

Dear Parents,

The spring term has already been busy with many children sitting their 11+ examinations. We are gradually getting the results which are a credit to the hard work of the pupils and teachers. Educational visits planned for this term include an overnight trip to France, Wimbledon Synagogue, an Anglo Saxon and Viking workshop, New Barn, The National Gallery, an Ice-skating Rink, the Science Museum, Gunnersbury Museum and the Senior Choir are singing at the O2 arena. As in previous years there will be an Easter Bonnet competition on the last day of term.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2012	11 th January – 28 th March
Half-term	13 th – 17 th February
Summer Term 2012	19 th April – 6 th July
Bank Holiday	7 th May
Half-term	4 th – 8 th June
Autumn Term 2012	6 th September – 13 th December
Half-term	22 nd – 26 th October
Long weekend	16th – 19th November
Spring Term 2013	9 th January – 27 th March
Half-term	18 th – 22 nd February
Summer Term 2013	17 th April – 4 th July
Bank Holiday	6 th May
Half-term	27 th – 31 st May

Other Dates for Your Diary

February			
1 st	Wednesday	4.15	Yr 5 parents meeting re: Secondary Transfer
6 th – 10 th			Poetry Week
22 nd	Wednesday	9.15	Year 5 Assembly
24 th	Friday	8.45 a.m.	1 st Fete Meeting - see details below
March			
5 th -9 th			French Week
5 th	Monday		Baguette Lunch & French Workshop (details to follow)
8 th	Thursday		French Breakfast (details to follow)
13 th /14 th	Tuesday/ Wednesday		3.30 – 5.30 Lower School Parent meetings – lists will be put up in the entrance hall closer to the time
16 th	Friday	2 –4.15	2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
19 th – 23 rd			Book Week
21 st	Wednesday	5.30	Mrs Jane’s & Miss Kelda’s production (Year 3 to go home at lunchtime 12.50)
22 nd	Thursday	2 .00	Choir and Orchestra Concert
27 th	Tuesday		Year 1 Victorian Day
28 th	Wednesday	Half day	Last day of term – Easter Bonnet Parade and competition. Home clothes or fancy dress to be worn

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First School Fete Meeting – Friday 24th 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 get involved and meet other parents anyone interested please contact Sara Reynolds 07802 711187 or the school office.

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 first day of the summer term (19th April)**. This will not be necessary for the Year 6 pupils.

Morning Reminder!

Please try to avoid escorting your child to his/her classroom at the start of the school day. Children are encouraged to come upstairs independently after 8.30am and organise their own belongings etc.

School Uniform Sale – Friday 16th March 2 – 4.15 p.m.

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.

Labels for Uniform

Mrs Khan has very kindly registered the school with a company that will give a percentage of sales on all labels that are bought by parents of The Roche School. Please order through www.easy2name.com Leaflets and samples are available in the office. Remember - named school uniform is usually returned to its owner

Communications

During this term we will be sending home forms giving communication details that are held on your child/children. You will be asked to update the form where appropriate and return it to the office. This is to enable us to email communications.

Building Works

The building contractors' latest programme states that works are due to finish at the end of May, and in spite of previous delays, they are confident of keeping to this date. Certainly the structural and more intricate parts of the project are now completed.

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”.

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 so that the games teachers know as well as the class teacher. Children will not usually be excused 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.

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Nit Checking

Nits/headlice can be a problem if not dealt with promptly. A nit check rota has been placed on the notice board in the entrance hall and we would really appreciate it if any parent or nanny could spare half an hour once a term to check the children's heads in their child's year. As is the schools policy if a child has headlice they will be sent home to be treated.

Sports Fixtures

January					
Friday 27 th	Hockey	Hurlingham	Years 4/5	2.00	Away
“ “	Netball	Dolphin School	Years 5/6	2.00	Park
Tuesday 31 st	Tag Rugby	Knightsbridge	Years 4 & 5	2.50	Park
February					
Friday 3 rd	Tag Rugby	Knightsbridge	Year 6	2.50	Away
Tuesday 7 th	Hockey	Hornsby House	Year 5	3.30 -5.30	Away
“ “	Football (G)	Tournament	Year 6	10.00 – 2.00	Away
Wednesday 22 nd	Netball	Tournament	Years 4/5/6	10.00 – 2.00	Away
Friday 24 th	Hockey	Hurlingham	Year 6	3.10	Away
March					
Friday 2 nd	Netball	Eaton House	U8 2 Teams	2.15	Park
Wednesday 7 th	Tag Rugby	Hurlingham	Year 4	2.00	Park
Tuesday 13 th	Hockey	Hornsby House	Year 6	3.30 – 5.30	Away
“ “	Football	Tournament	Years 3/4	2.00	Away
Wednesday 14 th	Netball	Royal Russell	Years 4/5	1.00	Away
Friday 16 th	Football	Tournament	Years 5/6	2.00	Away
Tuesday 20 th	Football	Dolphin School	Years 3/4	2.00	Away
Saturday 24 th	Netball	St James	Year 4	9.00 – 1.00	Barn Elms

Staff News

We welcome Mrs Helen and Louise Gilmartin back from maternity leave and also Miss Olga to Year1. Mr Pete is running a marathon in support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society and would welcome your support please see the notice board in the entrance hall for full details

With best wishes for the rest of the spring term,

Mrs V Adams
Head