

**Autumn Term
Newsletter 1**

Friday 14th September 2018

Secondary Transfer Details

A secondary transfer meeting for year 6 parents will also be held on Thursday 27th September at 3.45 in the bottom hall. This year's application procedure will be explained and local secondary schools will be making short presentations.

Parents of children in Year 6 need to make sure that all secondary transfer forms, indicating school preferences for next year, are received by Southwark by 31st October. This date also applies to parents who are applying for schools in other boroughs.

Applications are to be made online at www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Parents that would like help with completion of their application forms, should contact the school office where Jonathan Verity will be available to provide support.

Meet the teacher evenings

The children have settled really well into their classes with their new teachers. The first parents' evening of the school year will be held on Tuesday 25th September. This is an important opportunity for many parents to meet with their child's class teacher for the first time. Please make an appointment by speaking to your child's teacher in the playground at the end of the day, or by phoning the school office. Any parents who are unable to attend will be contacted with a given appointment time for a later date.

The Language Unit parents' evenings will be held on 24th-26th September. Further information will be given to parents shortly about the dates.

The children are now familiar with the marking system that we introduced last year and codes are stuck on the inside covers of their exercise books. Any comments that parents do not understand can be explained by the teacher at these meetings.

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Place 2 B counselling

Jo Mundy from Place 2 B is available to meet with parents on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for confidential talks or to provide counselling. Please ask at the school office for an appointment if you would like to meet with her.

Community safety

At John Ruskin we place a great emphasis on keeping children safe and on teaching them how to keep themselves safe from harm. Over the last year several events and talks have been arranged in order to help get this message across.

Some of the events include:

- Anti-gang and knife crime work shops
- Junior citizenship
- PSHE curriculum safety lessons e.g. anti-drugs, personal safety
- Visits from the police PCSOs and fire brigade
- Safety assemblies
- Road safety roadshow
- Anti-bullying week and lessons
- Place 2 Be counselling and Place to Talk
- Pupil Development Centre sessions
- E-safety lessons
- Talks with the school nurse

In addition to this, staff have also taken part in lots of training in this area including:

- Prevent
 - Anti-trafficking
 - Safeguarding
 - First aid
 - E-safety
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Birthdays

As we have a commitment to healthy eating at John Ruskin, please do not send in party bags with any birthday cakes your child brings in to school.

If your child does bring in a birthday cake to share with the class, please make sure that it has already been cut up into slices when they are given to the class teacher. Many children have nut or other allergies, so please be conscious of this if you are bringing any cakes into school.

Reception open days and parents' meeting

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2019, you have until 14th January 2019 to make your application. The reception classes will be holding open days for parents who would like to visit before completing their application form. Parents of nursery aged children are encouraged to come and meet the staff and view the classes on the dates and times listed below.

Wednesday 7th November at 9.30

Thursday 15th November at 1.30

We look forward to meeting our prospective children and their parents.

There will be a short meeting for parents of children in this year's reception classes straight after school on 20th September, in your child's classroom.

Routines and procedures for the reception year will be explained and advice given on resources that can be used to support your child's learning.

Year 5 School Journey

The year 5 school journey in March 2018 will be to the Arethusa Venture Centre. If you would like your child to take part, please return the form you received to the school office with a deposit of at least £30. Please note that there are only limited spaces.



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Year 2 assessment meeting

This meeting will be held on Thursday 4th October in the bottom hall at 3.45.
Information will be given on resources that can be used to support your child's learning this year.

Forthcoming Dates

Tuesday 25th September – Meet the teacher evening
Thursday 27th September – Secondary transfer meeting (3.45pm)
Thursday 4th October – Year 2 assessment meeting
Friday 19th October – Black History Assemblies (9.20)
Friday 19th October - Reward afternoon for children (1.30)
Friday 19th October – Last day of half term
Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October – Half Term
Monday 29th October – First day of new half term (school starts at 9.10)



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