



Thank you to all those parents who attended Parents' Evening on the telephone. I hope you found the appointments useful. Please do speak to your children's teachers again if you have further queries. We will email out the parent questionnaire next week.

## Coronavirus Update

We continue to be extra vigilant in school to ensure all of our covid-safe procedures are in place. The most important thing with children is regular handwashing. A reminder that if there is a positive case in school, it is probable that the year group would have to isolate at home for 2 weeks. Our remote learning plan is on the school website and we would give you more information if this happens.

Judy has been getting information from all parents regarding digital access at home, in case we have to isolate. Thank you for your help with this.

## Relationships Education

The Government have updated its requirements for how schools teach Relationships Education. I have attached the school's draft policy for your information. As part of a questionnaire I will be sending out to parents, there will be an opportunity to give your feedback to this policy. Please speak to me or Mrs Kennedy if you have any questions about this.

## Library Challenge

Roehampton Library are running their usual Summer Holiday Reading Challenge during the Autumn this year, which means every child in Year 1 to Year 6 can participate in school! The challenge will run Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021. During this time, children must read 6 books of their choice and record the completion of each book in their school Reading Diary. On successful completion of the challenge, each child will receive a medal and a certificate. Miss Durston will give the children full details and launch the Reading Challenge in a whole school assembly on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## School Improvement

This week, Mrs Harwood, Mrs De Mel and Miss Durtson have met to discuss Early Reading. It is one of our whole school improvement priorities this year and all staff completed phonics training last week. We are looking at ways to make our phonics teaching more consistent across the school and different ways to help parents to support reading at home.

## Diwali

I hope that all families who are celebrating Diwali enjoy their celebrations over the weekend. Children can wear their Diwali clothes in school on Monday.

## Reading Volunteers

Can you spare a few hours a week to become a reading helper at our school? Our school is working with a charity called Coram Beanstalk to recruit and train volunteer reading helpers who can spare an afternoon or two a week to come in to school. As a reading helper you would hold reading sessions with some of our children on a one-to-one basis, giving those that need it extra support to practise reading skills outside of the classroom. For more information, visit the website at [www.corambeanstalk.org.uk](http://www.corambeanstalk.org.uk). To apply to become a reader with us, complete a Beanstalk application form at [www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/register-now](http://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/register-now). Alternatively, please speak to Miss Durston for more information.

## Attendance

If your child had 100% attendance in Autumn 1, you are receiving a letter today. We don't feel we can give the attendance badges at the moment because of covid but we want to acknowledge the effort that so many families are making with their children's attendance. If your children have been absent due to medical appointments or isolating with covid symptoms, we have discounted this from your attendance records.

|                                     | Events   | Clubs              |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November    | Children who have celebrated Diwali over the weekend can wear their Diwali celebration clothes to school | No clubs this week |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November   |  |                    |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November | Craig Jenkins (virtually) to Year 3  |                    |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November  |  |                    |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November    |  |                    |