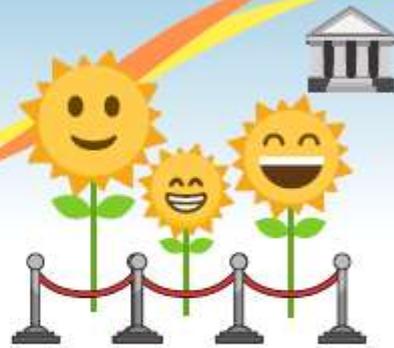


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# Time & Talents Summer Holiday Club

Wondering what your kids can do over the Summer Holidays?  
Send them to the Time & Talents Thursday afternoon club!  
Each week we'll have a light lunch, then either play fun physical games or go out and visit museums and galleries



## Games



## Trips

25th Jul, 8th Aug, 22nd Aug  
1.30 - 2pm: Lunch  
2 - 2.30pm: Games



1st Aug, 15th Aug, 29th Aug  
1.30pm: Lunch  
2.15pm: Leave T&T2 for educational trip

We have limited supervised places or parents can come along!  
To book onto these Thursday afternoon trips and games sessions please email Georgia:  
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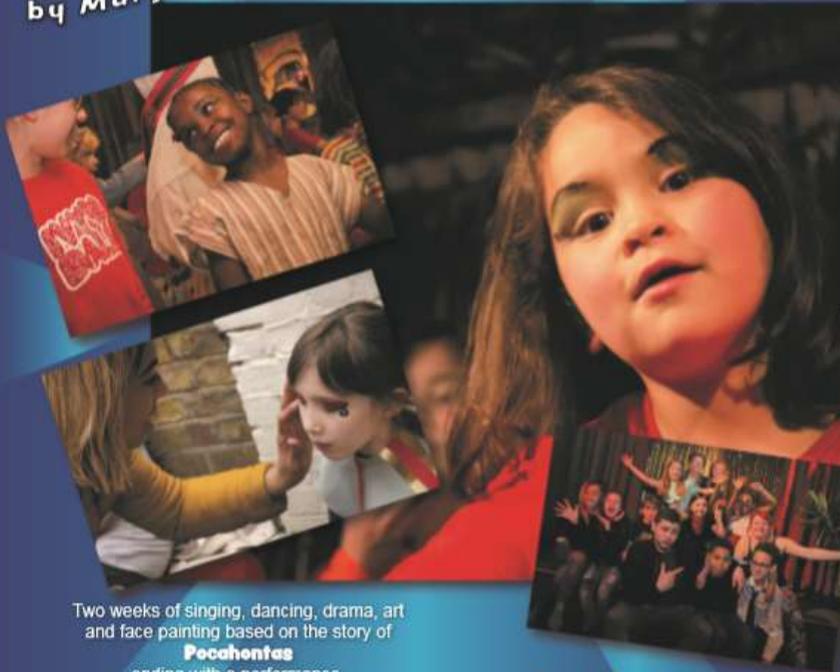
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# SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

For Children Ages 5 to 12  
by Margaret's Music Ltd.

29<sup>th</sup> July - 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
Mon - Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm  
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