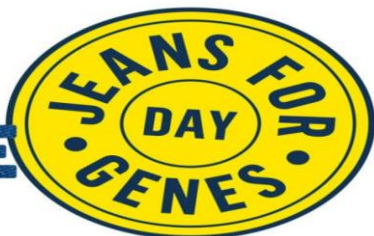


RPS Weekly Newsletter

**WEAR
JEANS
CHANGE
LIVES.**



Friday 16th September 2022

Rotherhithe Primary School mourns the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

21 April 1926 - 8 September 2022



Goodbye Queen Elizabeth.

May you rest in peace.



Dear Parents and Carers,

To mark the upcoming funeral of Queen Elizabeth a short electronic message of condolence was sent to the palace from Rotherhithe Primary School. Parents are able to send individual messages of condolence to the palace if you wish by using the following link: <https://www.royal.uk/>

Margaret's Music: Today the school was alive with the sound of music as Margaret and her team returned to teach music at RPS once again. If you are interested in your child attending a singing club, keyboard club, recorder club, or joining a samba band please contact Margaret's Music on the following email address:

info@margaretsmusicltd.com or telephone Margaret on: 07588 845042. Lessons do have a small charge for each session.

After School Clubs: Children are being offered places at art and sports clubs over the next week. We know some children will be disappointed as there are a limited number of spaces in each club and they are very popular! Children will be given another opportunity to apply for a club next term.

Yoga: I would like to thank the Amicable Society for their generosity and support for RPS. They have provided the money that has enabled the school to buy in yoga teaching for some children. This has now started on Thursday afternoons. The children were very excited. Why yoga? It is a great form of exercise. Children develop techniques to build their confidence, resilience and learn to self-regulate their emotions.

Pioneer Dance: I am pleased to inform you that Chantal will be teaching dance to all classes from Reception to year 6 throughout the year. Each class will receive a half-term block of lessons at some point. The first classes to be lucky enough to dance with Chantal is year 3 Walbrook and Effra class.

School Uniform

Our uniform expectations are set out clearly in our school policy which you can find on the website please click [here](#). If children are not in full school uniform teachers will communicate with parents directly to remind you about our expectations and request that this is addressed quickly. Please remember that shoes should be 'all black'.

PE kit is black shorts or joggers with a white t-shirt and trainers.



Please make sure bags are sensible e.g. rucksacks. No handbags allowed.

Label: Please make sure you label children's clothing. It is extremely difficult to reunite clothing with the correct owner if it is not labeled. WHSmith sell laundry marker pens for this purpose.

Jeans for Genes: On Monday Annalise led a whole school assembly about Jeans for Genes Day. Thank you to parents for their generous donations to this worthy charity.

Filming: Next Friday Tony will be filming children in their classes around school. Children must be in full school uniform. He will add some pictures to the website and will be starting work on a new film to showcase our fantastic school.

Children return to school on Tuesday 20th September. Have a peaceful weekend. Lisa HoS



It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Annalise who gave birth to a baby boy today!

Sunflower Project



Last Spring children took part in a Science based project about growth. Children across the school planted a variety of seeds and then tended them ensuring they had the necessary care to flourish. So Colleen who organised the project, was overjoyed when we received these stunning pictures of one of the sunflowers that Sophie in year 6 grew; well done! The sunflower is gigantic. You must have looked after it very well.



Rotherhithe Primary School

Rotherhithe Primary is the best place around
But I won't be able to come back next year
I wipe my face, tear by tear
Remembering all the fun I've had here
Going to secondary school
May give me a scare
But this school has kept me at bay
And I'm sad to go away
I can only Thank you!

Evie

This poem was written by a former year 6 pupil and given to her teacher as she left RPS. We miss you too Evie!

Attendance Matters

One of our last Ofsted targets was to raise the attendance of children. We cannot do this without parents help. Please do not book holidays during term time. Term time holidays will not be authorized. We will refer families to the Education Inclusion Team if you take term time holidays. Children should only be kept at home if they are unwell.

Certificates: We will be awarding a certificate to children who have 100% attendance for each half term block. There will be special treats organized to acknowledge children's good attendance. Last week 8 lucky children who had 100% attendance for the whole of last year were treated with a trip to a west end theatre to see the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. This term we have reserved a special treat to visit Pizza Express to learn how to make a delicious pizza. Yum!

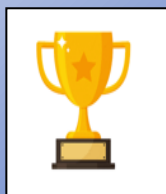


Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Lea class 97.4%

Whale class 95.3%



Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!

Dates

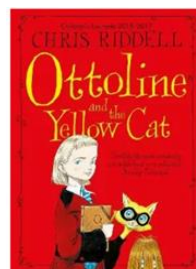
for your Diary

Monday 5th September	Children Return to School
Week beginning 5th September	Teacher parents' meetings for nursery children. Home visits for Reception parents.
8th Sep	Year 4 & 5 Meet the teacher meetings
9th Sep	Secondary School transition meeting 3:30pm
12th September	Year 6 Meet the teacher meetings
13th September	Year 2 Meet the teacher meetings Roald Dahl Day
14th September	Year 1 Meet the teacher meetings
	SENDCO Jenni hosting meetings with nursery parents.
15th September	Year 3 Meet the teacher meetings
16th September	TA appreciation Day Jeans for Genes (dress in jeans for charity)
16th September	After School Clubs start
29th and 30th September	Harvest Festival
3rd October	Black History Month starts Harvest Moon
5th October	World Teacher Day
6th October	National Poetry Day
10th October	Hello Yellow Day (world mental health day)
21st October	Break up for half term (close normal time)
24th-28th October	Half Term break
31st October	Children return to school
8th and 9th October	Parents evening
Week beginning 14th October	Children with SEND parent meetings
Week beginning 5th December	Christmas performances
15th December	Christmas parties All after school clubs finish
16th	Break up for Christmas holidays (Early Closure at 2pm)

Teacher Book Recommendations

Teacher: Anthony Williams

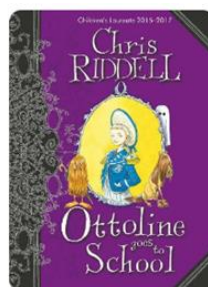
Favourite Book: Ottoline and the yellow cat, by Chris Riddell



Ottoline and the Yellow Cat, by Chris Riddell is a one of my favourites books to read with my class. The story is about a young girl named Ottoline Brown who lives with Mr. Monroe, a small and hairy creature from a bog in Norway. The pair solve a mystery involving missing jewels, missing lap dogs and a mysterious yellow cat.

One of my favourite things about this book is the intricate illustrations. The illustrations are detailed and humorous throughout the book and some even have clues to help the case be solved by Ottoline in the story. Children really enjoy reading between the lines and making predictions about what is going to happen next. I highly recommend this book if you enjoy fun, quirky stories with lovely illustrations. This book is suitable for children 7 and above.

Why not try this other great book Chris Riddell too.



'Ottoline goes to School'

"When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future." Queen Elizabeth II



Whale	Amara	Amara has had a great start to Year 1. She has been trying her hardest to become independent in her writing and she handed in exceptional homework this week. Well done, Amara.
Coral	Smithy	For using amazing, expanded noun phrases in his writing and representing numbers using diennes equipment really well. I was impressed!
Seal	Jamie	For using amazing adjectives and noun phrases to improve his writing. Well done, Jamie!
Effra	Iman	Iman always shows kindness to all. She is a great role model to all her peers. Iman cares about other sand will show them respect no matter what. Keep it up!
Walbrook	Shamsu	Shamsu has made a fantastic start to Year 3. He has participated in all lesson-based activities and demonstrated excellent listening skills. Shamsu has also been extremely supportive and kind to all his peers. Keep it up!
Ravensbourne	Jade	For showing a great approach to English this week. She has produced above and beyond what was expected. She is clearly ambitious, and I can't wait to see what she can achieve this year.
Wandle	Elaf	Elaf is kind, respectful and always ready to learn. She approaches school with such maturity and dedication - a true role model to others. Thank you Elaf!
Fleet	Iqra	Iqra's artistic talents have been on full display this week. She created a fantastic self-portrait using a variation of techniques. Well done!
Lea	Sainthavi	For her positive attitude and resilience towards her tasks and always setting an amazing example towards her peers and being very respectful towards adults.
Thames	Kymani	Kymani for completing all of her homework tasks promptly and to a very high quality, setting a commendable example to her peers. Thank you, please keep it up!



Free Family music sessions funded by Southwark Music Services

Margaret's Music is offering **FREE** family music sessions for babies and toddlers with their parents and carers every Tuesday as follows:

Buchan Hall, Nunhead
Tuesdays 10.30 - 11.30
Sept 13th
Sept 20th
Sept 27th
Oct 4th
Oct 11th
Oct 18th

HALF TERM

Nov 1st
Nov 8th
Nov 15th
Nov 22nd
Nov 29th
Dec 6th



The sessions are for families who will especially benefit from a regular, weekly session. We would love to encourage families who can commit to come very week (term time only) until July.

The sessions will particularly benefit are those with English as a second language, big families, families of children with SEND, families on low income, home educators, vulnerable families, families new to the area and all those who may not normally know about these music sessions or think the sessions are not for them!

Families are invited to contact to Margaret Omoniyi via email me, text or telephone if they would like to find out more.

Mobile: 07588 845042

Email: info@margaretsmusicltd.com



Is your child entitled to Free School Meals (FSM)?

The Local Authority provide free school meals to all children in Southwark but some families qualify for additional pupil premium funding which we then use to enhance children's learning. If you have a household income of less than £16,100 per year or are entitled to universal credit please complete a Free School Meal (FSM) application and return the completed form to the school office.

You can download and print a copy of the form using this [link](#) or request a form from Sharon in the school office.

Please note that if you qualify for FSM you may receive additional food vouchers from Southwark during the holiday period.

Please note that the school are not involved in deciding who qualifies for FSM. This decision is made by the local authority.

FREE FAMILY YOGA & WELLBEING FOR PARENTS

Parent Skills2Go


Supporting mums' wellbeing through gentle exercise and mindfulness

Venue: Lewington Community Centre
9 Eugenia Road SE16 2RU

Start Date: 20th SEPT 2022
Every Tuesday 10:30 - 11:30am

Creche will be provided

sign up for zoom details
Call 07725818283 or
07507443737

 www.parentskills2go.org
FB: @parentskills2go



Impact on Urban Health

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Presents

MY CHILD & ME

A 5-week programme looking at supporting parents' understanding and prevention of Mental health and behaviour issues in young children.

Venue: Lewington Community Centre: 9 Eugenia Rd, London SE16 2RU

Creche will be provided

DATE: THUR 22ND SEPTEMBER - THUR 20TH OCTOBER

TIME: 10AM - 12:30PM

For more details or to register please contact: www.parentskills2go.org or admin@parentskills2go.com

Or call 07507443737 or 07725818283

Powered by: **Impact on Urban Health**

#SEWINGSKILLS2GO

10-WEEK BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE SEWING WORKSHOPS

A 10-week dressmaking course for beginners and intermediate learners.

(Creche will be provided)

Start date Friday 23rd September 2022

Beginners :10am - 11:45am

Intermediate: 12pm - 1:45pm

Venue: Lewington Community Centre 9 Eugenia Road SE 16 2RU

Call 07725818283 or 07507443737

www.parentskills2go.org

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FEES:
BEGINNERS: £100
INTERMEDIATE: £150



FREE AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Ages: 5 - 13 years

Multisports, games and arts and crafts.

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Starting on Monday 26th

September 2022

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Call 07725818283 or 07507443737

www.parentskills2go.org

Venue: Lewington Community Centre 9 Eugenia Road SE 16 2RU

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PARENTSKILLS2GO

MONEY MATTERS FOR PARENTS

DEBT AND BORROWING

Looking at the dangers of loan sharks and how to avoid getting into debt.

(Creche will be provided)

Register at www.parentskills2go.org

or call

07725818283 / 07507443737

Venue: Lewington Community

Centre 9 Eugenia Road SE 16

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Tuesday 11th October 2022

10am-12noon

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HOLIDAY DATES 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM 2022	Events / Days	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
	INSET DAY 1 & 2 Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 5 th September 2022	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 24 th October 2022 Friday 28 th October 2022	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 31 st October – Friday 16 th December 2022	
	INSET DAY 3 Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	School Closed
SPRING TERM 2023		
Children Back	Wednesday 4 th January – Friday 10 th February 2023	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 13 th February 2023 – Friday 17 th February 2023	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 20 th February – Friday 31 st March 2023	
SUMMER TERM 2023		
	INSET DAY 4 Monday 17 th April 2023	School closed
Children Back	Tuesday 18 th April – Friday 26 th May 2023	
MAY DAY	Monday 1 st May 2023	School Closed
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 29 th May 2023 Friday 2 nd June 2023	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 5 th June – Wednesday 19 th July 2023	
	INSET DAY 5 Thursday 20 th July 2023	School Closed

Attendance Matters!

All parents and carers want the very best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having a good education is important to ensure that children have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly. If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with schoolwork. In a busy school day, it is difficult for schools to always find the extra time to help children to 'catch up' with lost learning.
- They may not achieve their full potential.
- Children miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance often affects their friendship groups. Children with lower attendance are more likely to find it difficult to make and keep friends – a vital part of growing up.

Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery and through-out their school journey will also help your child later on in their life. Children who have poor school attendance records may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults.

We are here to help and want to work in partnership with you. Please contact the school office and ask to speak to Kofi Danquah, if you need support or are concerned about your child's attendance.

Persistent Absence: Please note that parents have a legal responsibility to inform the school of any absences. If a child's attendance drops below 90% they are considered to be 'persistently absent' and the school will request a meeting with parents or carers. At this point the school may consult with the Education and Inclusion Team to discuss attendance concerns.

