



## Summer Newsletter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

So May has come and (almost) gone and SATs are over for another year. Throughout the school, children have been given opportunities to show us what they know so that we know what they need to learn next. However, we must remember that these tests only show a snapshot of children's academic achievement; they do not show anything of the children's characters and personal qualities, their attitudes towards others, their kindness and patience, their positivity and determination, their commitment to doing their best for themselves and those around them, or their sense of humour. Data is data, but your children are so much more and we understand that. Well done to everyone, staff and children, for your hard work!

### Governing Body

We are very sorry to say goodbye to three of our Governors. We are very grateful to Richard Barrett (Vice-Chair) who will stay in touch, Jo Leftley who remains as a member of staff, and Gerry Shaw for all their support, commitment, time and advice over the years.

### Vacancies

We are looking to fill these three Governor vacancies with people from our community, especially those with an interest in construction. They cannot be parents of children at Roydon, but if you know of anyone else who might be interested, please give them our contact details & ask them to get in touch for an informal chat.

### Hidden surprises

It is most unfortunate that Morgan Sindall's work has been held up again, this time by our water-logged field – something no-one expected at the top of a hill! They have had to dig much deeper than they had anticipated before they can start creating the car park and games area, but they are determined to keep on track as far as they can. Our Digital Leaders have visited with iPads and hard hats and will be creating a blog at the beginning of next term so that every can follow the project as it grows.

Have you visited our website recently at [www.roydonprimary.co.uk](http://www.roydonprimary.co.uk)? Please comment on the blogs – the children love to read them & it is lovely to know you visited!

### On-site safety

I have asked several times now for parents to make sure their children do not ride bikes or scooters on the school site, but still this is ignored by some. Parents and children are fed up with having to dodge out of the way of those who are breaking our safety rules. Please make sure that people are not complaining about YOUR child.

### Year 6 uniform

At this time each year, the Year 5 children choose the colour of their Year 6 uniform by a democratic vote. This year, their deciding factor was that it was to be a colour no Year 6s had chosen before. We know that some parents are not keen on the grey that has been chosen by an ENORMOUS majority of the children. However, if we were to overrule the children's decision, it would make a mockery of us offering them the choice and go against the principles of this tradition. We hope that parents will choose to support the children's choice.

### Another little reminder ...

We know it is a pain, but we do need parents to 'phone or email us every day their child is not in school. If we don't hear from you we do have to call you which takes far more time to listening to a message on the absence line. We just need to make sure all children are safe and are where you and we expect them to be. Many thanks for your help with this – it is in your child's best interests.

### Independence

We have noticed a growing number of parents appearing in the corridors in the mornings. I can assure you that the children manage without you during the day, and they do not have a problem organising themselves and their belongings in the mornings. Please don't make your child stand out by treating them differently to all their friends; the majority of children actually feel very uncomfortable about this, but don't want to upset you by telling you. Let them be grown-up and line up with their classmates – they will appreciate you trusting them to be independent.

### Sun safety

Assuming the summer has arrived, please make sure that your child is sun-safe when they come to school in the morning. Sun cream needs to be applied at home (we certainly don't want 251 bottles of it in school!), and named sun hats and water bottles are a must for everyone. Most break and lunchtimes are spent on the field and we do what we can to ensure that the children do not overheat and stay hydrated, but you can help by making sure they are well-equipped and prepared.

# HEADLINES

# Reasons to celebrate

## Fabulous FoRPS

We love the new ideas that our FoRPS Committee keeps dreaming up under Lou Thompson's expert and creative guidance. Those who came to a rather wet Nature Day loved the opportunities and activities on offer – watch this space for a repeat event. Make sure the Family BBQ (8<sup>th</sup> June 6-9pm) and Sumer Fayre (30<sup>th</sup> June 12-2pm) are in your diary. All help setting up, running stalls or clearing away will be VERY much appreciated. Thank you ladies for all your hard work.

## Norfolk Show

We are so pleased to be able to subsidise the whole school visit to the Norfolk Show again this year, an important event in rural Norfolk's calendar. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £4 per child, less than half the cost of the coach. We will need written permission for each child either by email or filling in the form on the letter that was sent home or emailed to you. Naturally you will be concerned for your child's welfare, but we have an excellent staffing ratio for this visit and have been doing it for some years now. Children who don't go on this whole school event are always disappointed that they have not been able to take part and enjoy a day out with their friends.

Well done to all our Junior children who took part in the Big Sing with great enthusiasm and enjoyment! This was a fabulous opportunity to join with thousands of Norfolk school children at the showground and sing songs they had been learning for the last few months. Thanks to Miss Willer and Miss Leftley for their hard work.

## Miss Hipperson

Badgers are really enjoying working with Miss Hipperson this term, a superb trainee teacher who is just completing her teacher training year. Glad to have you on board!

## Sporting events

We are so pleased to have been able to offer so many children the chance to complete a cycling proficiency course. Well done to them all. Our two Kwik Cricket teams participated brilliantly in the recent tournament, coming 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, and the A team are through to the final. In addition, we are also proud of our netballers who won the tournament at UEA this week and are also through to the county final after half term. Thanks to the staff, and congratulations to the children - thank you for being such great ambassadors for our school.

## Sundae on a Monday

Great news! FoRPS will be selling lollies and choc ices:

- after school
  - every Monday
  - under the canopy in the playground
  - from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June onwards
- How refreshing!

## Online safety

Thank you to those who came to support the online safety sessions in our Junior classes. Everyone learned something and staff were really pleased to see parents and carers taking an interest in their children's internet activities. Thanks to teachers for organising these.

## Healthy living day ...

... will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Children are invited to come to school dressed in a sporting outfit (that doesn't have to be a football kit!) and take part in a carousel of activities in the afternoon – some physical activity, making healthy fizzy drinks and learning about 100 calorie snacks. It would be fantastic if everyone brought in a donation of up to £1 and any profits after expenses will be given to School Council to spend on playground equipment.

## LOtC

Opportunities for 'Learning Outside the Classroom' this half term have included Hedgepeckers visit to Norwich Castle as their topic has been 'Castles', and Otters and Owls visiting Southwold as part of their studies of rivers and coasts. Of course, the residential Ringsfield Hall was a major feature of the Year 4 curriculum as they learned about the environment and teamwork. All trips take a huge amount of organisation which is why some schools no longer run them. I thank all the staff, and especially Miss Willer, Miss Vale, Mrs Lister and Mrs Ahmed for giving up two nights of their lives to give the Year 4s a trip to remember.



## Dates for your Diary

### June

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	all day - Water Safety sessions for all classes Kwik Cricket finals @ Great Moulton
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Canon Billett in for Walk & Talk am – Water Safety sessions
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rabbits class assembly
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Digital Leaders visiting the Apple Store 6.00-9.00pm FoRPS Family BBQ evening
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Phonic Screening week Mrs Walsh – Cluster SENDCo day Healthy Living Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Campbell – NPQH training @ Cambridge
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Hedgehogs Class Assembly 10.30am building meeting with Morgan Sindall 10.45am Julia Fairbrother (PSA) meeting with Year 6 re. transition 3.00pm Governors' Personnel Committee
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Netball final @ UEA for Year 6 team Football lunch special 3.20pm FoRPS' meeting
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 – 6.30pm Parents' Evening for Reception to Year 5
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	FoRPS' raffle tickets for tombola prizes 3.30 – 5.50pm Parents' Evening 4.15 – 5.45pm Mrs Bradford – HT termly briefing @ Sprowston Manor New intake evening @ DHS
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am Woodpeckers Class Assembly 4.00pm Governors' School Effectiveness Committee meeting
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	am Sun Safe assemblies for Infants and Juniors pm Enterprise Afternoon
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	am new Reception children visiting 9.30am Mrs Bradford & Mrs Chamberlain – Cluster HTs' and Governors' meeting @ Scole 2.00pm Police dog unit visiting Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Norfolk Show Day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	FoRPS' non-uniform day for jam jars contents! pm Judith Carter (Ed. Psych.) visiting 4.15pm Governors' Resources Committee meeting
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 – 2.00pm FoRPS Summer Fayre

### July

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	pm Otters and Owls @ Crucial Crew
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day – am KS2, pm EYFS & KS1 Mrs Walsh – SEDNCo Conference
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Cluster sports picnic @ DHS
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	am Shuffle Up (Year 6 to DHS)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day – am KS2, pm EYFS & KS1
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am Busking Day & BBQ lunch 4.00pm Rotary Club quiz final for Year 6 team @ Harleston Primary School

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> am Miss Stannard – Safeguarding training @ Norwich  
CPR sessions for all children  
10.30am building meeting with Morgan Sindall

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Sarah Portway spending the day in school  
pm new Reception sports afternoon  
4.15pm Full Governors' meeting

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Recycling Stars assembly

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Last swimming session for Year 5  
5.30 – 6.30pm FoRPS' Infant disco  
6.45 – 8.00pm FoRPS' Junior disco

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Leavers' Assembly  
1.30pm whole school assembly  
Last day of the school year

