

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome Back- I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. It has been wonderful seeing the children again and I am sure the sunshine has put a smile on everyone's faces. The children have settled back into school really well. I am sure they are looking taller!

Easter Bonnets: The children clearly had fun designing and making their Easter Bonnets. We had some fantastic creations shared with us. The teachers found it difficult but they chose 1 child to receive a mini egg prize for creativity and effort. You can see some of their amazing creations below.

Skills Builders: Children will be following the Skills Builder programme over this term. They will have a weekly focus on developing one of the 8 key skills each week. Please encourage your child to have a go at the home skills builder challenge set out in the newsletter.

Curriculum: Subject leaders and teachers have been working very hard on developing the school curriculum and were excited this week to start their new topics. As we update our curriculum we are gradually adding additional information to the learning sections of the website, so please do have a look.

Assembly: In assemblies this week we have celebrated St George's Day and also remembered the life of Prince Phillip. The children were taught a bit about his long life and the legacy that he has left. This particularly focused on the Duke of Edinburgh Award which we hope many of our children will go on to achieve at secondary school.

To celebrate both **St Georges' Day** and Prince Philips life we invited children to dress up in red and white and will use any donations to purchase art resources for each class. Thank you for your generosity.

Attendance: Penguin and Coral class had 100% attendance this week. Amazing and keep it up! Well done to Fleet class who had 99.4% which was very close to everyone being in each day. All children should aim to have attendance that is 95% or over. Thames class, year 5 and Seal class I hope to see your attendance increase next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone observing the holy month of Ramadan, a peaceful and harmonious month. Ramadan Mubarak.

Have a lovely weekend.

COVID UPDATE

I am glad to report that I was not notified of any positive COVID cases during the Easter break or since our return – long may this continue!

You will have heard concerns in the news regarding the **South African variant** of the virus that has been identified within Southwark, Lambeth and Wandsworth. People within affected areas have been invited to complete 'surge' testing. I encourage all families to continue following national guidelines to prevent further transmission of the virus.

If your child develops any of the following three main COVID symptoms:

- New continuous cough
- Temperature
- Or loses their sense of taste or smell

You must keep your child at home. If your child is in school when they develop these symptoms we will call you and request that you collect your child as well as their siblings. We will request that you book a **PCR test** for your child and update us on the results. The whole household must then self-isolate for 10 days from the first symptomatic day - until you receive the test result. Testing symptomatic children can reduce unnecessary absences and help reduce the risk of transmission.

Negative Result: If the test is negative you can then resume normal activities.

Positive Result: Your child must continue to self-isolate for 10 days. You must inform the school.

How to order Lateral Flow Home Kits

A reminder that you can order lateral flow tests to your home as you have a child in school.

More information can be found here with links to enable you to order tests: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is changing. Unfortunately, we are unable to sustain the cost of running Breakfast Club in its current format, so the 30th April will be the last day that breakfast club will be delivered by the school. Any parents who have pre-paid beyond this date in will be fully refunded.

From the **4th May** Tree Tops will be running a Breakfast Club at RPS. The club will still be held on the school site, by members of staff employed by Tree Tops. New features of this club are as follows:

- The club will run from 7:45 am in the morning
- You can book ad hoc days

You can book your child's place or find out more information at their website: www.treetopsclubs.co.uk or email the bookings team at info@treetopsclubs.co.uk



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.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Whale	Ehab	For being so keen to complete his work independently. He has been using feedback to try and improve his work. Keep up the amazing work Ehab!
Octopus	Zakhar	Zakhar has settled in really well since joining our class last month. He is joining in with all the activities and completing work to the best of his ability. Well done Zakhar, keep it up!!
Coral	Olatide	Olatide for creating a spectacular Easter bonnet using objects that represent spring and new life. Well done!
Seal	Dior	For showing great teamwork throughout the week. Dior always listens carefully and respects other people's ideas
Effra	Gabby	Gabby has come back this term ready and raring to go. He has been focused and applied himself across the curriculum and it has been brilliant to see. His work has shone, and we know he can keep it up!
Fleet	Sabreen	Well done Sabreen for all your hard work this week! Well done for contributing your ideas in class and always having a positive attitude. Keep it up!
Brent	Al	Al has come back to school really focused and it is clear that he has a good work ethic due to the quality of his work. He showed good speaking skills when he retold, in his own words, a part of the Romulus and Remus story at the front of the class. Amazing!
Walbrook	Harry	Harry has settled down and is working really hard. He has developed into a mature and sensible member of our class. Well done Harry!
Lea	Mikey	Mikey has come back to school with an excellent, hard-working attitude. Equally, he did exceptionally well in his assessments last term and has made incredible progress – this is especially significant because he can find testing difficult. I am incredibly impressed with how hard he is working. Well done Mikey.
Thames	Juweriya	Juweriya has started summer term with a fantastic attitude. She has been focussed and ready to learn, listening carefully and has been keen to share her ideas in class. What a brilliant start to your last term of primary school!

RPS Easter Bonnet Parade





23rd April	St George's Day – children dress up in red and white
27th April	Year 5 police workshops on keeping safe online
30th April	FGM awareness sessions with year 6
3rd May	Bank Holiday – no school today
4th May	Governors meeting
11th May	School photographer taking photos of year 6 children.
17th -21st May	Walk to school week
19th May	Governor meeting
24th May & 25th May	School photographer in May
27th May	London History Day celebrations
28th May	Break up for half term
7th June	Children return to school
14th June	Year 4 Multiplication check
22nd June	Full Governing Body meeting
28th June	Year 1 mock phonics screening check
5th July	EYFS Sports Day
6th July	KS1 Sports Day
7th July	KS2 Sports Day
8th July	KS2 Sports Day
12th - 16th July	Enterprise Projects in school
15th July	Year 6 Prom
16th July	Reports sent home and new classes announced.
19th July	Meet your new class teacher
20th July	Parents Day appointments
21st July	Parents Day appointments
22nd July	Year 6 graduation – children leave at 12:30 (only year 6)
22nd July	Break up for the summer term.

Attendance

All children should aim to have above 95% attendance.

Class	Total	Best attendance
Early Years		
Jellyfish	95.2%	
Penguin	100%	
Key Stage 1		
Whale	95.7%	
Octopus	95.2%	
Coral	100%	
Seal	93.5%	
Key Stage 2		
Effra	97.3%	
Fleet	99.4%	
Brent	98.9%	
Walbrook	97.8%	
Ravensbourne	94.5%	
Wandle	94.3%	
Lea	98%	
Thames	92.6%	

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.



Have fun. Make friends. Play football.

Centre Name: PESSN SSE Wildcats Girls Football/Multi Sport Club

Date & Time: Tuesdays (15:45 - 17:00) - **WE RETURN ON 27th APRIL 2021**

Location: Marlborough Sports Gardens, 27 Union St, London SE1 1SD

How to Book: Turn up and play, each session is **FREE!**

For further info please email Wilson Frimpong (wilson@lpeasn.org.uk)



Challenge yourself to organise some fun?

★ Skills Challenge

Leadership

Organise an outdoor game that everyone in your household can take part in. Ask all members of the household to contribute their ideas of what to play, where and when. It could be hide and seek in the garden, football in the park or rounders in a field. Support everyone to reach a group decision that you are all happy with and organise what you need for the game.

Reflection Questions

Getting Started: What are different emotions? How have you felt these today?
Intermediate: How do you make sure everyone has a chance to contribute their ideas?
Advanced: How can you manage disagreements to reach a shared decision?
Mastery: How can you motivate others to engage in this challenge?

Leadership

See all Skills Challenges

50 Things To Do Before You Are Five



Download the brand new 50 Things App to your phone for free activities around Southwark to have fun, play and learn.

Family Learning Packs (0-5 years)

Contact us to arrange a collection of free Family Learning Packs with resources, arts and crafts and physical activities to do at home with the children.

Email

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Rose Vouchers

Support to buy fresh fruit and vegetables for low-income families and living in **SE1, SE5 or SE17**

If you wish to register to please phone 0207 358 2878 or email

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Speech and Language support

Chattertime and Babbling babies.



Contact gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net for further information.

Starting Solids Foods and Nutrition support

Contact EYNutrition@gstf.nhs.uk for further information.



Free Vitamin D

Pregnant women, new mums, and children under four in the borough can get free vitamin D supplements.

Contact us!

Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre

145 Grange Road (Spa Park)
SE1 3EU

Pilgrims Way Children and Family Centre

Tustin Estate, Manor Grove,
SE15 1EF

Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre

Southwark park (Hawkstone
Road entrance) SE16 2PF

South Bermondsey Children and Family Centre

Tenda Road, SE16 3PN

Telephone: 0207 358 2878

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Please visit our websites for further information

<http://br-cc.org.uk/br-cc/>



Southwark Children and Family Centres
Bermondsey and Rotherhithe



Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Children and Family Centres

From 19th April-28th May 2021

ALL sessions require a booking and are limited to numbers of families. If you are unable to attend, please contact us so we can offer the space to another family.

To book, please email:

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk



Our registration form is now available to complete on our website

<http://br-cc.org.uk/br-cc/>

Please complete this if you are new to attending our Children and Family and Centres.



MONDAY

Healthy Movers (18 months - 5 years)

9:30-10:30am at Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre

Interactive and fun physical activities to help you and your child stay fit and healthy, both physically and mentally.

Espacio De Familia/Spanish Support Group (0-5 years)

11am-12pm at Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre

A space to meet other Spanish speaking families and access support, advise and information from the local community.

TUESDAY

Baby Group 'Sensory Play' (0-18 months)

10:00am-11:30am at Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre

A time and space for you and your baby to bond through fun and stimulating activities aimed at supporting the development of your baby.

WEDNESDAY

Early Words Together at Two (2-3 years) 28th April– 26th May

10:30am-11:30am at Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre

Supporting families to develop home learning environments and supporting their child's language development.

Bookstart (0-5 years) 10am-11:00am Pilgrims Way Children and Family Centre

Have fun bringing stories alive through storytelling, arts and crafts and sharing books.

THURSDAY

Nature Walk at Southwark Park (0-5 years)

10:00am-11:00am

Meeting Point: Outside Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre

Meet other families, walk and talk whilst exploring nature.



FRIDAY

Zumba Kids Jr (0-5 years) (No session on 30th April due to Inset Day)

10am-10.45am at Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre

Get active! Twist, jump and move to the beat. A fun way to increase your fitness for all the family.

Family Music (0-5 years) (No session on 30th April due to Inset Day)

11:15am-11:45am at Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre

You and your child can have fun signing together, be inspired and develop confidence in talking and building vocabulary.

Baby Massage (8 weeks-pre-crawlers) 7th May-4th June

10:30am-11:30am at Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre.

Baby massage promotes bonding and attachment, and helps to boost a baby's immune system, reduce stress, relieve colic, and encourage sleep.

VIRTUAL SESSIONS



Songs and Stories from Around The World (0-5 years)

Tuesdays 11am-11:30am

Singing and Storytelling (0-5 years)

Wednesdays 11:30am-12:00pm

Fun and interactive session, bringing books, props and rhymes to life.

Family Advisory and Information Wednesdays 9am-12pm

Telephone advice and support for families on parenting strategies, children's behaviour, accessing health and nursery, housing and employment.

To book a slot please email ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Music and Movement By Riverside (0-5 years)

Mondays 10:00-11:10am at Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre

Tuesdays 10:00-11:10am at Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre

To book, please email: bookingsoftplayrpca@gmail.com