



Monday 2nd April 2018

We have over thirty teachers and teaching assistants at Roydon Primary School, every one of whom comes to school each day to provide the very best support for your children in all the ways they can. They are professionals who want the best for your children. My staff are fabulous, knowledgeable, and highly skilled; they know your children inside out and upside down, and they know how best to support them in school. They may not have time to tell you all the things they do to help them, but I can absolutely assure you that not one of them would leave a child to suffer; not one of them would ignore a child in need; not one of them would overlook the needs of an individual child. You need to trust us that we are doing the best for your children. Honestly!

Goodbye

We were so sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Brown last term who has started a new job at Pulham Primary where she will be using her PE expertise for more of the week than she was able to do at Roydon. She has exciting times ahead of her and we wish her all the very best (and we have instructed her to keep in touch!). Thank you so much for all you have done for us!

Building work

Have you seen what a mess our builders are making?? However, we will let them off because they are doing an amazing job, despite the fact that snow, rain and mud stopped play! The moment we have all been waiting has happened over Easter – THE MOVING OF THE MOBILES! Now that part of the project has been completed, work has started on the multi-use games area on the field, and the new staff car park. Around the summer half-term holiday they will start on the construction of the new building. We are in close communication with all those involved, and we welcome Morgan Sindall's active involvement with the school. They are incredibly accommodating chaps!

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

Please do comment on the blogs – the children love to read them and it is lovely to know you have visited!

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome on board Ms Thompson who will be working as a teaching assistant in Owls class. We hope she will be happy working as a member of our team.

HEADLINES

Special Achievers

We know that there are some parents who were disappointed by my decision to change Special Achievers assembly. However, I am delighted by the feedback we have received about our new class assemblies. So far, parents of children in Otters, Kingfishers, Badgers and Squirrels have enjoyed seeing the range of work the children have been doing, rather than a one-off snapshot. Look out for details of the other classes.

I'm alright, Jack!

You know when someone does something unbelievable and you despair that they could be so stupid? You would never do anything like that, would you? So how come we have so many parents who think it is OK to park dangerously and put our children's lives at risk? When it hits the headlines that a child has been killed outside our school, will that make them realise how selfish their parking is?

Impact on the community

I know that there is some concern about the impact the building work will have on the local community. If you would like to see the plans, please go to: <http://eplanning.norfolk.gov.uk/PlanAppDisp.aspx?AppNo=Y17/2017/7013>. The environment is and will be an important factor throughout these works, even down to the fact that the men found a hibernating hedgehog under the decking and everyone swung into action to rescue it!

Pupil Asset

We are really sorry that some of you have experienced problems with Pupil Asset, our new communication and online payment system. At the end of this financial year we were able to bring a number of our contracts under one roof, from contact information to children's assessments and tracking of their progress. Apart from the fact that this will save the school a huge amount of money (that can be spent on your children's learning instead), it will make our in-house systems more effective. Mrs Plowman and Pupil Asset are working closely together to iron out the hiccups that you are experiencing, but we are assured that all will be well in the end. Please bear with us.

Reasons to celebrate

ForPS

Our committee absolutely cannot stop raising money to support your children's learning! Thanks to all those who came along to the Easter Egg Hunt. A fabulous £323.90 was made through a family event, rather than a chocolate-fest! Great news, and well done yet again ladies for all your hard work!

School Council

School Council would like to thank you for your support at their water bottle sale. They made £100 from the sale of 98 water bottles and this will go towards the concrete base for the shed for which the School Councillors raised money last summer. Well done folks and thank you!

Sporting Achievements

Well done to Phoebe, Oslo, Grace, Jack and Darcie for their amazing achievements in the swimming pool, and to Rabbits for their participation in the cluster tag rugby event. Year 5 & 6 did themselves proud claiming most of the top spots in the cluster football and netball festival.

Taster sessions

Mrs Campbell and Mrs Brown have been busy making sure that our Sports Grant is going to good use. All the children have tried judo this half term, and the Year 1s and 2s tried cricket. Years 1 and 5 had the chance to try lunchtime sports with Mr and Mrs Bobbins as well.

World Book Day

Snow was not going to stop us from celebrating World Book Day! Check out the class blogs on the website and the school Facebook page to see how we rose to the occasion.

A Belated Happy Easter!

We hope that you all enjoyed a lovely holiday and got to spend some time together with family and friends

Extra-curricular learning

What a lot of learning our children have been enjoying outside the classroom. At the last Governors' meeting they were amazed by everything that we fit in to the children's week as well as literacy, numeracy, topic, etc. etc. Otters and Owls have been learning about rivers at Redgrave & Lopham Fen, and Squirrels and Badgers have been exploring scientific aspects of their learning at Quaker Wood and the Sea Life Centre. Year 5 are really enjoying the stop-frame animation sessions run by Diss Museum and the free visit to Wymondham Museum. We are so pleased that all the Infant children have also received road safety learning as well this half term.

Silly Socks

Mrs Crawley was delighted when we told her that her Silly Sock Day made £200 to help raise awareness of the way people with autism can feel 'different'. What efforts children and staff went to to produce the weird and wonderful! Thank you for your valuable financial contributions.

A real-life author!

What a fabulous experience for children (and staff) to meet author and stand-up comedian James Campbell! The children spent the rest of the day writing stories inspired by his tales, and we can't wait to invite him back for some writing workshops!

The Pre-Big Sing

Thank you to Miss Leftley & Miss Willer for the fabulous performance on the last day of term. They have been working very hard with the Junior children in preparation for the 3rd May. We can't wait!

Happy Birthday!

Don't forget that you can book a birthday lunch for your child! See Mrs Owen in the kitchen and let someone else do all the preparation, cooking, entertaining and – best of all – clearing up!



Dates for your Diary

April

Monday 16 th	Summer Term starts
Tuesday 17 th	Notification of new Year R admissions
	9.00am Canon Billett in for Walk & Talk
Thursday 19 th	am Debbie Ridgeon (maths mastery) delivering demonstration sessions
	4.00pm KS1 reading cluster moderation @ Garboldisham
Friday 20 th	Hedgehogs & Woodpeckers' cake sale
Tuesday 24 th	2.20pm Owls online safety shared session for parents
Thursday 26 th	3.00pm Governors Personnel meeting
Friday 27 th	2.30pm Foxes online safety shared session for parents
	3.30 – 5.30pm FoRPS Nature Afternoon

May

Wednesday 2 nd	4.00pm New Year R parents' meeting
Thursday 3 rd	11.00am – 12.30pm Norfolk's Big Sing for all Junior children
	3.30pm FoRPS Carnival meeting in Kingfishers
	4.15pm Governors Resources Committee meeting
Monday 7 th	May Day holiday
Wednesday 9 th	9.00am Canon Billett in for Walk & Talk
Thursday 10 th	9.30am Mrs Bradford – Cluster HTs' meeting @ Garboldisham
Friday 11 th	3.30pm FoRPS meeting in Kingfishers
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	Royal Wedding Celebration
	4.15pm Full Governors' meeting
Monday 21 st	Safety Week
Thursday 24 th	5.30 – 6.30pm KS1 FoRPS' disco
	6.45 – 8.00pm KS2 FoRPS' disco
Monday 28 th	Half term holiday

June

Wednesday 6 th	9.00am Canon Billett in for Walk & Talk
Friday 8 th	FoRPS Family BBQ evening
Monday 11 th	Phonic Screening week
	Mrs Walsh – Cluster SENDCo day
Wednesday 13 th	Mrs Campbell – NPQH training @ Cambridge
Thursday 14 th	9.00am Hedgehogs Class Assembly
	3.00pm Governors' Personnel Committee
Wednesday 20 th	4.15 – 5.45pm Mrs Bradford – HT termly briefing
	New intake evening @ DHS
Thursday 21 st	9.00am Woodpeckers Class Assembly
	4.00pm Governors' School Effectiveness Committee meeting
Friday 22 nd	pm Enterprise Afternoon
Tuesday 26 th	am new Reception children visiting
	9.30am Mrs Bradford & Mrs Chamberlain – Cluster HTs' and Governors' meeting @ Scole
Wednesday 27 th	Norfolk Show Day

Thursday 28th 4.15pm Governors' Resources Committee meeting
Saturday 30th 12.00 – 2.00pm FoRPS Summer Fayre

July

Wednesday 4th Sports Day – am KS2, pm EYFS & KS1
Thursday 5th KS1 Cluster sports picnic @ DHS
Friday 6th am Shuffle Up (Year 6 to DHS)
Tuesday 10th Reserve Sports Day – am KS2, pm EYFS & KS1
Wednesday 11th 10.45am Busking Day & BBQ lunch
Friday 13th Mrs Portway & Mr Barrett spending the day in school
pm new Reception sports afternoon
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