



## Summer Newsletter

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

No one can quite believe that another year has come and gone. How time flies when you are having fun! It always makes me smile when people ask if we are 'winding down' for the holidays. Right up until four o'clock this afternoon staff will still be going full pelt before they crash land into holiday mode – and then pick up every bug going! I thank every one of them – teachers, teaching assistants, office ladies, kitchen ladies, lunchtime ladies, premises staff, volunteers – every cog in the great Roydon machine who makes our school such a fabulous place to work. The children are to be praised for their hard work and determination to learn – well done on another brilliant year!

### Farewell

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to three members of staff today. Mr Gillen is going back to his Scottish roots to continue his career and we wish him well across the border. Mrs Ebert is venturing to pastures new in terms of work, and we hope she enjoys the different challenges her new job will provide. Miss Shea is not going far, and the children at Scole Primary will be lucky to have her support. We thank all three of them for all they have done for the children and staff at Roydon. Good luck!

### So long!

We also say goodbye to our Year 6 children as they complete their Roydon journey and start on a new one. We thank them all for everything they have done to help the staff and children here and we wish them all the very best. Keep in touch!

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!

### Fabulous ForPS

Did you know that the last two ForPS events raised over £1,600? That's money that comes directly into school to support your child's learning. It has been a fantastic fund-raising year with new ideas and old favourites, and you have organised it all with dedication and commitment – and a lot of hard work. Thanks to you this year, we now own gazebos for shade on the field, a set of books to support children dealing with challenging situations, new sets of Numicon to use in maths lessons, a super portable stereo, and a minibus! Lou and your ladies, you do us proud!

### Marvellous meals

Not only do our kitchen ladies work tirelessly to make our delicious meals, they need a special mention for having continued to do so in this heat! Thank you to them all – we hope you find somewhere cool to enjoy the holiday!

### Lost property

In September, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE make sure you name EVERYTHING your child brings into school. The number of items we have in lost property must be costing parents a fortune to replace – and all because they are not clearly named. Next year we will be giving away unclaimed lost property on a regular basis as we simply do not have space to store it. You have been warned!

### Governor vacancy

Do you know anyone who might be interested in being a governor at our school? Unfortunately it can't be a parent of a child at Roydon. If you know of anyone, please ask them to get in touch in September.

### Brilliant builders

We would also like to acknowledge the great job the builders are doing. It was always going to be dusty and noisy but, not only have they done everything they can to control both, they have also gone above and beyond to help out around school wherever they can. You are much appreciated, chaps!

### New building

We should notice quite a difference when we return in September. The multi-use games area will be finished that will give us a lot of the field space back, and the foundations of the actual building should be well on their way. The plans are on the school's website if you want to have a look.

# HEADLINES



# Reasons to celebrate

## Clubs

We are very lucky to have people who are prepared to run clubs to give our children extra-curricular opportunities at lunchtime and after school. The school staff who organise these do so entirely voluntarily. We are also fortunate to have such great links with the Heywood so that we can offer a wide variety of sporting activities. Learning takes so many different forms at Roydon.

## Early in the morning

Please note the doors that children will use when they return in September:

- Hedgepeckers – door opposite Hedgehogs
- Badgers & Squirrels – door by the car park
- Kingfishers & Otters – Kingfishers playground door
- Foxes, Rabbits & Owls – red door near Otters.

Even though your child may not be bouncing through the door on that first day, please encourage them to come in on their own as corridors will be very busy, especially with the new Reception parents settling their children. Thank you for your help with this.

## 100%

Well done to these children who have been at school EVERY DAY since September:  
Amelia A., Louise, Peter, Grace G., Chloe Ho., James, Harry K., Joe, Harry P., Kaitlyn, Niamh, Aidan, Lacey, Nicole W. and Kaydon.  
They haven't missed a single day of learning – well done!

## Gifts & cards

Many thanks for all the gifts and cards you have sent in for the staff in the last few days. Your appreciation is gratefully received.

## Positivity

Do you realise what a boost your positive comments on Facebook and on email give to the staff? We are all human and we all have our crosses to bear, so a thank you or well done is always well received. Thank you and well done!

## Recycling Star Stars

As I am sure you have heard, thanks to the community spirit we enjoy here, Roydon won the Recycling Stars competition and will be receiving £1,000 to spend on your children's education. You stars!!

## Reading recovery

Research has shown that 'struggling readers' can become fluent readers if they read for an hour every day for three weeks. We appreciate that that is a tall order, but just think how much regular reading over the holidays will help your child. Every little helps!

## Bawdsey Manor

For parents of children in Year 4 it may seem a very long way off that your child will be visiting Bawdsey Manor in Year 6 in 2019. However, we wanted to warn you that we will need two non-refundable deposits next term to secure their place - £40 by 14<sup>th</sup> September and £50 by the 17<sup>th</sup> October. In September we will send you details of how you can make part payments.

## Paper and card

Does anyone know of someone who has offcuts of paper or card (A3 or bigger) that they could donate to us? As with so many things, these have become very expensive, so we are always on the look-out for a freebie or two!

## Happy holidays

We hope you all have a fabulous summer, enjoying time with family and friends, and that the weather stays warm but not too hot!! Don't forget that children return to school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September – see you then!



## Dates for your Diary

### September

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET for staff
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 to Bawdsey Manor am FoRPS coffee morning
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sara Baker (SCITT student) starts in Badgers Mrs Campbell - NPQH
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 - 4.00pm Mrs Campbell – SCITT mentor training @ Norwich
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Morgan Sindall 'celebration' assembly

### October

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr Bradford – Level 1 tree management course @ Holt Hall
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Bradford – Cluster HTs' meeting @ DIS
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	) Half term holiday )

### November

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Bradford & Mrs Chamberlain – Cluster meeting @ Roydon
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Campbell – SCITT report-writing @ Norwich

### December

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
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