

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 28th February 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing break and enjoyed spending quality time with your families. Fingers crossed, we will see some sunshine soon. Year 2 have ventured off to Battersea Zoo. We hope they didn't get too wet!

The school has been a hive of activity, with asthma workshops and the London Fire Brigade visiting year 5. Year 4 have been learning about the ancient Romans and a group of children from Kingfisher class invaded one of the offices. Luckily their only intention was to show off their homework projects!



Year 4 parents please attend the workshop next Tuesday 3rd March when we will tell you about the Multiplication check.

Please see the most recent advice sent from the local authority regarding the Coronavirus. Have a lovely weekend.

AMAZING ARTWORK

As part of their work around the Victorians year 5 have been learning to create a Victorian style landscape. I am very impressed with the quality of the paintings and would like to celebrate two of these from Cutty Sark class with you – although they were all amazing! Well done.



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Key stage 1

Phonics screening check

Year 1 children have completed mock phonics tests this week with their teachers. The children were assessed individually in a quiet space. The children were very well-behaved and focused. The results from these tests will be used to plan teaching lessons and to provide additional after school booster sessions for any children who may require additional support. If your child is invited to a phonics group it is really important that they attend them.

There will be a phonics workshop for year 1 parents to explain more about the phonics test on **Tuesday 17th March at 3:30 pm**. We encourage parents to come along to the session.

Asthma Awareness Workshops

On Thursday children in year 5 participated in an asthma awareness workshop delivered by trainee doctors from Kings College.

They gave the children a quiz to find out how much they knew about asthma and then delivered a presentation. As part of the presentation the children were able to have a go at using empty asthma pumps. The children considered what could be done if they someone was having an asthma attack.

The children asked the team lots of questions about the impact of colds, flu and the Coronavirus on someone with asthma.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all selected to join me for Hot Chocolate Friday. Keep it up being great role models for the school. I am proud of you.

These were the children who joined me for hot chocolate today.

Belfast class
Calypso Class
Cutty Sark class
Mayflower Class
Kingfisher class
Kon Tiki class
Pearl class
Endeavour class
Coral Class
Seal Class
Whale Class
Octopus Class



World Book Day

We have changed the day we are celebrating World Book Day to Friday 6th March. This is due to a double booking of workshops. Please encourage your children to dress up as one of their favourite book characters on Friday. We can't wait to see them.



New Build Update

As you are aware the start of the building construction has been delayed till after half term. This allows us to use the playground for a longer period of time this academic year. However, once the playground is sectioned off children and parents will no longer be able to enter and exit the school through the playground gates.

On Tuesday, Vivienne Harris and Dan Dobson (Southwark Road Safety Team, visited RPS and worked with our children on the new arrangements for exiting and entering the school once the building construction starts in May.

Reception, year 1, 2 and 3 recorded road safety podcasts which will eventually be available on the website. These will remind children about the importance of road safety.

Year 3 and 5 children spent some time considering the proposed new arrangements for the school and how we should advertise this information for parents. The children were very thoughtful and engaged in this conversation. Further work on this will be completed in the following month.

Entering School

The current plan is that the entrance and exit from the school (after May half term) will need to be via the school's front Reception entrance. A new gate will be erected straight into the Reception playground and nursery and Reception will enter school via that route. The main gate area will be widened and other year groups will enter school from this gate. Some current planting will also be removed to increase space.

This means that the gate will be opened from 8:45 am and children will enter school and go straight into their classrooms. Parents will **not** be able to escort their children beyond the gate.

Communication with Teachers

Parents will need to make appointments in advance to speak to teachers. This can be done either by emailing the school office or sending children in with notes to pass to teachers. Staff at the gate will note down any last minute messages and pass these on. Parents will be able to speak to office staff at 9:15 am once the children are in school.

Children attending breakfast club will need ensure they arrive by 8:30 am.

Exiting School

Plans for exiting the building are being considered. The current plan is for children to have staggered exits.

Year 1, 2 and Reception will exit at 3:10 am. Year 3 and 4 will exit at 3:20 and year 5 and 6 will exit school at 3:30. Children will be released to parents at the gate, or via the Reception classrooms.

We will be trialing an alternative exit for independent travelers in year 5 and 6 from the gate near the ICT suite on Rotherhithe New Road. More information will follow when we do this.

Children with SEND

We will be considering personalised arrangements for children with SEND. These will be discussed with families.

Bike racks and scooters

We are discussing with the Southwark how this could be accommodated.

Consultation

These arrangements are **not** yet final. There will be an opportunity to hear more detail about the proposals in the future. However, if parents have suggestions or would like to discuss this further please email the school office.



Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding our children is of vital importance at RPS. We update our policy regularly and keep abreast of any national guidance. Please see the website for our most up to date policy. We have also updated our Internet Safety policy. This is also accessible on our website under the policies tab.

Safe Collection of Children

Please remember to inform staff if an alternative person is collecting your child.

To ensure our children are safe we will only release them to persons aged 16 years or older. If the person collecting looks under 16 we will ask them how old they are. We are following the NSPCC guidance that suggests that only persons aged 16 years are typically old enough to take responsibility for younger children.

Independent Travel

We permit year 5 and 6 children to be independent travelers so long as we have written consent. This privilege may be withdrawn if children behave in an unsafe way when leaving school.

Attendance

If your child is unwell it is your duty to contact the school, providing reasons for the absence. This contact can be made by telephone, email or in person at the school

office. This contact should be made in the morning. If you have not contacted us in the morning we will attempt to call you to establish the reason for absence. If we are unable to make contact we will call the emergency contacts we have listed. If we are still unable to establish the cause of absence we may conduct a home visit to ensure that you and your child are safe. It is helpful if you provide 2-3 additional contacts in the event of an emergency.

Medical Needs

Administration of medicine: In some circumstances it is necessary for children to have medicine administered in school. Medicine can only be administered if it is in date and if parents have completed the appropriate permission form at the school office. It is parent's responsibility to dispose of medicines that are out of date at an appropriate venue such as a pharmacy.

If you would like a paper copy of any of our policies you can request this at the school office.

London Fire Brigade

Today the London Fire Brigade visited our year 5 classes. They talked about the most common causes of fire and how to prevent them. The importance of smoke alarms was considered. Did you know the London Fire Brigade can visit your home and offer free safety advice and fit smoke alarms? Email: smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk or call 0800 028 4428 for more information.



You are warmly invited to attend your child's class performance.

KS1 (year 1 & 2) start time 11:15 am

18th March Whale Class

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

18th March Mayflower Class

25th March Cutty Sark Class

1st April Pearl Class

Week starting 2 nd March	Mock year 2 SATs tests this week.
6 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
Week of 9 th March	British Science Week
16 th March	Margaret taking children to sing at the Battle of Trafalgar concert.
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

Best Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Octopus Class 97.9%

KS2: Kingfisher Class 98%



Amazing! Keep up the good work everyone!!

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



Parent Survey

Hopefully parents have now received the survey link that was texted. This parent survey is to celebrate what we do well and to identify areas we may need to improve.

Please complete it by the **16th March**.
Thank you!

No matter how long you have traveled in the wrong direction, you can always turn around.

Please come to our Parent workshop

Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Tuesday 17th March

3:30 pm at RPS

We will tell you about:

- ✓ The arrangements for Phonics 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 the Year 4 Multiplication Check

3:30 pm at RPS

We will tell you about:

- ✓ The arrangements for multiplication check
- ✓ 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

Corona Virus

Re: COVID-19 Advice for schools and educational settings

You may be aware that advice for travellers from affected areas has recently changed and it has come to our attention that this may affect children and staff returning from school trips. Please be aware that this is a fast evolving situation and we will continue to share any new advice at the earliest opportunity.

As of today advice for returning travellers is as follows;

1) If you have returned from the following areas **since February 19**, call NHS111 to inform them of your recent travel, stay indoors and avoid contact with other people **even if you do not have symptoms**:

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy* as designated by the Government of Italy
- Daegu or Cheongdo, Republic of Korea)
- Hubei province, China (returned in the past 14 days)

* *Bertonico • Casalpusterlengo • Castelgerundo • Castiglione D'Adda • Codogno • Fombio • Maleo • San Fiorano • Somaglia • Terranova dei Passerini: • Vo*

2) If you have returned from the following areas since **February 19th** and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS111. **You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.**

- Northern Italy (see [map](#))
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

3) If you have returned to the UK from any of the following areas **in the last 14 days** and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately stay indoors and avoid contact with other people, call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

- Other parts of China outside Hubei province
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau
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Further guidance for educational settings has been published at the following links and will be updated as soon as possible with the above advice and any further changes: :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Information for the public: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

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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HOLIDAY DATES 2020-2021

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)

Inset Days

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 19th April 2021

Thursday 22nd July 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021

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