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Autumn Term - Newsletter 1

Friday 20th September 2019

John Ruskin School celebrates 10 year anniversary of being 'Outstanding'

In January 2019, John Ruskin School reached the milestone of having been graded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted for ten years. This is a fantastic achievement for the school, as we are now one of very few schools in Southwark that can make this claim. Banners celebrating this achievement are now visible around the school.

To mark this anniversary, the Friends of John Ruskin will hold a commemorative event on Friday October 4th. This will be a celebration of our cultural diversity.

Congratulations and thanks to all the staff, governors, pupils and parents that have worked so hard to make John Ruskin such a successful school.

Secondary transfer

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.

A secondary transfer meeting for year 6 parents will also be held on Thursday 26th 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.

Year 5 School Journey

The year 5 school journey will be to the Kingswood Centre in Ashford, Kent in March 2019. 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. There are only limited spaces left

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Meet the teacher evenings

The first parents' evening of the school year will be held on Tuesday 24th 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 given an appointment for a later date.

The Language Unit parents' evenings will be held from Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th

New John Ruskin website

Our website will soon have brand new look. We hope that you find it even easier to use than the old one. Parents will receive notification when we move over to the new site.

Reception open days

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2020, you have until 15th 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 2nd October 2019 – 9.30am to 10.30am
- Wednesday 16th October 2019 – 9.30 to 10.30am
- Wednesday 6th November 2019 – 5.00 to 6.00pm
- Wednesday 20th November 2019 – 9.30 to 10.30am
- Wednesday 4th December 2019 – 9.30 to 10.30am
- Wednesday 8th January 2020 – 9.30 to 10.30am

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

Jeans for Genes Day 2019



We will be running a Jeans for Genes fundraising day on the 15th November to raise money for this charity, which supports children in the UK who are affected by life-altering genetic disorders. Events on the 15th will include children coming to school wearing their jeans for a £2.00 donation and collecting spare change. Parents can also give donations on a 'Just Giving' page. The children will be given a letter about this event soon and more information about it will be added to the school app shortly.

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Packed lunches and school dinners

Unfortunately, it is not possible for the children to switch between packed lunch and school dinners daily, as school dinners need to be ordered and booked in advance. Changes can only be made at the end of a half term

Cross Country Success

The children in the year 5&6 cross country team performed really well in the recent Southwark competition in Burgess Park, finishing second in the year 6 race and third in the year 5 race.

Four races were held over the 1500m course, with approximately eighty children, representing seven local schools, taking part in each. Scores were added together from boy and girl races to give year group winners and overall finishing positions. The children had practiced in school in preparation for the event and all did themselves proud by putting in maximum effort. It was really pleasing that every child managed to complete their race.

Special mentions must be given to Ismayil, who finished third, and Bai-Sheika second in the year 6 boys' race and to Junior, who finished third in the year 5 boys' race. Well done to all the children for their efforts and excellent sporting behaviour.



NSPCC fitness activities

Thank you to everybody who contributed to this last term. The children enjoyed taking part in a range of sporting activities and raised £350 for the NSPCC.

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Forthcoming Dates

Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th – Meet the teacher evenings (Language Unit)

Tuesday 24th September – Meet the teacher evening (main school)

Thursday 26th September – Secondary transfer meeting (3.45pm)

Friday 18th October – Black History Assemblies (9.20)

Friday 18th October - Reward afternoon for children (1.30)

Friday 18th October – Last day of half term

Monday 21st - Friday 25th October – Half Term

Monday 30th October – First day of Autumn term 2

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