



Summer Newsletter

Wednesday 24th July 2019

What a year! September 2018 seems a lifetime ago, and so much has happened in the last eleven months. It has been a year of adventures involving building sites, Ofsted, outdoor learning, trips, visitors, and lots and lots of learning! As always, the staff are to be applauded for their incredible juggling acts as they take on everything that comes their way, finding solutions, trying new approaches and smiling - almost all the time! The end of this term has been unlike any other and I cannot thank the staff enough for all the packing they have done. We'll see you in September 'on the other side'!

Get everything ready for the new school year!		4th September Children return to school	5th September	6th September
9th September Year 6 to Bawdsey Manor	10th September am Stuart Lee (Data Protection Officer) visiting	11th September	12th September 9.00am coffee morning for parents	13th September Year 6 return from Bawdsey Manor

HEADLINES

Good luck!

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Clarke (Hedgehogs) after twelve years. She has supported countless children through their first years at Roydon, and she is going to be greatly missed by so many, staff and children alike. We wish her all the luck in the world as she starts a deputy headship in a local academy trust.

Thank you

We could not have been luckier when we were looking for staff last summer. Mrs Clarke (Squirrels) started as Squirrel's teaching assistant and then took over as their teacher when Mrs Davis went on maternity leave - now that is flexible! We wish her luck in her new teaching post in Harleston.

Have you visited our website recently at

www.roydonprimary.co.uk?

Don't forget to like our Facebook page for all our latest news.

Goodbye

We are also sorry to be saying goodbye to Ms Thompson from Year 6 and Miss Mewse from Squirrels. Each of them has brought great ideas and loads of support for the staff and children with whom they have worked. Good luck, ladies, and keep in touch!

Onwards and upwards

That time has come again when we need to say goodbye to our Year 6s as they embark on the next stage of their learning. We all want to say thank you for all you have done for us, representing the school, supporting the younger children, carrying out responsibilities and helping the staff. Good luck, and we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas disco!

Which way to go?

Over the holidays, we will be moved over to the new site, with no access to the current school building until the end of the Autumn term. On Wednesday 4th September, please come through the new entrance on the Old High Road and wait near The Green. The teachers will come out to meet children when the 8.45am bell rings.

Open office

The new school office will be open in the morning on Tuesday 3rd September if you have any last minute emergencies. Don't forget, the new front door will be on the Old High Road.

More reasons to celebrate

Sporting prowess

What a fantastic success sports day was again this year. Thank you to all the staff who helped to organize the events, all the friends and families who came to support the children, and an especially BIG thank you to the children for their enthusiastic participation and their fabulous sporting attitudes. The way they encouraged each other was second to none.

Around the world in 60 minutes!

The Infants started this half term with a quick tour of the world as they travelled round a carousel each morning learning about, and taking part in activities from, four countries. What a great way to learn about different cultures and the differences between people in our world.

Yum!

Our brilliant kitchen ladies are something else! Thank you to all four of them for our amazing lunch specials this term – four in total. The new menu is available this week, but please bear with us as we may need to make some slight adjustments as the team get used to their new kitchen and equipment. Even if the meals change, we can guarantee yumminess!

ForPS Late Summer Fayre

While we know you all want to come and support our school by raising money on Friday 20th September, you will also be able to have a look around our new school, just in case you needed an added incentive to join us! With a BBQ and disco thrown in as well, what's not to love?

Community spirit

We are so proud of our newly formed friendship with the residents at De Lucy House. Our younger children have been reading to them, our musicians have been playing to them, our choir have been singing to them. They love having us there and we love going!

Once upon a literacy week ...

The children and staff had a super time during Literacy/Science Week. The activities were kick-started with a dressing up day and we were delighted to see so many children take up the challenge of being really creative. The author, James Campbell, was a great success as seen in the way he inspired children to write and by the number of books he sold! The whole week certainly proved to be an excellent context for motivating children to engage in literacy and science, and we hope you have witnessed some of the impact at home.

Norfolk Show

Thank you to everyone who came to help keep the children safe at the Norfolk Show. Many schools take a year group or a class or two, but we feel it is important for our children to explore this aspect of British Values as they find out about the special culture of our county.

Cycling proficiency

After a successful partnership spanning many years, we are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mike Banham from Norfolk Road Safety; sadly, as is so often the case these days, funding is being cut. While we explore affordable and sustainable options, we would join Mike in asking you to ensure your child stays safe on the road, and ALWAYS wears a helmet when cycling.

Busy bees

We have really enjoyed sharing some of our traditional annual activities with you this term. Enterprise Afternoon teaches the Year 6s about entrepreneurial skills, financial planning, advertising and customer relations – and raised £474.18 for the children's chosen charities. Busking Day is a chance for the whole school to showcase their skills and talents while raising £191.36 for the Indian Goodwill Villages. The fundraising itself gives children an understanding of differences between people, and promotes moral and social development from the youngest to the oldest. We are very proud of the range of educational activities we offer, often without the children even realizing they are learning.

RGT

Thank you to School Council for organizing Roydon's Got Talent, to all those who took part, to our mystery judges ... and to the winner, Joshua Reis Adao!!



Dates for your Diary

September

Tuesday 3 rd	Staff INSET
Wednesday 4 th	Children return to school
Monday 9 th	Year 6 to Bawdsey Manor
Tuesday 10 th	am Stuart Lee (DPO) visiting
Thursday 12 th	9.00am coffee morning for parents
Friday 13 th	Year 6 return from Bawdsey Manor
Tuesday 17 th	non-uniform day in return for tombola prizes
	Mike Roughsedge (LA Advisor) visiting
Thursday 19 th	raffle tickets in return for filled jam jars
	9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R
Friday 20 th	Individual photos
	3.30 – 6.30pm FoRPS Late Summer Fayre

October

Friday 4 th	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 9 th	Mrs Plowman – First Aid training
Thursday 10 th	Mrs Plowman – First Aid training
Thursday 17 th	9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R
Monday 21 st - Friday 25 th	HALF TERM
Wednesday 30 th	Flu vaccinations for all children
Thursday 31 st	9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R

November

Thursday 14 th	9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R
Tuesday 26 th	pm Year 6 height & weight check
Thursday 28 th	9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R

December

Wednesday 4 th	am Stuart Lee (DPO) visiting
Thursday 12 th	9.00am Canon Billett in for R&R
Wednesday 18 th	Last day of term

 **Happy Christmas!!** 