

Roehampton Church of England Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear All,

You may have noticed that Miss Anderson is still on bereavement leave. Hopefully she will be back with us again soon. I am sure you will join us in keeping Miss Anderson in our thoughts and prayers. Whilst Miss Anderson is away, if you need to speak to someone, please arrange an appointment in the office to speak to Mrs King or myself.

Year 6 PGL

Year 6 have just returned after having an amazing, exhilarating trip. Whilst there, they took part in a vast number of very exciting activities including: zip wiring, abseiling, climbing, archery, canoeing, Jacobs ladder and giant swing to name but a few. We are currently planning next year's PGL for our current Year 5 children. At present, we have not had many responses. If any Year 5 parents have any anxieties about the trip, please talk to the current Year 6 parents or look on our social media platforms to see how enjoyable it was for the children. Furthermore, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me about your concerns. As quoted by a current Year 5 mum, 'I still remember my PGL trip when I was in Primary school, as being the best time ever!'

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and Punctuality is always being looked at and we are always pushing for our data to be improved. This is the current data for this academic year.

Year group	Attendance %	No. of minutes late as a class	No. of children who are persistently absent (attendance below 90%)
Nursery	87.5	73	4
Reception	95.55	128	3
1	94.59	624	4
2	95.43	227	3
3	94.27	478	3
4	95.78	325	3
5	96.83	136	2
6	94.65	67	5
Overall school	95.01	2058	27

We are still below the overall expected target of 96% for attendance. There is room for improvement for all classes, but there are a few classes that are pulling down the overall percentage. Our overall collective attendance remains at 95%. Lateness still continues to be a problem by a few children in each class. The overall lateness since the beginning of the academic year, is now equivalent to 34 hours 18

mins. This has increased by 11 hours and 16 mins in 3.5 weeks! **School starts at 8.55am.** Lateness is recorded by the class teachers until the end of the register and then it becomes the office's responsibility. If you are in KS1 or EYFS you will have noticed it is a real inconvenience if you are late as staff are not allowed to take children into the building after 9am unless you have reported to the office that your child is late, and you want access. **Please be punctual as we do ask your child why they are late.**

Year 2 have had the best improved lateness record since my last newsletter.

We have introduced a system to encourage the children to be on time and in school every day. Each class has to collect letters to spell ROEHAMPTON CHURCH SCHOOL. A letter is collected if all children are in school and on time every day. When a class collects all the letters, the children in that class are given a mufti day. Currently the classes have collected the following letters:

Class	Letters earned	How many days all children have been in school and on time
EYFS	R	1
Year 1		0
Year 2	ROEHA	5
Year 3	RO	2
Year 4		0
Year 5	ROEH	4
Year 6	ROEHAM	6

There will be another attendance ceremony at either the end of this half term or immediately after the Christmas break for 100% attendance AND punctuality. Let's hope there are more children than we had in Autumn 1 term getting an award.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to the few parents who attended the coffee morning run by Natalie Green, our Early Help Practitioner, and PC Rachel Cumberbatch on Monday of this week. The parents who attended had good chats with both Natalie and Rachel. The next coffee morning will be on Monday 11th December at 9am. Natalie Green will be present again, but this time with PC Mick who will be talking to you about Online safety. Please attend if you can, as it will be a useful discussion. A big thank you to our Governor Claire Whitmore who provides coffee for our coffee mornings and every Monday from the 'church hatch' which is the gate near the side entrance to Holy Trinity.

Junior Police Cadets

PC Mick is doing an information presentation for Year 5 and Year 6 parents at 3.30pm in the hall on Monday 4th December. The talk will last for approximately 20 mins. He will be talking about his idea of setting up an after-school activity of Junior Police Cadets in RCS school hall on Monday evenings. The Junior Police Cadets are a youth organisation for children between the ages of 10 and 13, and carry out activities as part of their role including: marching, team bonding games, sport and learning some basic police procedures. Paintballing and camping may also be an option if you are in Junior Police Cadets. Please sign the letter your children were sent home and return it to Mrs Azurdia ASAP.

Christmas Cards Designs

The children in each class have designed a Christmas Card. Their design has been sent to the printers and were sent home with them today. It was sent together with a QR code which allows you to order your child's artwork online in the form of cards and household objects including mugs, bags etc. A small % of the sales go to the school, so please place your orders ASAP.

Parent conduct

Please can I remind you that if you have an issue with something that has happened in school regarding another child, **PLEASE DO NOT** approach the parent(s) of the child or the child themselves and deal with the situation yourself, please report it to a member of staff, who will look into the incident at their earliest convenience.

Cake Sales

Our last cake sale raised £38.50. We would like to try and double this in our next cake sales.

Please bring cake donations for the cake sales on the following days and parents of the classes highlighted below to let Mrs Govier know if you can help her sell them:

Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 - Wednesday 22nd November – Sold at the entrance of the School Hall

Year 4 and Year 3 – Wednesday 6th December – Sold in KS2 Playground

Please bring in all donations on the morning of the event. Home or shop bought cakes and biscuits all welcome.

Useful Free App Available



White Rose 1 minute Maths, is a fabulous free app that you can download for your child from your app store on your phone/device. It is the same company that we use in our Maths teaching.

Donations

Gentle Reminder to contribute to the Roehampton Church School, School Improvement Fund.

We are aware that not all our families can contribute the same amount of money as each other, especially those families with more than one child at the school; so unlike other schools, we are not stating how much money each family should contribute; however, it would be wonderful if each family could contribute at least £15 per year (£5 per term) or you are welcome to donate more to support the school if it is affordable. All contributions are received with thanks and gratitude. Please make payments either each term or in full at your convenience. You can make payments either by cash or cheque made payable to Roehampton Church School.

How can I donate?

To help us raise funds, along with our organised fundraising events, we continue with Our Donation Scheme, many parent's generosity throughout 2022 – 2023 has not gone unrecognised.

However, this year we would like to do better. If you wish to participate, you can make contributions monthly, annually or as a one off. You could set up a standing order for convenience.

Please find below our bank details for standing order:

Account name: Roehampton Church School
Account number: 69616256
Sort code: 60-22-28
Reference: Donation

Thank you for your continued support.

Messages from the Office Team

The Hall, kitchen and playground are now available for hire. If you are a parent at the school and you would like to hire the hall or any of the other facilities, please speak to Mrs King who can be contacted via phone on: **020 8788 8650** or email: sbm@roehampton.wandsworth.sch.uk or info@roehampton.wandsworth.sch.uk .

Theme of the Month is:

Preparation

'Preparation is a sign of wisdom. God Himself prepared for many of His works.'

Psalms 9:7



Diary Dates (new dates added in red)

November 2023

20th Assessment week
21st Y4 swimming instead of Monday 20th November
22nd Y3 and Y4 Music Project Mass Rehearsal at Civic Suite Wandsworth
22nd EYFS, Y1, Y2 Cake sale
23rd Y3 parents invited from 9.05-9.25am to classroom to look at books
23rd Individual School Photographs
23rd Governors meeting (Finance)
30th Y2 parents invited from 9.05-9.25am to classroom to look at books
30th Angela Pitcher (Link Inspector) visiting school

December 2023

4th Y5 and Y6 parents invited to a presentation by PC Mick about Junior Police Cadets at 3.30pm in the school hall
6th Y3 and Y4 cake sale
7th EYFS parents invited from 9.05-9.25am to classroom to look at books
7th Governors meeting (Full Governors)
11th Early Help Coffee Morning hosted by Natalie Green. PC Mick to do a presentation on Online Safety. 9am in Holy Trinity Church
11th KS1 and EYFS dress rehearsal to KS2
12th KS1 and EYFS Performance to Parents 9.30am (ticketed event)
12th Y4 swimming instead of Monday 11th December
13th KS1 and EYFS Performance to Parents 9.30am (ticketed event)
13th Year 3 and Year 4 to Fairfield Halls Croydon for rehearsal and concert – leaving after lunch
14th Y5 parents invited from 9.05-9.25am to classroom to look at books
14th Christmas Lunch (wear Christmas Jumpers with uniform)
18th Christmas Class Party and home clothes day
19th KS2 dress rehearsal to KS1 and EYFS in church
20th KS2 Christmas production performance in Church 6pm - children to arrive 5.30pm (ticketed event)

21st Carols in Holy Trinity all children and parents welcome 9.15am
21st House winners Mufti Day
21st School closes at 1.30pm

Ruth Azurdia
Deputy Head
21/11/2023