



**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

This fantastic weather we have been enjoying has meant that children have been out and about, learning in the school grounds and beyond. I do hope the spring sunshine continues so that you will all be able to spend some time over the next two weeks enjoying the great outdoors and all it has to offer. We all worry about our children over-using technology, so it would be fabulous to think we can put away iPads and Xboxes, and get outside to burn off some of those Easter eggs! We wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter.

### Au revoir

The Junior children were sorry to say goodbye to Mr Gladwell yesterday. Although he has only been working with us for a year, he has worked with children from Year 1 to Year 6 and has been really flexible in fitting in where he was needed. Unfortunately for us, he needed a full-time role that we could not provide, and we wish him well at his new school.

### And welcome (again!)

We are very pleased that Mrs Vaughan has agreed to step into Mr Gladwell's shoes, especially at such short notice, and she will be working with many of our Junior children next term. She is well known to the children and staff as she has helped us out as a teaching assistant and lunchtime lady many times over the past couple of years. It's good to have you back, Mrs Vaughan!

### Parent Governor

You should have received information about the election of two parent governors. We were very pleased to receive an application from Simon Hurst who is willing to renew his term of office. However, we still have a vacancy for a parent governor, and we would be delighted to hear from you. It is a voluntary position that involves representing the views of the parent body of the school. If you want to find out more about this fantastic opportunity to become involved in school management and future direction, pop in to see Mrs Bradford or Mrs Chamberlain, or ask in the office for contact details for Sarah Portway or Richard Barrett who used to be parent governors, Simon who is a parent governor, or Paul Dove who is a parent as well as a governor! It is a role that carries real responsibility, but training is provided and it is a very rewarding and enlightening challenge.

**See you back in school  
on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

### Congratulations ...

... to Mr and Mrs Davies (Mrs Davies of Kingfishers!) who are having a baby in August, a little brother or sister for Eddie. We are delighted for them all. Mrs Davies is planning to be with us until the end of the Summer Term, and we will be advertising for her maternity cover when we return to school in April.

Have you visited our website recently at [www.roydonprimary.co.uk](http://www.roydonprimary.co.uk)?

There's a huge amount of information on there, including the new building plans.

### Photographs

Today your child should have brought home an order form for their class photo (two for Year 6). The proof you receive only shows your child (apart from the Year 6 group photo), although the whole class picture showing all the children can be seen at [www.tempest-groups.co.uk](http://www.tempest-groups.co.uk) & type in Roydon into the search criteria box. Alternatively all the prints, including the Year 6 group photo, can be seen in the hall before and after school from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

### Are you one of those people ...

... who tells the office ladies that you KNOW you shouldn't hand money in to them, but do it anyway? They don't like to tell you that it adds a huge amount to their workload, complicates their systems and puts them in a difficult legal position. So please don't.

### Building Work

Hmmm! You will probably have noticed that our hedges and many trees have disappeared, and now we are told there are plans for the fences. Our neighbours have been assured that plans are being submitted any time now, and the Local Authority is still hopeful that contractors will be moving on site to start construction work in the summer holidays. Guess what – watch this space!

# Reasons to celebrate

## Persistent absentees

You may remember that 'persistent absentees' are children whose attendance falls below 90%. We are pleased to have sent out fewer letters this term, and I want to thank those parents who have made a special effort to make sure their children are in school on time every day. They have shown a real commitment to improving their children's well-being, as well as their education.

## FoRPS

The ladies have been busy again this term raising money through discos, Mother's Day posies (£74) and the Easter Fair (£329.80) all in a good cause – your children's education! Thank you ladies!

## Prize Draw

Well done to the final six children for getting into the prize draw this morning: Lewis, Ellis, Jack A., Jack Ta., Alexander and Daisy.

## And the winners are ...

Kamile, Lilli M., Lucas C., Ruby, Lexi C. & Nicole W. who will be going to Norwich on the train to go bowling next half term.

## Quiz masters

Rosie, Cara, Hugo and Jake have proved what geniuses they are in the Diss area primary schools Rotary quiz! They cruised through this round and will be competing against winners from other clusters next term. Well done, and good luck!

## Sporting Achievements

Our netball and football teams have done us proud! They spent a day at the high school this week, practising skills in the morning and competing against local schools in the afternoon. In netball our A team beat our B team into second place overall, and in football the A team celebrated first place while the B team were pleased to be third overall. Thanks to them for being great ambassadors for our school.

## First class dining!

Imagine fine dining EVERY DAY! That's what the school dinner children enjoy, courtesy of our fabulous kitchen ladies. Visitors are always impressed by the quality of the food and the appetising presentation, including the governors who visited us last week. Yesterday 183 children enjoyed an Easter Special, and Stevie W., Elsa, Thomas R., Lacey, Sam E., Ethan, Ffion and Oli B. were pleased to win a chocolate egg in the lunchtime draw. Thanks for organising all that, ladies!

## Governors

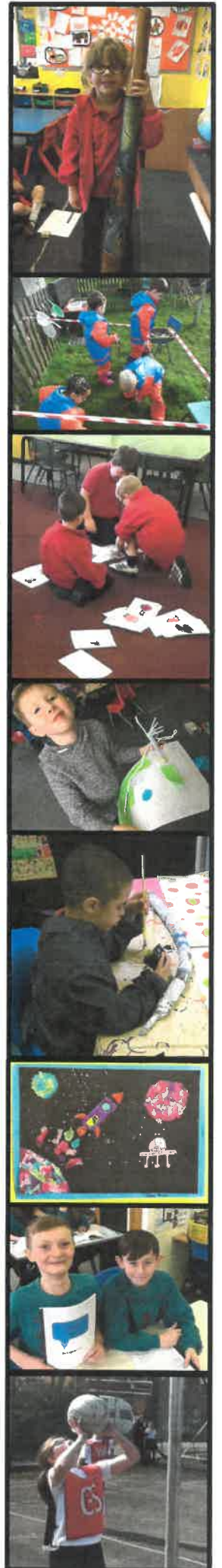
It has been wonderful to see so many of our governors so much this half term. They have visited classes, observed lessons, looked at policies, completed trainings, attended meetings ... the list goes on. Some of them even take annual leave from their jobs to come and see us – that's how committed they are! We are very grateful to them for all they do to oversee your child's learning and well-being.

## Learning outside the classroom

It has been great to see the children outside using the school grounds to support their learning. Going further afield we haven't seen much of Badgers and Squirrels this week. They went to explore Framlingham and Orford Castles on Monday to see all the features of castles that they have been learning about (thanks to FoRPS for their financial contribution to this visit), and yesterday they spent a lovely morning extending their scientific knowledge at Quaker Wood. These learning experiences are a very powerful way of consolidating teaching and learning in the classroom.

## And more ...

The Kingfishers have spent a day at the high school learning to play Quicksticks, an introduction to hockey, and Foxes had a chance to spend a day playing tag rugby. Well done also to Grace, Lacey and Jack C. who came back from the Norfolk county swimming gala final adorned with gold, silver and bronze medals!



## Dates for your Dairy

### April

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school LA inform new Reception parents of school place allocation
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis taster session for all children
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Canon Billett in for Walk & Talk
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	All Juniors visiting Theatre Royal, Norwich to see 'Running Wild'

### May

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm FoRPS' Beetle Drive
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs week (Year 6 SATs breakfast Monday – Thursday)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm New Parents' Information Evening
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4 Girls' football @ DHS
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 residential to Ringsfield Hall 6.30pm Year 6 parents' Sex Education meeting
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 back from Ringsfield Full Governors' meeting
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am – 2.45pm Years 4, 5 & 6 Kwik Cricket @ DHS
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Woodpeckers & Hedgehogs visiting Lopham Fen
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	FoRPs Discos
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term

### June

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Canon Billett in for Walk & Talk
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Enterprise Afternoon
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1/2 Phonics screening
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Family Breakfast Year 1/2 Phonics screening Whole school photograph
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Family Breakfast Seaside Special Lunch
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	FoRPS' Family Fun Evening
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am – 2.45pm Year 3 & 4 Athletics @ DHS
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 – 4.00pm Cluster Rounders for Years 4, 5 & 6 @ DHS
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school visiting Royal Norfolk Show
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 – 11.30am Induction morning for New Reception children

### July

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 transition fun event @ DHS FoRPS' Summer Fair
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Canon Billett in for Walk & Talk
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Shuffle-up Morning: New Reception children in Year 6 transition day to DHS
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day: am - Juniors, pm - Infants
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Owls & Otters visiting the Houses of Parliament
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am – 2.45pm KS1 Cluster sports picnic @ DHS

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Busking Day  
BBQ Lunch  
Sports afternoon for new Reception children

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day: am – Juniors, pm – Infants

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Full Governors' meeting

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Final Achievers' Assembly  
FoRPS' Discos

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Leavers' assembly  
END OF THE TERM AND YEAR 😊😊😊😊😊😊