

24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back after the half term break to all students and their families.

### **Our BIG READ 2017**

This half term every student, member of staff and governor will be presented with their own personal copy of '**Northern Lights**' written by **Philip Pullman**. It is the first book in the 'His Dark Materials' trilogy and is an acclaimed novel. Mr Pullman won both the Carnegie Medal for British children's books and the annual Guardian Children's Fiction Prize for Northern Lights. A feature film adaptation of the book has been released, as well as a video game. It is also available as an audio book.

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day is March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students will see many members of staff dressing up as a character from their favourite book. Students will try to work out which character or book they are representing and submit their solutions for a chance to win a book voucher.

### **Books for sale**

Each day from Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a selection of books for sale in the library at lunchtime and after school. All books will be priced between £3 and £10. A wide variety of books to suit all ages and tastes will be on sale.

### **Book Swap**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, the annual Rokeby Book Swap will be taking place for both staff and students. This will be held in the Dining Hall at 3:15pm. Students will be able to bring in a book that they have previously read, and enjoyed, and swap the book for another book, free of charge. Our 'BIG' book swap is a really fun opportunity to get your hands on a book for DEAR time!

### **Diversity Month**

February is Rokeby's Diversity Month. Throughout the month, students and staff are celebrating their differences and commonalities with a range of activities including a P4C session and special assemblies. The library has a new stock of books focussing on diversity, so please encourage your son to explore these titles and broaden his reading.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Please remember that your son needs to be in school every day before 8.30am, ideally by 8.15 am. Please avoid taking your son out of school for any reason. If he is not in school every day on time, his learning will be affected.

**Keep up to date with all news and forthcoming events**

Lots of important information such as term dates, events, uniform details and curriculum details can be found on the Rokeby website. You can visit it at [www.rokeby.newham.sch.uk](http://www.rokeby.newham.sch.uk)

**Dates for this half term**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Year 11 Conference

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 10 Parents' evening, 3.30 – 6.00 pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Spring Concert, 4 pm

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March– Year 11 mocks 2

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Last day of the spring term for students

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – First day of the summer term

**Finally...**

Please help us to keep our students looking smart and ready to learn by following the uniform guidelines (details in your son's planner and on the website).

Thank you for your continued support throughout this academic year.

Charlotte Robinson  
Headteacher