



Summer Newsletter

Friday 28th May 2021

Slowly, but surely, we are able to relax some of our restrictions in school, and the staff and children are delighted to be able to mix with one or two other classes now. They certainly have missed each other! Don't worry, though – we still have Covid measures in place to keep everyone safe. Fingers crossed for 21st June!

<p>7th June Height, weight & vision checks for Reception children</p> <p>pm some Woodpeckers visiting Fox Wood Forest School</p> <p>3.30 – 5.30pm Foxes & infant parents evening calls</p>	<p>8th June 3.30 – 5.30pm infant parents evening calls</p>	<p>9th June 10.00 – 11.00 Mrs Bradford – Ofsted update</p> <p>3.30 – 5.30pm Y3, Y4 & Y5 parents evening calls</p>	<p>10th June 9.00 – 12.00 Mrs Pawsey & Mrs B. – SCR update</p> <p>am Miss Page – HLTA course</p> <p>3.30–5.30pm Y3, 4 & 5 parent evening calls (not Foxes)</p> <p>4.30 – 6.00pm Mrs Walsh – EHCP review update</p>	<p>11th June</p>
<p>14th June pm some Woodpeckers visiting Fox Wood Forest School</p>	<p>15th June 2.00pm Young Voices for all Junior children</p> <p>3.30pm new Reception parents' meeting</p>	<p>16th June 9.00am DHS staff visiting Year 6</p>	<p>17th June</p>	<p>18th June</p>

HEADLINES

Good news/bad news!

We are really pleased for Mr Santy who has recently been appointed as Head of School at Mendlesham Primary School to start in September. He has shown himself to be a fabulous senior leader at our school and we know he will flourish in this next stage of his career. Of course, we are terribly upset that he will be leaving us, and we will miss him dreadfully. Mendlesham is a very lucky school!

PE kit

PLEASE make sure your child has all the correct PE kit in school – white T-shirt (no logo), black shorts, jogging bottoms, spare jumper/hoodie and indoor AND outdoor trainers. Drawstring PE bags fit better in lockers and on pegs than backpacks do.

Have you:

- visited www.roydonprimary.co.uk?
 - liked our Facebook page?
 - signed up to Class Dojo?
- Keep up-to-date with all our latest news.

Car park

Please could we remind parents yet again that the car park is for staff use only. While you may be 'just dropping off' your child, there is not enough space for everyone to use it and it would not be safe. The signs are very clear.

Who's who?

Do you sometimes wonder why your child's teacher isn't in class?

Does your child talk about members of staff you don't know?

Have you heard that teaching assistants are teaching lessons?

Allow us to explain ...

Class teachers:

- are responsible for all the learning that goes on in class;
- usually produce weekly plans for all English and maths work and most other curriculum subjects;
- know what each child can do, and what they need to learn next;
- have 10% of their teaching time out of the classroom for planning, preparation and assessment (PPA time);
- are in Curriculum Leader Teams that are responsible for a group of subjects across the school. Sometimes they visit lessons or talk to children about their work or look at planning to find out how things are going.
- sometimes have to attend trainings or meetings, or support other members of staff.

Student teachers:

- become part of the teaching team, including being involved in weekly planning meetings;
- work under the direction of a class teacher who remains responsible for the children's learning;
- only teach the class when the teacher feels they are ready to do so.

Higher Level Teaching Assistants:

- have a qualification (or are working towards it) to show that they know how to plan and deliver high quality lessons and make judgements about children's performance;
- know the children well and how they learn, know the teachers well and how they teach, know the school well and how we work together;
- cover PPA, planned absences, and unexpected absences in the short-term;
- have regular meetings with a mentor to discuss their planning and their work;
- have half-termly trainings about different aspects of classroom practice.

Cover Supervisors:

- are experienced teaching assistants who sometimes deliver lessons that have been planned by the teacher;
- know the children well and how they learn, know the teachers well and how they teach, know the school well and how we work together;
- cover short-term planned absences and, occasionally, unplanned absences (e.g. if a teacher becomes unwell during the school day).

Teaching Assistants:

- work with groups and individuals;
- work inside the classroom, or in a corridor, or in a quiet room;
- follow a teacher's plans to support children's learning.

Supply teachers:

- work for an agency, not the school;
- usually deliver the lessons the teacher has already planned;
- do not necessarily know the school, the children or the way the staff work;
- cost a lot of money!! (It would cost over £1,000 per week to cover PPA time)

At Roydon Primary School, we believe that drawing on the expertise and experience of our own staff provides the best teaching and learning for our children, the best use of staff time, and the best value for money.

Uniform

Don't forget to order school uniform by 15th June if you want it delivered in time for September. There is some secondhand uniform in the entrance lobby, and some uniform from Gooddies for you to find the right size. Pop in anytime, but please avoid 8.30 – 9.00am and 3.00 – 3.30pm. Please note the uniform will not be quarantined.

Gooddies or not!

Do remember that you are welcome to buy red, white, black or grey clothing from any shop – it does not have to be official uniform with the school logo.

More good news ...

Parent consultation calls

Your child's class teacher should be sending you a time when they will call you in the week after half term to discuss your child's progress. If you have any problems with the time you are offered, please contact the teacher and they will arrange a more suitable time.

Before- and After-School Club

Keep an eye out after half term for a survey about the possibility of a new breakfast and after-school club starting at Roydon Primary School! Lots of information to follow!!

ForPS events

The lovely ladies are getting busy this summer ... make a note of these dates:

- Thursday 17th June – Movie Night (details to follow)
- Friday 18th June – non-uniform day in return for tombola prizes for the Summer Fair
- Thursday 24th June – raffle tickets in return for filled jam jars for the Summer Fair
- Wednesday 30th June 3.00 – 5.30pm – Summer Fair
- Monday 19th July – Summer Disco

Fox Wood fun

As part of their THRIVE programme, the infant children have really enjoyed their Fox Wood Forest School sessions. If you would like your child to take part in further sessions, they hold an after school club on Thursdays from 3.30 – 5.30pm. Have a look at their website - www.foxwoodforestschool.com – for details of this and other sessions they run. Thank you ladies for supporting our children's learning!

Being Year 6

As the Year 6 children are nearing the end of their time at Roydon, we are working hard to make their last few weeks as 'normal' as possible. This week they have enjoyed their SATs breakfast, today they are visiting Thorpe Woodlands, and next half term they will be preparing for Business Day, Busking Day and a fabulous summer play for you all!

Young Voices

We are very excited to be a part of the Young Voices world record attempt on Tuesday 15th June. The hope is to smash the Guinness World Record for the biggest 'Simultaneous Sing-Along' and top the charts with a charity single. Watch this space!

See you back in school on **Monday 7th June**. Have a lovely, sunny holiday everyone!

Easing restrictions

From Monday 7th June:

between **8.45** and **8.55am**

- Hedgepeckers will continue to come through the entrance on Manor Road and through the red door opposite Woodpeckers.
- Badgers & Squirrels will continue to come through the front door.
- Year 3 & 4 and Kingfishers will come straight into their classrooms from the new playground.
- Otters and Owls will enter through the door at the end of the West Wing corridor.

At **3.10pm**:

- Hedgepeckers will leave through the red door opposite Woodpeckers
- Squirrels & Badgers will leave through the front door

At **3.20pm**:

- Year 3 & 4 will leave through their classroom door
- Year 5 & 6 will leave through the front door.



Dates for your Diary

June

Monday 7 th	Reception height, weight and vision checks pm some Woodpeckers visiting Fox Wood 3.30 – 5.30pm Infant & Foxes parent consultation calls
Tuesday 8 th	3.30 – 5.30pm Infant parent consultation calls
Wednesday 9 th	3.30 – 5.30pm Junior parent consultation calls
Thursday 10 th	Mrs Bradford & Mrs Pawsey – Single Central Record update am Miss Page – HLTA course 3.30 – 5.30pm Junior (not Foxes) parent consultation calls 4.30pm Mrs Walsh – EHCP review webinar
Monday 14 th	pm some Woodpeckers visiting Fox Wood
Tuesday 15 th	pm Young Voices choir 3.30pm new Reception parents' meeting
Wednesday 16 th	DHS staff visiting Year 6
Thursday 17 th	3.30pm FoRPS Movie Night 4.00pm Miss Stannard – writing forum
Friday 18 th	FoRPS non-uniform day for tombola prizes
Monday 21 st	Diss Mayor officially opening the school library pm some Hedgehogs visiting Fox Wood 3.30pm Greater Depth Writing course for all teachers
Tuesday 22 nd	9.30 – 11.30am new Reception children visiting (Covid-dependent) Business Afternoon 4.00pm Miss Stannard – reading forum
Thursday 24 th	FoRPS raffle tickets for filled jam jars
Friday 25 th	Year 5 visiting Ringsfield Hall
Monday 28 th	Geography Week pm some Hedgehogs visiting Fox Wood
Wednesday 30 th	African drumming workshops 3.00pm FoRPS Summer Fair

July

Thursday 1 st	African drumming workshops pm Big Sing concert
Friday 2 nd	Year 6 visiting DHS am Shuffle Up (children visiting new classes) 9.30 – 11.30am new Reception children visiting
Monday 5 th	2.00 – 3.00pm new Reception sports afternoon
Tuesday 6 th	am Junior Sports Day, pm Infant Sports Day
Wednesday	reserve Sports Day
Thursday 8 th	am Miss Page – HLTA course am safeguarding training for volunteers
Friday 9 th	4.15pm Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 14 th	pm Kwik cricket for some infants
Thursday 15 th	2.00pm new Reception teddy bears' picnic
Friday 16 th	10.45am Busking Day 12.15pm BBQ lunch
Monday 19 th	FoRPS summer discos
Wednesday 21 st	9.00am Leavers' Assembly LAST DAY OF TERM



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

