

Dear children and families

CARNAVAL IS BACK!

After half term, **22nd - 25th of February**, we are going to celebrate a Spanish style Carnival in our two schools.

What is Carnival?

Carnaval is a celebration a week before Lent begins (Lent starts on Ash Wednesday – this year its 2nd of March).

People think it started as a way to celebrate and eat delicious food in preparation for lent when people ate basic food and no meat. You can see the word Carnival has “Carni and va” which is like saying “Meat go away” ... Carnival in Spain normally means a big street parade with everyone dressing up for a party in their favourite costume. In schools, they often spend the week making their own costumes for the parade, and they have a Carnival King or Queen that visits them each day of Carnival Week to set up a rule that everyone has to follow.

In our schools we have our own Carnival Queen, who will be sending us videos to let us know what the “rule” will be for the next day. Furthermore, children will do little carnival related activities in class so to prepare for the big fiesta on Friday, when everyone will be wearing their favourite costume. These rules will be easy enough for everyone to follow without putting too much time into them or needing to buy anything.

The first video is coming out today! So, we can tell you that the first rule to follow on **Tuesday, 22nd** of February is... To **come to school with your face painted!** It can be a full face, or just makeup, a moustache, unibrow.... Be creative and most importantly, **have fun!**

You can learn more about Carnival and watch last year’s videos on our website:

<https://www.ccht.rbkc.sch.uk/learning-at-home/carnival/>

Best Wishes,

Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Rose, and Miss Aina.

