

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 9th September 2022

Rotherhithe Primary School mourns the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

21 April 1926 - 8 September 2022



We will remember our Queen for her dedication, kindness, humour and strong sense of duty to our country and the Commonwealth. May she rest in peace.

Our deepest sympathy for her family, friends and loved ones.



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful welcoming children and parents to RPS once again. I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday. The children have been very animated while sharing their summer news with us.

Thank you for your patience at drop off and exit times as children adjust to new routines and teachers get to know you as parents. We greatly appreciate parents standing back from the gates which enables teachers to come out of the school to help return your children to you safely.

The Queen

It was with great sadness that we received the news on Thursday that our Queen has died. She has without doubt been a stoic and steady monarch, who has provided a sense of continuity throughout most of our lives.

Galiema led a special assembly today to pay respect to her life and consider the nation's mourning. A candle was lit and the school held a minute silence in her honour. The children smiled as we shared the short film clip of Paddington Bear visiting the Queen for tea! All children stood and listened respectfully to an instrumental version of the national anthem before returning to class. The children's behaviour during this assembly was exemplary. Over the coming days teachers will talk and answer any questions that the children may have at this significant point of change in our history.

God save King Charles III



School Uniform

The children looked very smart in their new school uniform. Can I please remind parents to keep up the good work and ensure they are in full school uniform every day. We will remind children regularly about school uniform expectations in assemblies and teacher's will contact parents if children's uniform is not following the school policy.

Black Shoes: All black shoes are part of the school uniform. These should not have any flashing lights or other colours. Trainers are permitted as long as these are **all** black.

Our uniform expectations are set out clearly in our school policy which you can find on the website please click [here](#).



Purchasing School Uniform: School uniform is ordered on Parent Pay. You can then collect school uniform every **Friday** from next week from the school office. If you have any questions about uniform please speak to Sharon.

Updating Child profile Details

If you have changed phone numbers or moved home during the summer holidays, please make sure you have updated your details at the school office. Please make sure we have your email address too.

Over the next week your child will be coming home with a printout of the details we hold for them in school. Please check this thoroughly. We request that you provide 3 emergency contacts.



On Thursday, 8 lucky children (Michael, Precious, Ibrahim, Fatima, Georgina, Andrew, Tierra-Lee and Skyla-Rae) were selected randomly to visit the west end stage to see 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe'. What did all of these children have in common? They all had **100%** attendance last academic year. Impressive! The children had a fantastic time. Samantha Womack played the White Queen. One child thought she "was magic, but very scary". 'The special effects were amazing" another exclaimed.

Thanks to Kealan for securing these tickets for our children. Look out for more treats for children who have 100% attendance.



Attendance Matters

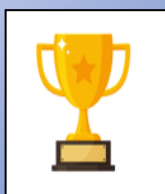
This week's winners of the attendance award.

Lea class 98%

Ravensbourne class 96.7%

Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!



WEAR JEANS CHANGE LIVES.



Friday 16th September is Jeans for Genes day. Your children are invited to wear their Jeans to school for the day in return for a donation for this worthy charity. 1 in 25 children in the UK are affected by a genetic disorder and the funding we raise helps provide specialist provision and research to help improve the lives of children.

Please give generously. We know that the cost of living crisis is affecting everyone so any donation is greatly received.



We were very sad to learn that coach Jahmal had resigned from his post at the end of the summer holidays. We thank him for all his hard work and dedication to our children.

We welcome coach James in his place. We are sure he will love working at RPS.

Secondary School Transition Meeting

Today we held a secondary school transition meeting for year 6 parents. We hope you found this useful. Please do look through Southwark's secondary school brochure on our website using this [link](#). I encourage you to visit secondary school to help you decide if the school is a good fit for your child. Remember that you need to apply before the **31st of October**. If you require any further support please contact me or speak to Maxine in the school office.

Dates

for your Diary

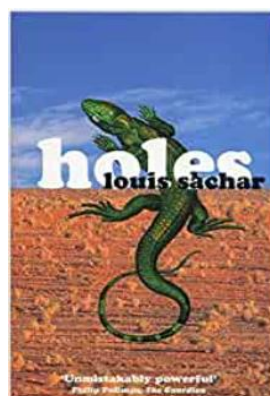
Monday 5th September	Children Return to School
Week beginning 5th September	Teacher parents' meetings for nursery children. Home visits for Reception parents.
8th Sep	Year 4 & 5 Meet the teacher meetings
9th Sep	Secondary School transition meeting 3:30pm
12th September	Year 6 Meet the teacher meetings
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: Nina Hall (AHT and English Lead)

Book: Holes

Author: Louis Sachar



Holes, by Louis Sachar has been a firm favourite of mine since childhood. The book follows the life of Stanley Yelnets as he is sent to a correctional boot camp in a desert in Texas, after being falsely accused of theft. I love the way the book switches between the past and present, taking the reader on a journey of discovery with Stanley as he figures out how he ended up there and what the correctional boot camp is really about... I highly recommend! Please come and borrow a copy from me if you want to have a read. This book is suitable for children aged 9 and above.

Why try this other great book by Sachar too.





Whale	Madison	Madison has had an excellent start to Year 1. She never gives up and has tried her absolute best during phonics this week. Madison is very resilient in English lessons and has really tried hard, even if she sometimes is not sure what to do. We are immensely proud of Madison this week. Keep it up!
Coral	Anjeza	Anjeza began this term with a wonderful attitude towards her learning. In English, she used adjectives to add detail to her writing and ensured she used the correct punctuation. Anjeza has also followed class rules and has been a model pupil. Keep it up!
Seal	Isata	Isata has made a fantastic start to the school year. She listens carefully in class and has done some super work in English; using adjectives and expanded noun phrases to make her writing interesting.
Effra	Heaven	for working hard on using expanded noun phrases to add in extra detail. She has really focused on joining her handwriting to improve her presentation. Well done!
Ravensbourne	Nikola	Nikola has demonstrated what it means to be a good friend, classmate, and learner. This week she has kindly helped a classmate complete many activities and did this without being asked! I want her to know that I noticed her kindness. Excellent team spirit, Nikola!
Wandle	Adonijah	Adonijah has had a fantastic start to year 4. Not only has his behaviour been impeccable, but he has also taken on feedback excellently which has meant he has made progress in his learning already. Keep it up!
Fleet	Liam	Liam has had an excellent start to Year 5. Liam has demonstrated all our values including empathy, respect and creativity especially in bringing his character to life whilst acting out a role in guided reading.
Lea	Lea Class	The whole class has settled in very well to the new academic year with a very positive attitude and has demonstrated all the core values of the school this week. Well done Lea class. I am super proud of you. Keep up the positivity!!
Thames	Thames Class	To the whole class for settling in extremely well and being very polite and respectful to each other and adults around the school. Keep it up!



Drop-in for parents



- Find out more about social work processes and your rights
- Understand your options
- Meet other parents
- Get support

**Last Thursday of every month
from 10.30am-12.30pm
At the Grove Centre,
Tower Mill Rd, SE15
6BP**

Sessions are run by Parent Advocates, who support parents having children's social care meetings and assessments

For more information contact: parentadvocacy@southwark.gov.uk

WILDCATS GIRLS FOOTBALL

"The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football."

TIME AND DATE

EVERY TUESDAY FROM 13TH SEPTEMBER (16:00 - 17:00) FREE TO ATTEND

LOCATION

MARLBOROUGH SPORTS GARDENS, 27 UNION ST, LONDON, SE1 1SD

NEXT STEPS

Head to www.lpspn.org.uk to complete our registration form or scan the QR code. You can also head to thefta.com/weetabixwildcats to book on to a session. For more info contact us via JOE@LPSPN.ORG.UK



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 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



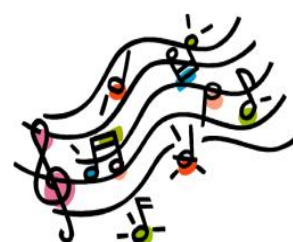
The sessions are for families who will especially benefit from a regular, weekly session. We would love to encourage families who can commit to come every week (term time only) until July.

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@margaretsmusictd.com



ROTHERHITHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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.

