

# THE ROCHE SCHOOL

17<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Dear Parents,

We trust that children who have recently joined us are now feeling at home. They seem to be settled and it is a pleasure to see so many cheerful faces around the school. We hope that all the classes are enjoying working with their new teachers. The 11+ seem to relish their roles at the top of the school.

As usual it promises to be a busy term with parent meetings, drama productions and sporting fixtures. There has already been a social evening and syllabus talk for parents in the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 which was enjoyable and informative. There are trips planned to The Chelsea Theatre (Reception and Year 1), Hindu Temple (Year 3) British Museum (Year 2 and 3) and a jazz band will be playing in assembly.

## Dates for your diary

26 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday	Home Clothes Day in aid of Ashanti Development (details below)
27 <sup>th</sup> “	Saturday	Open Morning for prospective parents (see below for details)
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday a.m.	Individual Photographs (siblings will be photographed together) <b><u>School Winter uniform</u></b> to be worn (bring in sports kit if they do games)
9 <sup>th</sup> “	Thursday	Harvest Festival (donations welcomed from Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> )
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> “		HALF-TERM
30 <sup>th</sup> “	Thursday	Second Hand Sale (2 – 4 p.m.)
31 <sup>st</sup> “	Friday	Year 3 production (9.15 a.m.) *
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Mon - Wed	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parent-Teacher meetings
17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> “	Mon - Thurs	Years 3 – 6 Parent-Teacher meetings this week
21 <sup>st</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> “		LONG WEEKEND HOLIDAY
27 <sup>th</sup> “	Thursday	Year 1 production (9.15 a.m.) *
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Monday	Choir and Orchestra Concert (2 p.m.)
2 <sup>nd</sup> “	Tuesday	Reception production (5.30 p.m.) **
4 <sup>th</sup> “	Thursday	Year 2 production (5.30 p.m.) +
10 <sup>th</sup> “	Wednesday	Carol Service at All Saints Church Wandsworth (2 p.m. )
Date to be confirmed		Parents Quiz Evening
12 <sup>th</sup> “	Friday	End of Term - school finishes at lunch time

\* 9.15 a.m. Assembly plays. Your child must be in school by 8.45 a.m. Please note that you will not be able to park in the playground during these assemblies.

\*\* 5.30 p.m. Productions - Children in Mrs Geraldine's and Miss Christelle's classes will go home at 12.00 and return at 4.45 p.m.

+ 5.30 p.m. Productions – Mrs Antoinette's class will go home at 12.50 p.m. and return at 4.45 p.m.

The last day of term is a half day and the school closes at lunch time. Children may come in home clothes or fancy dress. Finishing times will be posted on the board nearer to the time.

## Non Uniform Day – 26<sup>th</sup> September

We will be supporting this charity by holding a non uniform day. For a small donation your child can come to school in home clothes (suggested donation £1+). Please see attached notes concerning this worthy cause.

## Harvest Festival – 9<sup>th</sup> October

If you would like to bring in donations for our Harvest Festival could you please do so on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> or the morning of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October. All donations will be passed on to the Salvation Army who then distributes the food to the needy in Wandsworth.

## Parents Quiz Evening

Mrs Sulola (who happened to be on the winning team last year) has very kindly volunteered to run a parents' quiz evening. Details will be sent out in due course when a date has been arranged.

### **Reports and Individual Parents' Meetings**

We send out written reports at the end of each term. After half-term this term there will be individual parent/teacher meetings to discuss the children's work and progress. Lists of available times for each teacher will be placed in the entrance lobby closer to the time.

### **Open Day**

We are holding a Saturday Open Day on the 27<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Thank you to all the children, staff and parents who are taking part.

### **Morning break and Lunches**

A reminder please, especially in these health conscious days, that sweets and chocolates are not allowed in school, it can cause disagreements at the lunch table and is of no great nutritional value. Canned fizzy drinks are also not allowed.

Following government guidelines it is suggested that an ice-pack is included in the lunch box especially during hot weather. Senior children are **only** allowed to bring fruit as an alternative to the biscuits that are available at break time.

### **Start and End of School Day**

As the children are now familiar with their surroundings and feel more settled we would be grateful if parents no longer escorted their children up to classrooms in the mornings. This time is used to settle the children into their work and to begin listening to readers. Messages can be given either to Glenis Clark or Juliet Calabrini or in a note for the teacher. Juliet, Glenis or a classmate can take up any reluctant children. Supervision is available in the Science Lab on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor from 8.30 to 8.40 a.m. after which the children can go up to their classrooms.

If you would like to discuss your child's work and welfare please do not hesitate to see the class teacher at the end of the day. You are also welcome to see the classroom and the workbooks at that time. If you wish to see the teacher please park off site. PLEASE no cars in the playground after 4.25 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays because of netball clubs. On other days the back door will be locked at 4.30 p.m.

When collecting your children please supervise them carefully when they are in your charge; obviously children are not then allowed in the playground unsupervised and should be escorted to and from cars. Parents/carers must sign their children out of late class, staff are not allowed to hand them over to other children.

On days when the children go to the park please could they be collected from school and not directly from the park except if they are staying in the park to do a club. This is to avoid the possibility of any misunderstanding.

### **House Points/Demerit Marks**

House points are awarded for effort and achievement in all aspects of school life to promote a positive attitude. Certificates are also awarded each week in assembly to praise good work, effort and behaviour.

Demerit marks are given for bad behaviour where verbal admonishment needs to be reinforced and for poor or non-performance in class or homework. Five such marks gained during the academic year means that the child is required to attend detention on the following Friday from 3.30 - 4 p.m. (Lower School) or 4.15 - 5.15 p.m. (Upper School). It is important that children grasp the seriousness both of a demerit mark and a detention.

### **Homework**

Every class has a regular programme of homework. If you have any doubts or questions please see your child's teacher at the end of the school day or Juliet Calabrini/James Roche.

### **Nit Checking**

Following the success of previous years' programme we have placed a nit check rota in the entrance hall.

### **Day Book**

Please notify either the class teacher or the office, in writing, if there are any changes to collection plans. These will be entered in the Late Class Book so that the teachers on duty can be sure about arrangements. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter. If a child is collected late, the person collecting the child is asked to write his/her name to sign the child out.

### **Cars**

We would like to thank all those parents who help to minimise congestion in the mornings and would draw the attention of new parents to the following, thus ensuring that we do not upset the Borough Council and the local residents: -

1. Approach the school from Putney Bridge Road only and PLEASE do not queue in the centre of the road as it blocks it! You will need to drive round the block if you cannot enter the playground to prevent traffic jams and to avoid annoying the locals.
2. Once inside the gates please draw up to the new white stop sign as this allows 2 cars to wait.
3. NO LONG STAYS in the playground as we need the turn around to be quick both morning and afternoon.
4. If siblings finish at different times, please do not wait in the playground
5. If you wish to see any of the staff please park off the premises.
6. On leaving the school playground please **TURN LEFT**
7. No waiting opposite in the driveways to the flats and houses.
8. No stopping on the school yellow lines during school hours.

We are very grateful for your co-operation.

### **Uniform**

The children may continue to wear summer uniform until half-term but must change to the winter uniform after that.

### **Games kit**

Please ensure that your child has the proper games kit and that they have it on the correct days. Failure to do so may gain them a demerit mark. The teachers decide, depending on the weather, if an item of clothing is needed or not (e.g. track suit trousers). See lists below:

#### **Lower School** (Mrs Geraldine, Miss Christelle, Mrs Emma, Miss Julie)

Plimsolls in navy bag (to be left at school)

Navy shorts

White polo shirt with The Roche School Logo

Navy hooded tracksuit with The Roche School Logo

Trainers

Puffa (when the weather is colder)

#### **Upper School** (Years 2 – 6)

Plimsolls

Navy shorts

White polo shirt with The Roche School logo

White rugby shirt with The Roche School logo (to be worn after half-term)

Navy hooded tracksuit with The Roche School Logo

Trainers

Navy football socks

Shin pads (needed as they play hockey as well as football)

Football boots (if a dedicated footballer)

Puffa (when the weather gets colder)

All children in the upper school (7+ classes and above) **must** be wearing the uniform rugby shirt to go to the park after half-term. The rugby shirt is for the upper school only and should be worn as it is warmer than the polo shirt for the cold winter days to come!

### Spare Clothes on Wet Games Days

Could all children in 7+ and 8+ who come to school in their games kit bring a change of uniform. This is to ensure that if they are caught in the rain whilst in the park they can change into dry clothes.

### Sports Fixtures

The following matches are scheduled for this term, some matches may be added if other schools telephone to fill their fixtures list.

Date	Sport	Against	Year	Start	
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Football	Fairley House	5/6	2.00 p.m.	Home
30 <sup>th</sup> “	Netball	Thomas’s Clapham	5	4.15 p.m.	Away
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Netball	Hurlingham	5	3.00 p.m.	Park
“ “	Football	Hurlingham	5	“	“
7 <sup>th</sup> “	Netball	Hurlingham	3	2.00 p.m.	Park
“ “	Football	Hurlingham	3	“	“
“ “	Netball	Hurlingham	4	3.00 p.m.	Park
“ “	Football	Hurlingham	4	“	“
10 <sup>th</sup> “	The Roche School Soccer Tournament		6	1.30 p.m.	Barn Elms
13 <sup>th</sup> “	Netball	Thomas’s Clapham	6	2.15 p.m.	Home
14 <sup>th</sup> “	Netball	Thomas’s Clapham	4	2.15 p.m.	Away
“ “	Football	“ “	5	4.30 p.m.	Away
17 <sup>th</sup> “	Netball	Hurlingham	6	3.00 p.m.	Park
“ “	Football	Hurlingham	6	“	“
31 <sup>st</sup> “	Netball	Hurlingham	5	3.00 p.m.	Park
“ “	Football	Hurlingham	5	“	“
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Football	Thomas’s Clapham	6	2.15 p.m.	Home
4 <sup>th</sup> “	Netball	Hurlingham	3	2.00 p.m.	Park
“ “	Football	Hurlingham	3	“	“
“ “	Netball	Hurlingham	4	3.00 p.m.	Park
“ “	Football	Hurlingham	4	“	“
7 <sup>th</sup> “	Football	Dolphin	5/6	2.00 p.m.	Away
10 <sup>th</sup> “	Football	Eridge House		To be confirmed	Home
“ “	Netball	Eridge House		To be confirmed	Home
11 <sup>th</sup> “	Football	Thomas’s Clapham	4	2.15 p.m.	Away
“ “	Netball	Newton Prep	4	3.00 p.m.	Home
“ “	Netball	Putney High	5	4.00 p.m.	Away
14 <sup>th</sup> “	Netball	Hurlingham	6	3.00 p.m.	Park
“ “	Football	Hurlingham	6	“	“
22 <sup>nd</sup> “	Netball Tournament Thomas’s Clapham		5	9.30 p.m.	Away
28 <sup>th</sup> “	Netball	Thomas’s Clapham	3	2.15 p.m.	Home
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Football	Dolphin	3/4	2.00 p.m.	Away

### Staff News

We would like to welcome Julie Barker (Year 1), Sarah Maun (Year 3) and Kelda Hunter (Year 4) to the teaching staff. Katie Bradley and Katie Woodward are both expecting their second babies and will be on Maternity leave soon.

We wish you a very successful term and look forward to meeting you at the various functions.

Yours sincerely,

Juliet Calabrini and James Roche

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