



## Autumn Newsletter

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Do you realise that there are only ten Mondays until Christmas?! It seems only a few days since we were enjoying the beautiful sunny weather and the loooooong summer holidays, but what a lot has taken place since we returned to school this term. The children settled incredibly quickly into their new classes and new routines, and you should be so proud of the independence you have taught them. There has been so much exciting learning taking place and the staff have many more engaging opportunities planned for the rest of this term. They were all busy over the holidays and I thank them for their commitment to our school and providing the very best quality education for our children.

### Welcome

Our Reception children have made a fabulous start to their time at Roydon and we are enjoying all that they bring to our school. We are delighted to have had some new families join our community from Year 1 to Year 6 and we hope they will feel well-supported by all those around them. Mrs Clarke is a fabulous addition to our team and is working in Squirrels to get to know the children before she takes over the reins from Mrs Davis when Mrs Davis goes on maternity leave later this term. Thanks also to Mrs Ahmed who is supporting the learning in Rabbits temporarily this term.

Have you visited our website recently at [www.roydonprimary.co.uk](http://www.roydonprimary.co.uk)? New blogs are being created, and the children love to read your comments & know you have visited!

### Au revoir ...

'Until we see you again', Mrs Portway! We are so sorry that she has stepped down as Chair of Governors due to ALL her other commitments in life. However, we are keeping her close as she continues to oversee the Governors' admin website. Thank you for continuing with this time-consuming task!

### Menu change

Please note that on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October the hot meal option will be roast beef dinner (cold and packed options remain the same), and on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October the only choice will be the Hallowe'en Special.

### Many thanks!

Mr West and Mrs Moore are to be enormously appreciated for stepping-up to the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governing Body. Remember that Governors are voluntary managers of the school, accountable for all aspects of your children's education. They are all very much appreciated, especially when they go 'above and beyond' and take on additional responsibility to support the school.

### The LOST World!

Already we have a cupboard full of lost property. We are excellent at reading a few faint squiggles as names, but some of these have defeated us. Please check that your child's clothes are clearly named, and check that the clothes you have at home belong to you. Has your child brought home someone else's clothes and your child's clothes are in lost property? Please help each other because replacing uniform is a very expensive business!

### Just popping into the office ...

Of course our wonderful office ladies love seeing you all regularly! However, slips, forms and amounts of money under £30 MUST be sent to your child's class teacher (money in a named envelope) so that it can all be accounted for properly. Please stop putting the ladies in a difficult position - you know who you are, and so do we.

### Summer assessments

May seems a very 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. **Everyone** carries out assessments at that time and it is vitally important that all the children are in school for these.

# Reasons to celebrate

## Fabulous FoRPS

The committee held their AGM on Monday this week and we were delighted to welcome three new members! Huge thanks to Lou Thompson for all she has done as chair to lead the fundraising this year. She has brought some new ideas and made us a little more environmentally friendly! The committee have decided to share the responsibilities this year, and already have some great things planned.

## Fundraising success

Already the committee has raised £340.10 so far this term – an amazing amount for just a few weeks. Check the diary dates for the cake sales this term, and in the spring term look out for details of a new after-school activity for infants and juniors. 'Like' the FoRPS Facebook page and you can keep up-to-date with all their events.

## Victorian schooling

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October Otters and Owls went to a Victorian School at Great Cressingham. We thought it was a great experience to see what it was like in a famous period in history. We also had a chance to use slate pencils and slate boards. We practised handwriting using ink and dip pens and we had a chance to learn how to use Victorian hoops - girls used wooden hoops and boys used metal hoops. Fortunately, none of us got any punishment! We all said we really enjoyed ourselves and would definitely go again! We would like to say a thank you to staff for providing us with the advantage that not many schools have had.

By Jodie (Otters)

## Holly Fayre

Next term there are two days when FoRPS would like you to bring in things for the Holly Fayre. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November children will be entered into a prize draw in return for donations for the adult and child tombolas. On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> jam jars filled with small treats will be gratefully received and children donating these can come to school in non-uniform. More details to follow.

## Cross-country

Well done to our 21 cross-country athletes who took part in the inter-school competition this week. They brought home 5 medals, and eight children are competing in the next round.

## Road closure

Please note that the Old High Road will be closed from Monday to Friday next week, and possibly into the week after. Morgan Sindall apologise for the inconvenience, but they have planned the work so as not to cause disruption during term time. If the work does continue beyond the 29<sup>th</sup>, please take advantage of the car park at the village hall to reduce congestion around the school and to help keep our children safe.

## Families' Lunch Week

Do make a note of the dates for Families' Lunch Week when you can come and enjoy a school meal with your child(ren). We are very proud of our catering and we want you to see (or taste!) why. Order forms will be sent out after half term.

## Bawdsey Manor

The Year 6 children had a fabulous time in September at the new PGL Centre near Ipswich; every one of them surprised themselves by what they achieved. Thank you to all the staff who went to supervise the children, giving up time with their families, and especially to Miss Leftley, Mrs Lister and Mrs Ahmed who stayed all week.

## Harvest

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, we walked up to the church and celebrated Harvest. The different classes sang their songs starting with Otters and Owls. Miss Leftley had been practising some Harvest songs with us so we sang them as well. Once we'd finished singing, some Year 5s and 6s said some prayers to say thank you for our food. Finally, we placed our canned foods on the table and walked back to school. By Connor (Owls)



## Dates for your Diary

### October

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Children return to school  
11.30 – 4.30pm netball tournament @ DHS for some juniors
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R  
Hallowe'en lunch special

### November

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm KS2 Cluster moderation @ Roydon
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 5.00pm Informal Parents' Open Evening
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Squirrels & Badgers visiting Time & Tide
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Dr Hunt in for R&R  
3.20pm Otters & Owls cake sale  
7.30 – 9.15pm Choir performing at British Legion Festival of Remembrance
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Anti-bullying Week – 'Choose Respect'  
3.30pm FoRPS meeting in Kingfishers
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> A Viking working with Rabbits, Foxes & Kingfishers  
12.15pm Families Lunch Week for Years 1 & 2  
4.00pm KS1 Cluster moderation @ Burston
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R  
12.15pm Families Lunch Week for Years 3, 4 & 5
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 12.15pm Families Lunch Week for Reception & Year 6
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Children in Need Toy Sale  
4.15 Governors' Effectiveness meeting
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Mrs Bradford – Cluster HTs meeting @ Roydon  
4.00pm EYFS Cluster moderation @ Scole
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Campbell – NPQH course  
4.15pm Governors' Resources meeting
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Choir singing at the turning on of the Christmas lights in Diss
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> FoRPS Lakeside shopping trip
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm Governors' Personnel meeting
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Decoration Afternoon
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Juniors dress rehearsal  
6.00 – 8.00pm FoRPS' Holly Fayre

### December

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.15 Squirrels & Badgers dress rehearsal
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Hedgepeckers dress rehearsal  
4.00pm Junior performance
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R  
9.15am Hedgepeckers performance  
2.30pm Squirrels & Badgers performance  
6.00pm Junior performance
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Squirrels & Badgers performance  
2.30pm Hedgepeckers performance  
6.00pm Junior performance
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 3.20pm Kingfishers, Rabbits & Foxes cake sale  
4.15pm Full Governors
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Safety Week
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Children's Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> pm DVD in the hall  
FoRPS' discos
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm School Council afternoon tea
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day



HAPPY HOLIDAYS – HO HO HO!!

