

# Weekly Newsletter # 2 – 15 September 2023

# **Meet the Teacher**

Our first parent's meeting of the academic year is a 'Meet the Teacher' event. This will be on:

# Tuesday 26 September 2023

3.40 - 7.00 Main school classes (except vermilion and emerald classes - dates will be sent out next week for these as Mr. Thompson will be on paternity leave and Miss Cane will be on Jury Service)
3.30 - 6.00 Language Unit classes

At this first meeting your child's teacher will take the opportunity to meet with you and get to know your child better. They will ask you questions about your child, explain the term's curriculum and talk about how your child has settled in their new class and any needs they have identified for your child. So please do use this opportunity to help your child's class teacher get to know more about your child and give them any information that is important.

Appointments can be made from <u>Monday 18 September</u>, with your child's class teacher <u>after</u> school or by calling or emailing the school office during the day – 0207 7035800 or <u>office@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk</u>

We look forward to seeing you at our 'Meet the Teacher' event.

#### **Message from Public Health**

The start of the school year can be an exciting time, however on top of buying uniforms and pens, there are other important steps you should take to prepare your child for the new term.

1. Measles is spreading in London and can cause severe complications including brain damage. Children in schools in other parts of London have been affected. It's important to be aware of the symptoms and check if your child has been vaccinated with the MMR vaccine. If they haven't, contact your GP to book an appointment.

2. Flu season is approaching, while flu is just unpleasant for most children, in some children it can be more serious and lead to hospitalisation. Luckily, there is a safe and effective nasal spray vaccine available to protect your children from flu. It is offered in school by the school age immunisations team. If you would like your child to have the vaccine, get ahead and fill out the consent form today: <u>https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2023/southwark</u>





#### Year 6 Secondary School Transfer Meeting



There will be a meeting for all parents to discuss the <u>Year 6 tests (SATs) and secondary transfer on **Thursday 21 September** at <u>3.45pm in the bottom hall.</u></u>

All Year 6 parents have now received information regarding the Secondary School transfer meeting and application process. Secondary Schools in Southwark are holding a number of Open Days throughout September and October. You can find dates of the Open Days via the link - <u>Secondary School Open Days 2023</u>

# **Party Bags**

Pre-cut birthday cakes may be sent into school for the class on your child's birthday. Please ensure cakes are completely nutfree as some children are allergic to these ingredients. Birthday cakes must be pre-cut, as this is very time consuming if done in class. Please do not send in party bags as we do not distribute these in class.

# **Missing Jumper**

Please can you check if your child has accidentally taken home the wrong jumper. The missing jumper is labelled Ayub Ali. If your child has taken this jumper by mistake, please return it to the office. Thank you





#### **Individual Pupil Photos**

The school photographer will be taking individual pupil photos this term on the following dates:

Main School, John Ruskin Nursery and Language Unit

#### **Brandon Nursery**





# Southwark Council Newsletter

The latest edition of the Southwark Council newsletter has been released today - <u>https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSOUTHWARK/bulletins/36f28ac</u>



The newsletter contains useful information on what is happening in the borough including the Open House Festival, the Urban Elephant Festival, adult learning courses, activities and advice for children and families, health updates, funding opportunities and general updates about the Borough





New Girls Football Team in Southwark







#### Key information for week commencing 18 September 2023

Monday 18 September 2.00-2.30 Burgundy swimming

Tuesday 19 September10.00-10.30Year 3 swimming10.30-11.00Year 3 swimming

Thursday 21 September3.30Year 6 national test and secondary transfer meetings for parents

Friday 22 September 2.00-2.30 Vermilion swimming

#### **Forthcoming Dates**

Meet the Teacher parents evening Tuesday 26 September; 3.40pm to 7pm

Black History Month October 2023

Individual Pupil Photos – Main School/John Ruskin Nursery/Language Unit Thursday 19 October

Individual Pupil Photos – Brandon Nursery Friday 20 October

October Half Term Holiday Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October

Book Fair Thursday 9 to Wednesday 15 November; 3.30pm to 4pm, Bottom Hall

Anti-Bullying Week – Theme 'Make a Noise' w/c Monday 13 November

Road Safety week – Theme 'Let's Talk About Speed' w/c Monday 20 November

