



Friday 9th February 2018

I have lost count of the number of people who have told me recently what a lovely school we have at Roydon. They comment on the children's positive attitude towards their learning, the way they look after each other and support each other, their good manners, the friendly atmosphere, and the fact that the children are allowed to be children. Of course it is most important that children make good progress in their learning, but we believe that that is down to them having fun and enjoy the opportunities offered to them. What a 'happy family' we are!

Congratulations ...

... to Mrs Brown who now, officially, has the NPETCS qualification! This means that she is a teaching assistant who is qualified to teach PE to children of all ages. She is our 'Sports Co-ordinator' and we want to say a massive thank you for all the work she has been doing so that all our children can take part in Cluster sporting events. She also drives minibuses for us again and again and again! Thank you, Mrs Brown!

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

Shin pads

Have you got any spare, or do you know someone who has? We have now been asked to make sure children have shin pads for some Cluster sporting events, and we would appreciate any donations. Thank you.

Community Behaviour

Do you know what your child does after school? Of course it is important for them to socialise with their friends, but they are not making a nuisance of themselves, are they? They aren't upsetting our neighbours, are they? They aren't putting their lives at risk by playing dangerous games, are they? It might be worth just checking.

Don't believe all you hear

Does your child ever come home and tell you something that we have said or done and you think it is OUTRAGEOUS? Well, the chances are we probably haven't! Could we ask that you come in to find out the full story and finer details before you believe everything you are told? Not one member of staff would do anything that doesn't have the children's best interests at heart. We are in this profession to do the best for every single child, and we use our enormous experience to decide how to deal with different situations. We are professionals and you need to trust us to do the best for your children. It is our legal responsibility and we take it very seriously.

Home Packed Lunches

Could we just remind parents of our plea that children do not bring chocolate bars in lunchboxes. The general rule is if it is the biscuit aisle that's OK, if it is in the confectionary aisle, save it for eating at home. Many thanks.

Building work

I hesitate to say this, but it does appear that work will start on site on Monday! Morgan Sindall will set up their site compound over the holidays, and begin work to prepare for the relocation of the mobile classrooms over the Easter holiday. To start with, the disruption will be to the EYFS outside area as they lay the power and data cables so that the mobiles (if they do not fall apart!) can be 'plugged in'. There will be a newsletter from Morgan Sindall coming home soon and they intend to keep in touch with staff, children, parents and neighbours throughout the project.

Maths Mastery

This year we have started a project that changes the way we teach maths to the children in Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers. It involves the children exploring numbers in many, many different ways so that they have a 'deep' understanding of everything to do with numbers to five before they move on to numbers to ten. It is a method that is used very successfully in places like Singapore and Shanghai. If a child really understands how to manipulate smaller numbers they will find it easier when they come to use larger numbers. As a result, you may find that children are not working with two-digit numbers when they can count to 100 and more. Don't worry - they are still being challenged, but in the way they use numbers rather than how high they can count.

Reasons to celebrate

ForPS

My goodness, our committee are working hard to find innovative ways to raise money to support your children's learning. PLEASE support them by attending these events, because they are all designed to be fun for those taking part. The next one is the Family Afternoon Tea on Friday 9th March at 3.30pm. Don't forget to send your order form back and we'll see you there!

Brush-makers

We are very grateful to the team from Diss Museum who are working with some of our older children in a series of free stop-frame animation workshops. They are also organising a fully-funded visit to Wymondham Museum. What a brilliant experience for our children!

Extra-curricular

Mrs Brown has also been organised for people to come in to offer sporting taster sessions for children throughout the school. The Heywood ran a day of activities to demonstrate to the children the range of after-school clubs that are available to them. In addition all the Year 1 children have enjoyed an afternoon of cricket, and all the Year 2s will have a chance after half term.

Lunchtimes clubs

The Year 6s and Year 2s have been very enthusiastic about the lunchtime clubs that Mr and Mrs Bobbins have been running. Next term it is the Year 5s and the Year 1s who will be able to take part. Please do make sure your child has full outdoor PE kit in school if they would like to take part. No need to sign up – just turn up!

Online payments

Online payments are now up and running again. Download the Pupil Asset app and then you make payments using a debit or credit card. There is a minimum payment of £10 that sits in your account waiting for you to allocate it to dinners or trips. For example, if you pay £10 in, you can then decide to pay £6.00 for a trip and £4.00 for lunches. Relevant trips should appear, but remember, you will need to pay in at least £10 before you can allocate any money for different activities.

Happy Half Term

We hope that you all enjoy a lovely holiday next week and that the weather is kind enough to allow you to get out and about!

Class Assembly

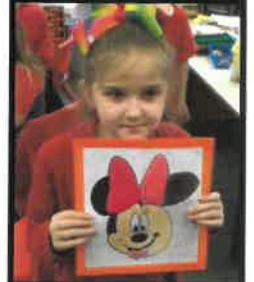
Well done and thank you to Otters for their superb class assembly yesterday morning. The parents who came certainly looked like they enjoyed it, and I'm sure we all learned something. Rest assured that they didn't really scoop out Katie's brain when they mummified her!

Tree-planting

Many thanks to Angela Lamb for inviting our Kingfishers to help her with her tree-planting. The afternoon ticked lots of boxes in the children's learning – outdoor learning, growth, seasonal change, community working, being children ... Thanks for the opportunity!

Cluster events

This half term has seen children taking part in the next round of the inter-school athletics competition after which they each received a certificate. This morning all the Year 1 children went to Diss High School to take part in a Dance festival with other schools in the local area.



Dates for your Diary

February

Monday 19 th	School Nursing Team to check Reception sight & hearing
Tuesday 20 th	Badgers & Squirrels visiting the Sea Life Centre
Thursday 22 nd	School Nursing Team to check Reception sight & hearing 4.15pm Governors' School Effectiveness Committee
Friday 23 rd	Miss Leftley & Mr Santy visiting Bawdsey Manor
Monday 26 th	am Owls/pm Otters to Redgrave and Lopham Fen
Wednesday 28 th	County cross-country final for one child @ Holkham Hall

March

Thursday 1 st	Digital Leaders to Get Gaming! Festival @ Norwich
3.00pm Governors' Personnel Committee	
Friday 2 nd	Year 4 Kingfishers – Quicksticks hockey @ DHS
Monday 5 th	Bethany & Benjamin road safety sessions with Year R Year 1 Step On It road safety training in the car park
Tuesday 6 th	9.00 – 12.00pm Miss Vale – well-being workshop @ Norwich Year 1 Step On It road safety training in the car park & on pavements
Wednesday 7 th	Year 1 Step On It road safety training on pavements
Thursday 8 th	4.15pm Governors' Resources Committee
Friday 9 th	Class photos 3.30pm Family Afternoon Tea
Monday 12 th	Rabbits – tag rugby @ DHS
Friday 16 th	3.30pm School Council's water bottle sale (details to follow) 4.15pm Full Governors' meeting
Thursday 22 nd	9.30am Mrs Bradford & Mrs Chamberlain – Cluster HTs & Governors meeting @ Dickleburgh 5.30 – 6.30pm KS1 FoRPS' disco 6.45 – 8.00pm KS2 FoRPS' disco
Friday 23 rd	Year 5 & 6 – Netball/football tournament @ DHS
Monday 26 th	Anglian Water talking to Years 5 & 6 about the water cycle
Tuesday 27 th	3.20pm FoRPS' Easter Egg Hunt
Wednesday 28 th	Silly Sock Day for Autism 4.15-5.45pm Mrs Bradford – HT termly briefing @ Sprowston Manor Last day of Spring Term

April

Monday 16 th	Summer Term starts
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May

Thursday 3 rd	'The Big Sing' for all Juniors @ Carrow Road
Monday 7 th	May Day holiday
Thursday 10 th	9.30am Mrs Bradford – Cluster HTs' meeting @ Garboldisham
Monday 14 th	SATs week
Wednesday 16 th	Year 4 to Ringsfield Hall until Friday
Thursday 17 th	Miss Stannard visiting Ringsfield Hall
Friday 18 th	4.15pm Full Governors' meeting
Monday 21 st	Year 5 & 6 cricket tournament

Thursday 24th 5.30 – 6.30pm KS1 FoRPS' disco

6.45 – 8.00pm KS2 FoRPS' disco

Monday 28th Half term holiday

June

Monday 11th Phonic Screening week

Mrs Walsh – Cluster SENDCo day

Thursday 14th 3.00pm Governors' Personnel Committee

Wednesday 20th 4.15 – 5.45pm Mrs Bradford – HT termly briefing @ Sprowston Manor

New intake meeting for Year 6 @ DHS

Thursday 21st 4.00pm Governors' School Effectiveness Committee meeting

Friday 22nd pm Enterprise Afternoon

Monday 25th Year 5 & 6 rounders tournament

Tuesday 26th 9.30am Mrs Bradford & Mrs Chamberlain – Cluster HTs' and Governors' meeting @ Scole

Wednesday 27th Norfolk Show Day

Thursday 28th 4.15pm Governors' Resources Committee meeting

Saturday 30th 12 – 2 FoRPS' Summer fayre

July

Wednesday 4th Sports Day – am KS2, pm EYFS & KS1

Thursday 5th Key Stage 1 Cluster Picnic

Friday 6th am Shuffle Up (Year 6 to DHS)

Tuesday 10th Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 11th 10.45am Busking Day & BBQ lunch

Friday 13th Mrs Portway & Mr Barrett spending the day in school

4.15pm Full Governors' meeting

Thursday 19th Last swimming session for Year 5

5.30 – 6.30pm KS1 FoRPS' disco

6.45 – 8.00pm KS2 FoRPS' disco

Tuesday 24th 9.00am Leavers' Assembly

1.30pm whole school assembly

Last day of the school year