

THE ROCHE SCHOOL

Dear Parents,
2009

22nd January

January brings the climactic tests that Year 6 pupils take for their secondary schools. Once these tests are over, the balance tilts a little towards other aspects of their education. Each year group has educational visits planned for this term such as a day trip to France, a visit to Gunnersbury Museum, The Polka Theatre, the Saatchi Gallery, The National Archives, the skating rink, the Science Museum and the V & A Museum. As in previous years there will be an Easter Bonnet competition on the last day of term.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2010	ends 25 th March
Half-term	15 th – 19 th February
Summer Term 2010	22 nd April – 8 th July
Bank Holiday	3 rd May
Half-term	31 st May – 4 th June
Autumn Term 2010	8 th September – 16 th December
Half-term	25 th – 29 th October
Long weekend	19th – 22nd November
Spring Term 2011	12 th January-31 st March
Half-term	21 st – 25 th February
Summer Term 2011	27 th April – 13 th July
Half-term	30 th May – 3 rd June

Other dates for your diary

28 th January	Thursday		Coin collection in aid of Haiti (Home Clothes)
8 th February	Monday	5.30 p.m.	Yr 4 (Miss Kelda and Miss Sarah) production (children go home at 12.50)
15 th - 19 th			Half-Term
26 th “	Friday	8.45 p.m.	First Fete Meeting - all parents welcome
2 nd March	Tuesday	9.15 a.m.	Miss Christelle’s Assembly production
3 rd “	Wednesday	4.30 p.m.	Yr 5 parents meeting re: Secondary Transfer
5 th “	Friday	2 – 4.15 p.m.	2 nd Hand Sale and Peter Jones visit
8 th “			French Week
10 th “	Wednesday		French Breakfast (details to follow)
11 th “	Thursday	5.30 p.m.	Yr 3 (Mrs Jane) production (children go home at 12.50)
16 th “	Tuesday	5.30 p.m.	Miss Geraldine’s Production (Children go home at 12.00)
18 th “	Wednesday	2 p.m.	Concert
19 th “	Friday	4.30 p.m.	Netball. Mums v Teachers v Yr 5/6
25 th “	Thursday	Half day	Last day of term – Easter Bonnet competition Home clothes or fancy dress to be worn

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Coin Collection in Aid of Haiti – Thursday 28th January

No one can be immune to the horrors going on in Haiti and The Roche School would like to raise money to help by seeing if we can cover the whole playground with coins. So please raid your piggy banks, purses and pockets and bring in as much change as you can. The coins will be collected in each classroom and there is a prize for the class that collects the most - so dig deep. **Home clothes to be worn**

First School Fete Meeting – Friday 26th February

Calling all parents! Please come along to this first meeting at 8.45 a.m. The idea is to find 2 parent representatives from each class who will organise a stall (advice on stalls can be given) and seek the aid of the other members of the class to man it on the day or collect articles for it. This is a good opportunity to help the school and to meet other parents. We are also looking for a group of volunteers to run the fete raffle this year. Anyone interested please contact Sara Reynolds 07802 711187 or the school office.

School Uniform Sale – Friday 5th March 2 – 4.15 p.m.

A representative from Peter Jones will be visiting the school to take orders for Summer Uniform and Sportswear. There will also be a second-hand uniform sale of both summer and winter uniform. More details will be sent out closer to the time.

Teachers/Mothers/Yrs 5 & 6 netball matches – Friday 12th March

For all those ex-netball team mums - time to come and see if you can beat the teachers' team (some not known for their netball skills) and ultimately the Yr5 /6 team, followed by tea. More details will be posted on the notice board closer to the time.

Sports Fixtures

Friday 29 th January	Yr 6 girls	Hockey	Hurlingham	3.00 p.m.	Park
“ “	Yr 5/6	Tag Rugby	“	“	Park
Friday 5 th February	Yr 5 girls	Hockey	Hurlingham	3.00 p.m.	Park
Tuesday 9 th “	Yr 4	Football	Sussex House	2.15 p.m.	Bat. Park
“ “ “	Yr 4 girls	Hockey	Hurlingham	3.00 p.m.	Park
Tuesday 23 rd “	Yr 6	Football	Sussex House	2.15 p.m.	Bat. Park
Saturday 27 th “	Yr 2	Prospect House Football Tournament		9.15 p.m.	Barn Elms
Tuesday 2 nd March	Yr 5	Football	Sussex House	2.15 p.m.	Bat. Park
“ “ “	Yr 4	Hockey	Hurlingham	2.15 p.m.	Park
“ “ “	Yr 4	Tag Rugby	“	3.30 p.m.	Park
Friday 5 th “	Yr 5	Hockey	“	3.00 p.m.	Park
Monday 8 th “	Yr 1	Football	Finton House	2.00 p.m.	Away
Tuesday 9 th “	Yr 4	Tag Rugby	Hurlingham	3.30 p.m.	Park
Friday 12 th “	Yr 6	Hockey	“	3.00 p.m.	Park
“ “ “	Yr 5/6	Tag Rugby	“	3.00 p.m.	Park
“ “ “	Yr 5/6	Football	Dolphin School	2.00 p.m.	Away
“ “ “	Yr 6	Finton House Netball Tournament		11 a.m.	Away
Monday 15 th “	Yr 5/6	Royal Russell Netball Tournament		1-4 p.m.	Away
Tuesday 16 th “	Yr 5	Newton Prep. Hockey Tournament		2 p.m.	Away
Wednesday 17 th “	Yr 6	Newton Prep. Hockey Tournament		2 p.m.	Away
Tuesday 23 rd “	Yr 3/4	Dolphin School Football Tournament		2.00 p.m.	Away
“ “ “	Yr 2	Finton House Football Tournament		1.30 p.m.	Away

There will also be inter-house Football and Netball for years 2-6

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Physical Education

If you feel your child is well enough to attend school but may not be well enough to attend either indoor gym or outdoor games please write a note to that effect to the office which will let the games teachers know. Children will not usually be excused from games unless they have such a note and it should refer to the day in question. Games and Gym are designed to improve children's team skills and coordination so please, before writing the note, do satisfy yourself that your child's poor health really does justify the request for exclusion. If your child is excluded from going to the park due to illness they should be picked up before the games lesson starts. Many thanks.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – General Health

If your child is unwell, please do not send him/her to school. There are always bugs around and often a period of recuperation is necessary. Many thanks! All medications should be handed into the office with a note and should be entered in the medicine book. Any absences must be phoned through to the office, otherwise we are bound by law to mark the absence “unauthorised”.

Absences from school for reasons other than ill-health

Please write to the office well in advance to request permission. For us to authorise such absence we need the date and reason. We are required to record and account for unauthorised absences. If you are contemplating a period of absence for your child, it may be helpful to seek the views both of the class teacher and the principal as to its likely educational effect. The teachers can helpfully outline the topics to be covered but of course this may well not compensate properly for the absence from lessons especially for pupils who need plenty of explicit guidance and practice.

Notification of Leaving

If your child is leaving at the end of the summer term could you please let us know **in writing** a.s.a.p. or at the very latest **by the 1st day of the summer term (22nd April)**. This will not be necessary for the Year 6 pupils.

Staff News

Juliet Calabrini has recently been admitted to Trinity Hospice. She thanks you all for your kind support and good wishes.

With best wishes for the rest of the spring term,

James Roche and Gail Landon