










Roehampton Church School

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<p>Headteacher's Welcome</p>	<p>Dear Parents and Carers, Welcome to summer term 2016. Years 2 and 6 will soon be starting their SATS tests and we are working very hard with the children to ensure they are as well prepared as they possibly could be. As it says below, this is a different format which the Government wants to trial, so I will be writing to you shortly with more information about how this will be reported to you when you receive your child's annual report at the end of the summer term. If you have any questions or queries in the meantime, please do come and make an appointment and I will go through the changes with you. As always, many thanks for your continuing support. Best wishes, Mr Woodfin</p>
<p>Something to Talk About!</p> 	<p>Our 'Something to Talk About' this week is Patience. This week, we had to face some unexpected obstacles which needed a patient and constructive approach to ensure our school continues to be a safe place for our children. Please talk to your child for ten minutes about this, ensuring there are no distractions. Here are some ideas for your conversation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you look the word 'Patience' up, using a dictionary (this could be an online one)? • Is there more than one meaning? • Can you think of a time where each of you needed to be patient? • Did being patient help you? • How do you think you can become more patient?
<p>Parent Staff Association</p> 	<p>Would you like to organise exciting events and activities to help raise money for our school? We are looking for a committed and inspirational individual who would like to take on the challenging but rewarding role as chair of our Parent Staff Association. Please look out for a separate letter coming out shortly that gives full information.</p>
<p>After School Clubs</p> 	<p>Please remember that, if you would like to sign your child(ren) up for any of our Summer Term after school clubs, you will need to return the slip to the School Office by Tuesday 19 April. Clubs start on Monday 25 April and will run until Friday 8 July.</p>
<p>SATs Tests</p> 	<p>This year, the Year 2 and Year 6 SATs are undergoing a transition year, during which the government are trialling new materials. We will ensure that these are a part of the children's everyday life as much as possible, and that it is as stress-free as possible. If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the Leadership Team, who will be happy to answer your questions.</p>
<p>New Curriculum</p> 	<p>The assessment criteria for the new curriculum has changed, and Mr Woodfin will be sending a letter out shortly explaining what these changes are, what the impact is for our school and the new information that will be included in your child's end of year report.</p>
<p>Mobile Phones</p> 	<p>Please remember that children do not use their mobile phones on the school premises. This includes the KS2 playground at the beginning and end of the day. Could you please make sure your child knows that they should switch their mobile off as soon as they arrive at school? Thank you for your cooperation.</p>
<p>Considerate Parking</p> 	<p>If you bring your child to school by car, please park with consideration for pedestrians and our neighbours. Parking on the 'keep clear' zigzags is illegal, and also highly dangerous for any children or adults crossing Ponsonby Road. Any cars seen on these zigzags at the beginning or end of the school day will be reported.</p>



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<p>Bicycles and Scooters</p> 	<p>We encourage cycling and scooting to school, particularly now the warmer weather is on its way. Please remember the following rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear cycle helmets and reflective clothing at all times; • Remember that pedestrians (people walking) have right of way; • Be vigilant, responsible, careful and considerate of all other road users; • Please dismount your bicycle or scooter on the pavement outside school – DO NOT bring it into the playground; • Lock up your bicycle when it is at school.
<p>Slip, Slop, Slap!</p> 	<p>As the brighter weather comes along, please ensure your child becomes 'sun smart':</p> <p>Slip on a shirt;</p> <p>Slop on some sun cream;</p> <p>Slap on a hat.</p> <p>Please also make sure your child has their water bottle in school at all times to help prevent them from getting dehydrated.</p>
<p>Lunch Money</p>	<p>Please remember that, if your child has a paid school meal, lunch money needs to be paid every week, ideally on the Monday morning of the week they are having meals.</p>
<p>Information Sessions for Parents</p> 	<p>We will shortly be holding the following information sessions. Please come along to as many relevant sessions as you can:</p> <p>Family Support/SEND Coffee Morning Wednesday 20 April, 9am. An informal chat and information sharing session in the Reflection Room – tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.</p> <p>E-Safety Meeting Tuesday 3 May, 3.45pm. Find out ways in which you can keep your child safe online, particularly whilst taking part in interactive activities and social media.</p>
<p>PGL Meeting for Parents</p> 	<p>If your child is in Year 6, we hope they are looking forward to their trip to PGL in June. A letter with kit lists and permission forms will be sent to you next week, and we will be holding a second information session for parents on Wednesday 4 May at 3.40pm. Please remember that the balance of payments needs to be made by Friday 20 May.</p>
<p>Community Notices</p> 	<p>Family Activities at Children's Centres</p> <p>Eastwood and Granard are our local children's centres, offering a wide range of support and activities for parents and carers with babies, and children under five years old. Please visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis for more details, or phone Eastwood on 020 8871 5544 and Granard on 020 8785 1512.</p>

Dates for Your Diary

<p>Wednesday 20 April Parent Coffee Morning</p> <p>Monday 25 April School Clubs start</p> <p>Tuesday 26 April Year 3 start swimming</p> <p>Wednesday 27 April FGM Awareness Session 3.40pm</p>	<p>Monday 9 May Start of SATs Week</p> <p>Tuesday 3 May E-Safety Meeting 3.45pm</p> <p>Wednesday 4 May *NEW DATE* PGL Year 6 Parents' Meeting 3.40pm</p>
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Thank you for your support!