










Roehampton Church School

The Roe Know

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<p>Headteacher's Welcome</p>	<p>Dear Parents and Carers, we are now well into the preparations for the festive season and along with all the festive cheer come the coughs, cold and multiple viruses. Please read the section over the page on these and, if your child is too unwell to attend school, please let the School Office know as early in the morning as possible. I hope your family manage to stay fit and healthy, and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our great Christmas events. Best wishes, Mr Woodfin</p>
<p>Bells Ring Out!</p> 	<p>Our annual Christmas Carol Concert and Key Stage 2 performance, 'Bells Ring Out' will take place on Wednesday 16 December at 6pm. This is the one event in our Christmas Calendar that we expect all KS2 children, parents and carers to attend. If you cannot attend, for example if you or your child are unwell or already have plans that you cannot change, please let the School Office know in writing. Children in our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 and their parents are also warmly welcomed.</p>
<p>Parent Teacher Meetings</p> 	<p>How did you find booking the appointments using our new online system? Do you have any comments on the parent teacher meeting itself? You can now let us know by answering a few simple questions on https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2F8XYMF. The feedback from this will feed directly into our planning for next term's meetings.</p>
<p>Year 6 School Journey</p> 	<p>We have organised a fantastic residential trip for our current Year 6 children to PGL Marchant's Hill, in Surrey, where they have the opportunity to take part in adventurous activities, such as kayaking, trapeze, archery and talent shows. If your child is in Year 6, please return your slip and deposit of £40 by Monday 14 December. There is an information meeting for parents on Tuesday 8 December at 3.40pm.</p>
<p>Free School Meals</p> 	<p>Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following: Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance or Income-related employment and Support Allowance; Support Under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit; Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190); Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit or Universal Credit.</p>
<p>'Prevent' Training</p> 	<p>It is becoming increasingly important for parents and carers to be aware how children become radicalised. We have therefore set up 'Prevent' Training, to help inform us how this happens, and ways that we can prevent this from happening in the first place. The training will be held on Tuesday 19 January at 3.40pm in the School Hall. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.</p>
<p>School Safeguarding</p> 	<p>If you are visiting the School Office, please remember that the buzzer is currently out of action. This means that, when you press the bell, you will not hear the entry buzzer, however the door will open when you pull it. Our Premises Officer is aware, so the door should be repaired very soon. Thank you for your patience.</p>
<p>Learn to Type!</p> 	<p>Our children have been learning to type in their ICT lessons, which they have really enjoyed! Keyboard skills are increasingly important in today's world, and can hold them in good stead for their future. If your child would like to practice at home, or in their local library, there is a fun game that helps them learn at www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr</p>



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Infections and Illnesses



Head Lice:

If you think your child has head lice, these can be kept at bay by **regular conditioning and combing** with a special nit comb (available from chemists), or using medicated lotions or sprays available over the counter. If you do detect nits in your child's hair, please do not send them in until treatment has been carried out.

Coughs and Colds:

A child may attend school with a **minor cough and cold**. It is only children that have a severe and persistent cough that need to stay at home, in which case you should seek **advice from your GP**. When the cough is disappearing and your child is feeling better, they should return to school promptly.

Infectious Illnesses:

Please remember that, if your child does have an infectious illness, they need to **stay at home and visit the GP**. Regular and thorough handwashing staves off infectious illnesses, so please make sure your child learns how to wash their hands properly, and do this at least after every visit to the toilet. If they have vomiting or diarrhoea, it is school policy that they remain at home for **48 hours** after the symptoms have cleared. If you are in any doubt as to your child's illness, or would like further advice, please visit **NHS Choices** on www.nhs.uk, or you can ring 111 for non-urgent medical advice.

Community Notices



Roehampton Library: Storytimes for 3 to 5 year olds, Fridays 3.30 to 4.30pm. Listen to classic tales and exciting new stories, as you and your child explore the wonderful world of books with other families. <http://www.better.org.uk/libraries/roehampton-library>

Roehampton Festive Lantern Parade: Wednesday 9 December, 4pm to 6pm, outside the Library in Danebury Avenue. Decorations and music provide a warm welcome for everyone, please go along and join our Year 4 children in the parade and singing. You will be greeted by acrobatic elves, and hot chocolate and mince pies will be provided!

Christmas at Roehampton Church School



Thursday 10 December

KS1 watching Pantomime in School – Jack and the Beanstalk

Monday 14 December

Year 5 watching Pantomime at Ibstock Place School

Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 December

Foundation Stage and KS1 Nativity in School Hall 2pm to 3pm

Tuesday 15 December

KS2 watching Pantomime at Wimbledon Theatre – Peter Pan

Wednesday 16 December

Children's Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16 December

KS2 Performance in Church 6pm to 7pm

Thursday 17 December

The RoeChurch Christmas Jumper Day – please bring £1 for TextSanta

Friday 18 December

Christmas Carols in Church 9.15am (children finish school at 2pm on this day)

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!