

Keswick House Nursery

Newsletter

Week beginning 15th May 2023

Dear Parents

We hope you all enjoyed the celebrations of the Coronation which is finally behind us. We certainly did at school; the children were involved in making crowns, making silhouettes of the King's face and most of all the children were very keen to show off their crowns during our garden parade. Any opportunity to dress up always makes the day more enjoyable!



Upper Nursery News

We have enjoyed a very busy and interesting few weeks at school. The children enjoyed celebrating St George's Day, creating still life pictures of roses. They have also enjoyed learning all about the Buddhist festival of Wesak; we watched a parade and the children were fascinated by the beautifully decorated elephants. As a result we set out the small world elephants and some water colours and had a try at this ourselves. In nature studies we made sensory playdough, exploring the scents of fresh basil and lemon zest. The children used scissors to chop the leaves, releasing all of the lovely oils and fragrances. We really recommend trying this activity at home too.

The big celebration was the Coronation of King Charles III and the children have really enjoyed learning about and being part of this historic moment. It prompted wonderful conversations too. The children used red and blue tissue paper to create their own silhouettes of the King, which look absolutely fabulous and the end result has made a beautiful wall display.

The children have been in a very artistic mood recently and have enjoyed showing off their fast-developing pencil control through activities with stencils, as well as by using the whiteboards to show us all just how far along their writing has come. We have also been practising the loopy movement that will form the written letter 'e', one of the trickier letters to write. Great job, all!

During Phonics we have been focusing on our 'Sound of the Week' and also practising some CVC word blending. During Mathematics we have explored numbers and amounts by building towers and we have also been looking at different shapes both 2D and 3D in the environment.

The children were excited to decorate their box for the Toy Museum board, adding their special toys and talking about them.





Lower Nursery News

The children continue to happily explore all that is on offer.

As the milder weather holds, we are spending more time in the garden. The children are keen to use the newly uncovered equipment as well as the sand pit and the mud kitchen where wonderful social interactions can be seen.

Dance lessons are still a huge hit with the little ones; they are happy to follow the instructions given and use their imagination to further develop their fine and gross motor skills whilst going on numerous adventures. They need hardly any prompting and are very vocal, often offering creative ideas.

Last week our garden was covered with lots of Union Jack flags, in celebration of the coronation of King Charles III. We looked at who he is and what was going to happen on the Coronation Day. The children enjoyed dressing up and wearing crowns before joining in with their Upper Nursery friends in the garden for a parade. The children really enjoy being with the Upper Nursery.

To celebrate Florence Nightingale birthday, the children learned about her lifetime achievements, improving the care of sick and wounded soldiers. We mentioned that she lived a long time ago when there was no electricity so she used a lamp to tend to her nursing duties in the night. The soldiers nicknamed her the “Lady with the Lamp.” We looked at and named

simple medical equipment such as syringe, stethoscope and thermometer and our class communication box is full of medical equipment!

In Phonics we introduced the letter sounds “c” and “k”. The children made crown and kites to support their learning. We also continue with blending CVC words and recognition of their written name.

For our “Splish, splash, splosh” project these past two weeks, we have been learning a few fun facts about sea creatures such as turtles, jellyfish and whales. We looked at their habitat, diet and way of life, followed by exciting art and crafts which will be displayed in the classroom for all to see.





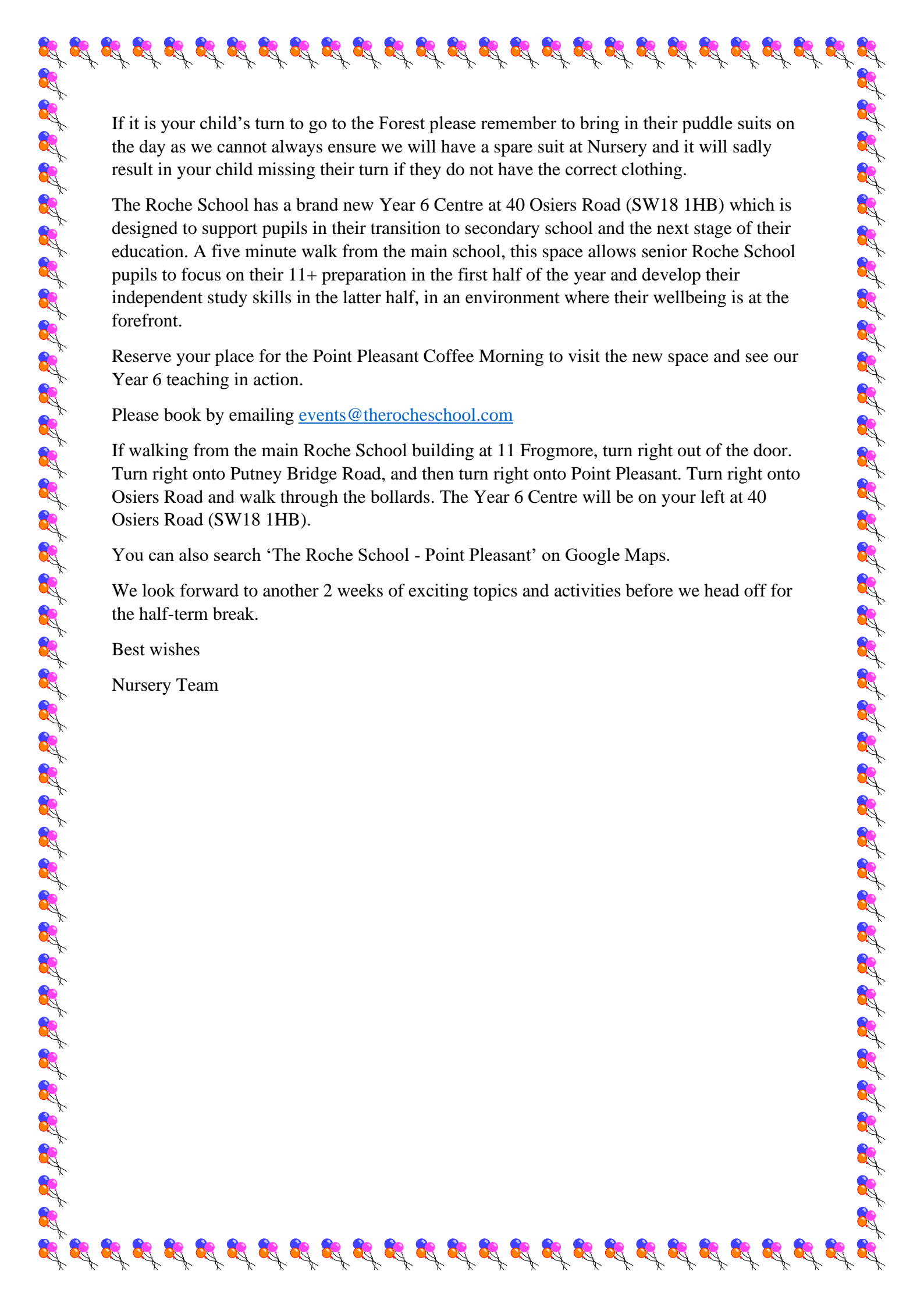


Finally.....

Could we please remind parents to hand in their trip consent forms as soon as possible and to let Mrs Lisa know if you are able to come with us on the day.

After half-term children should come to Nursery in their summer school uniform please. As we are hoping for lovely summer weather could we ask parents to bring in named sun hats and apply sun cream before children come to school.

Please can you ensure that your child's blue shoe bag is fully stocked with spare underwear, socks, clothes and baby wipes. We will be sending all shoe bags home so that you can check on the supplies.



If it is your child's turn to go to the Forest please remember to bring in their puddle suits on the day as we cannot always ensure we will have a spare suit at Nursery and it will sadly result in your child missing their turn if they do not have the correct clothing.

The Roche School has a brand new Year 6 Centre at 40 Osiers Road (SW18 1HB) which is designed to support pupils in their transition to secondary school and the next stage of their education. A five minute walk from the main school, this space allows senior Roche School pupils to focus on their 11+ preparation in the first half of the year and develop their independent study skills in the latter half, in an environment where their wellbeing is at the forefront.

Reserve your place for the Point Pleasant Coffee Morning to visit the new space and see our Year 6 teaching in action.

Please book by emailing events@therocheschool.com

If walking from the main Roche School building at 11 Frogmore, turn right out of the door. Turn right onto Putney Bridge Road, and then turn right onto Point Pleasant. Turn right onto Osiers Road and walk through the bollards. The Year 6 Centre will be on your left at 40 Osiers Road (SW18 1HB).

You can also search 'The Roche School - Point Pleasant' on Google Maps.

We look forward to another 2 weeks of exciting topics and activities before we head off for the half-term break.

Best wishes

Nursery Team