



Thursday 19th October 2017

What a very busy half term we have had, what a lot we have done, and what an amazing amount we have achieved! The staff have worked so hard to keep the teaching and learning of the highest quality it can be, and have supported each other to create excellent teams who work effectively together. The children have worked so hard to settle quickly into their new classes and routines, and to make the best use of their learning time. If we have achieved this much by October, what will we have achieved by July?

Welcome ...

... to our new Reception children. You have become such confident members of our school we find it difficult to remember that you have only just joined us. We hope you are enjoying being part of our Roydon family. Keep working hard and keep smiling a lot!

More newcomers

We are enjoying working with Miss Vale, Mr Gillen, Mrs Farrant, Miss Shea, Mrs Kington and Miss Gray this term. Just like the Reception children, they have fitted in really well and are working really hard and smiling a lot! Glad to have you on board.

Bouncing babies!

We loved meeting Ralph Davies earlier this term when Mrs Davies brought her new baby in to say hello, and we hope to see him again soon. We said a temporary goodbye to Mrs Bennett two weeks ago and await her good news. On a sad note, Mrs Bowen has decided not to come back to work at Roydon, instead staying at home to look after Tom. BIG thanks to Miss Willer for agreeing to be Foxes permanent teacher on Thursdays and Fridays.

Have you visited our website recently at www.roydonprimary.co.uk?

Blogs

Sorry about our blogs at the moment. We are having a problem with the app we use. All technological issues should be resolved in the next couple of weeks.

Our lovely office ladies ...

... are not allowed to take money into the office unless it is more than £30 in cash, in which case it needs to be signed for in your presence. Please stop putting them in a very uncomfortable position – saying 'I know I shouldn't' does not mean you can. You know who you are, and so do we.

The Lost World of Lost Property

- Please come and check the lost property cupboard because it is full to bursting.
- Please name all items of clothing and check every week that the name is still clear
- Please return any items that your child accidentally brings home that do not belong to them
- Thank you!

SATs

May seems a long way off, but could we ask that you do not arrange for your child to be out of school at all during that month. **All** children carry out assessments at that time and it is vitally important that all the children are in school for these.

Plimsolls

You will see on Heads Up that new health and safety guidelines state that plimsolls are no longer considered to be appropriate footwear for PE. Children should have bare feet for dance and gymnastics, trainers for 'high impact' activities such as games and keep fit, and trainers for outdoor sport. Please do not rush out to buy new trainers until your child has outgrown their plimsolls, but if you could make sure your child has different footwear for indoors and outdoors from after half term, it would be very much appreciated. Please see your child's class teacher if you are unsure what your child needs for PE.

Unwanted visitors

You know that sinking feeling when you get the orange leaflet to say there are headlice in your child's class? After half term we will be sending a leaflet home to help you get rid of them – and stay rid of them – as long as EVERY parent and carer follows the advice and checks their child's hair regularly. Please check your child's hair over the next week and ask your pharmacist for advice if you find headlice so that we can start next half term as we mean to go on.

Reasons to celebrate

Advice and support

We are very lucky at Roydon to benefit from the work and dedication of some people around us. Our Governors continue to take their responsibilities seriously in ensuring we provide the very best for your children. They attend meetings to discuss all aspects of school life and come along to events to talk to staff and parents about their work in school.

All welcome!

It was lovely to see so many people at our MacMillan Coffee Morning raising £212.54 for cancer support, and to meet some of the children at our Open Mornings who will be joining us in September next year.

Summer fun!

Do you remember School Council's Summer Fun Day last term? The shed for which they were raising money has been delivered – thanks to the reps for their hard work! Any offers of help to put it up? Please let the office know if you are feeling strong!

Prize Draw

Well done to the final children into the prize draw this morning: Reggie and Josh M.

And the winners are ...

Daniel, Luke W., Connor, Leo, Lucas and Reggie who will be enjoying a visit to the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary next half term.

Overseas

Enormous thanks, as always, to the staff who took the Year 6s for an unforgettable week at Little Canada. Mr Santy, Miss Leftley, Miss Stannard, Mr Gillen and Mr Stannard – I owe you a week!

Sporting prowess

Already we have taken part in two Cluster sporting events. Well done to all the Foxes who took part in the cross-country, and the 6 who are through to the next round. Congratulations to our netballers who came third overall and are also through to the next round.

Financial support

In these times of reduced budgets, we are absolutely indebted to the work of the tiny FoRPS committee. It seems so unfair that the responsibility for raising such enormous amounts of money to enhance the education of 250 children should fall on the shoulders of so few. Perhaps we could all make an extra effort to support the many events they organise during the year.

Glitter and glue

Thank you to all the family and friends who came in to help make our Christmas cards in September! It was great to see so many parents coming along to meet the teachers, as well as getting into the Christmas spirit! Thanks to your orders we have made £228.50 in commission!

Parents' Evening

Please do try to pop in on our informal parents' evening on Wednesday 1st November. Teachers will be available to talk to you about how your child has settled into their new class, and what they have been and will be learning. Very importantly you will also have a chance to share your children's learning and successes as they show you their books. We look forward to seeing you then.

A season for giving

We are delighted to be supporting the Samaritan's Purse Charity Shoebox Appeal again this year. Some of the staff have come up with the idea of collecting items for collaborative shoeboxes so that families can donate 1 or 2 items rather than a whole shoebox. Look out for leaflets in book bags and more details will follow next half term.

Out and About

To support their learning in the classroom, children have been out and about. As well as the week Year 6 spent on the Isle of Wight, Badgers and Squirrels spent a very happy morning at Quaker Wood learning about seasonal change and minibeasts, and all of the Junior children have enjoyed an Evacuee Experience in North Norfolk. MANY thanks to all the staff who put so much time and effort into organising these events.



Dates for your diary

October

Monday 30th Back to school
Tuesday 31st pm Mrs Bradford – Maths Hub Mastery Project in Norwich

November

Wednesday 1st 8.00 – 10.00am Miss Vale – Assessment for Learning course in Norwich
3.30 – 5.00pm Parents' Open Evening

Thursday 2nd am Miss Leftley & Mrs Bradford - data course in Norwich
3.30pm FoRPS' meeting in Hedgehogs

Friday 3rd Mrs Campbell – NPQH course in Cambridge
pm Miss Stannard, Mrs Clarke & Mr Santy – assessment briefing in Norwich

Monday 6th 10.10am Canon Billett in for Walk & Talk
12.15pm Families' Lunch for Years 1 & 2

Tuesday 7th 12.15pm Families' Lunch for Years 3, 4 & 5

Wednesday 8th 12.15pm Families' Lunch for Reception & Year 6

Thursday 9th 4.00pm KS1 Cluster maths moderation @ DIS

Friday 10th am Cluster Multi-skills Festival for all Year 2 @ DHS
3.20pm Otters & Owls cake sale

Monday 13th pm Junior rehearsal @ the village hall

Tuesday 14th Mrs Brown – SEND PE course in Norwich

Thursday 16th 8.00 – 10.00am Miss Vale – Behaviour Management course in Norwich
Olympian visit – the BIG reveal!!
am Diss Museum talking to Year 5
3.00pm Governors' Personnel Committee

Friday 17th Children in Need toy sale – details to follow

Monday 20th Dr Hunt (DHS) in for Walk & Talk
pm Junior rehearsal @ the village hall

Tuesday 21st 8.00 – 10.00am Miss Vale – English course in Norwich
Karate taster session for all children

Thursday 23rd am Mrs Chamberlain & Mrs Bradford– HT & Govs Cluster meeting @ Bressingham
4.15pm Governors' Resources Committee meeting

Friday 24th Mrs Campbell – NPQH course in Norwich

Sunday 26th FoRPS' Lakeside shopping trip

Tuesday 28th pm Decoration afternoon

Wednesday 29th all Infants – Norwich Playhouse to see 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'

Thursday 30th pm Juniors' dress rehearsal for school

December

Friday 1st am Olympian visiting
6.00 – 8.00pm FoRPS' Holly Fayre

Monday 4th 9.00am Badgers & Squirrels' dress rehearsal for school
10.10am Canon Billett in for Walk & Talk
6.30pm Junior Christmas performance @ the village hall

Tuesday 5th 9.00am Hedgehogs & Woodpeckers' dress rehearsal for school
4.00pm EYFS Cluster moderation @ Bressingham
7.00pm Choir performing at Mayor's Carol Concert @ Diss Corn Hall

Wednesday 6 th	9.00am Hedgehogs & Woodpeckers' Christmas performance)	No pre-school
	2.15pm Badgers & Squirrels' Christmas performance) children at these
	6.30pm Junior Christmas performance @ the village hall) performances
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	2.15pm Hedgehogs & Woodpeckers' Christmas performance	
	6.30pm Junior Christmas performance @ the village hall	
Friday 8 th	4.15pm Full Governors' meeting	
w/b Monday 11 th	'Safety Week'	
Wednesday 13 th	Children's Christmas Lunch	
Thursday 14 th	5.30 – 6.30pm KS1 FoRPS' disco	
	6.45 – 8.00pm KS2 FoRPS' disco	
Friday 15 th	3.20pm Rabbits, Foxes & Kingfishers cake sale	
Tuesday 19 th	Christmas Jumper Day	
	End of Term – HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!	



January

Wednesday 3 rd	Staff training day
Thursday 4 th	Children return